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TaxCycle

The Insider's Guide

Windows tax preparation software for Canadian accounting firms



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among accounting and invoicing tools, read from TaxCycle's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from TaxCycle's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on TaxCycle's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 12 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade

TaxCycle is desktop tax preparation software for Canadian accountants and bookkeepers. It is sold as separate modules for personal (T1), corporate (T2), trust, charity and information-slip returns, plus bundles, a client portal with e-signatures and a document management tool. Licenses are sold by tax year.

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about TaxCycle**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> **Desktop software with modules, templates and a client manager to set up, and no store rating on record, so it is a C.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for Canadian accounting firms preparing T1 and T2 returns**

TaxCycle is Windows tax preparation software for Canadian firms, sold as separate modules for personal, corporate, trust and charity returns.

2 **Paid plans start at $140 a month when paid by the year**

As its pricing page puts it: $1,680 per year for 1 user (Tax Basics, regular price).

3 You can try it first

Free trial of the TaxCycle Suite, downloaded after a short sign-up form.

4 It runs on Windows

Windows.

5 Tax modules by return type

Separate modules cover personal T1, Québec TP1, corporate T2, trusts T3, charities T3010, partnerships T5013 and the T4, T5 and NR4 slips.

6 Carry forward from other software

The trial page says returns from Intuit ProFile, Cantax, Taxprep and DT Max can be carried forward into TaxCycle.

7 TaxFolder client portal

TaxFolder adds e-signatures and a client portal. It is licensed until the end of 2027 and sold on its own or bundled with the suite.

8 A 1.8 GPA, above 12 of 127

That is against the other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

9 Keep it

The plain part of TaxCycle you could make: documents, templates and reports. What surrounds it you could not. The 3 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

TaxCycle at a glance

PRICING
Free trial, from $1,680 per year for 1 user (Tax Basics, regular price)

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
Free trial of the TaxCycle Suite, downloaded after a short sign-up form.

RUNS ON
Windows

MADE BY
TaxCycle

CATEGORY
Accounting & Invoicing

OUR GRADE
1.8 GPA, weak

The report card

Best for Canadian accounting firms preparing T1 and T2 returns

TaxCycle is Windows tax preparation software for Canadian firms, sold as separate modules for personal, corporate, trust and charity returns. It costs from $618 a year for personal returns alone and $1,680 for the Tax Basics bundle, and it runs on Windows only.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **TaxCycle** — Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	D	$1,680 a year per user for Tax Basics, which is $140 a month and well above the $75 where the dearest tenth of accounting tools start. Even the T1-only module is $618 a year.
Free plan and trial	C	A free trial of the Suite after a short sign-up form, and no card is mentioned. There is no free plan.
Features	B	Separate modules for T1, T2, trusts, charities and slips, EFILE, carry-forward from ProFile and Taxprep, plus a document tool and client portal. Nothing in the listing is missing from the job.
Ease of use	C	Desktop software with modules, templates and a client manager to set up, and no store rating on record, so it is a C.
Platforms and integrations	D	Windows 11 and Windows Server only. The system requirements list no Mac or browser version, and the integrations do not change that.

Grade point average	Weak, out of 4.0 **1.8**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who TaxCycle is for

- ✓ Fits if your firm prepares Canadian T1 and T2 returns on Windows machines
- ✓ Makes sense if you are moving a practice over from ProFile, Cantax, Taxprep or DT Max

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you use a Mac or work in a browser, as it is Windows only
- ✗ Pricey if you need several modules, since each is licensed per user per tax year and extra users cost $238 to $944 each
- ✗ Watch out: the Suite prices on the page are sale prices until about December 17, and the page does not name the currency
- ✗ Watch out: refunds apply to first purchases of the current-year product and may be prorated or declined after February 28

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Canadian accounting firms preparing T1 and T2 returns
- ✓ Firms moving from ProFile, Cantax, Taxprep or DT Max
- ✓ Practices that want a client portal tied to their tax software

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Runs on Windows 11 and Windows Server only; the system requirements page lists no Mac or browser version.
- ⓘ Prices are per tax year and per module, with extra users priced separately; the page does not name the currency.
- ⓘ The page shows the Suite and bundles on sale until about December 17; the plans above list the regular prices.
- ⓘ Refunds apply to first-time purchases of the current-year product; after February 28 they may be prorated or declined.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

$140

A month to start, paid by the year

TaxCycle is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $1,680 per year for 1 user (Tax Basics, regular price).

> **A free trial of the Suite after a short sign-up form, and no card is mentioned.**

From our grade for free plan and trial

TAX BASICS 2026

$1,680

for 1 user, per tax year, regular price

T1, T2, CO-17, T4, T4A, RL-1, RL-2, T5 and RL-3, with Client Manager and Template Editor. Sale price $1,655 now.

COMPLETE TAX SUITE 2026

$2,800

for 1 user, per tax year, regular price

Every tax module plus DoxCycle, Client Manager and Template Editor. $2,700 during the current sale; extra users $756 each.

SUITE + TAXFOLDER 2026

$3,102

for 1 user, per tax year, regular price

Complete Tax Suite plus the TaxFolder client portal with e-signatures. $2,852 during the sale; extra users $944 each.

TAXCYCLE T1 2026

$618

for 1 user, per tax year

Federal personal tax returns only. Extra users $238 each; the Québec TP1 add-on is $198 for a site license.

TAXCYCLE T2

$1,102

for 1 user, per tax year

Corporate returns, including AT1 and CO-17. Extra users $248 each.

Trying it first

Free trial of the TaxCycle Suite, downloaded after a short sign-up form.

Read from taxcycle.com on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

OTHER SAVINGS

Seasonal sale on the TaxCycle Suite

The pricing page shows up to $350 off the Suite until about December 17, and a 12-month payment plan available only during the sale.

Stated on taxcycle.com

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: Windows

Windows tax preparation software for Canadian accounting firms. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: templates, documents, reports.

> **Nothing in the listing is missing from the job.**

From our grade for features

Tax modules by return type

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Carry forward from other software

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TaxFolder client portal

TaxFolder adds e-signatures and a client portal. It is licensed until the end of 2027 and sold on its own or bundled with the suite.

DoxCycle document management

DoxCycle handles scanned and captured client documents and extracts data from them. It needs a TWAIN or WIA scanner for scanning.

Client Manager and Template Editor

Included in the Complete Tax Suite and Tax Basics bundles: a client list for the practice and an editor for letter and engagement templates.

EFILE and integrations

The product pages list EFILE for returns, plus links to Xero, Caseware, Docusign, Gmail, Microsoft 365 (Outlook) and Remitian.

Where it runs

- Windows

What it works with

- Xero
- Caseware
- Docusign
- Gmail
- Microsoft 365 (Outlook)
- Remitian

TaxCycle is made by TaxCycle.

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

12/127

Other accounting and invoicing tools it is graded above

TaxCycle's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 12 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, and level with 9.

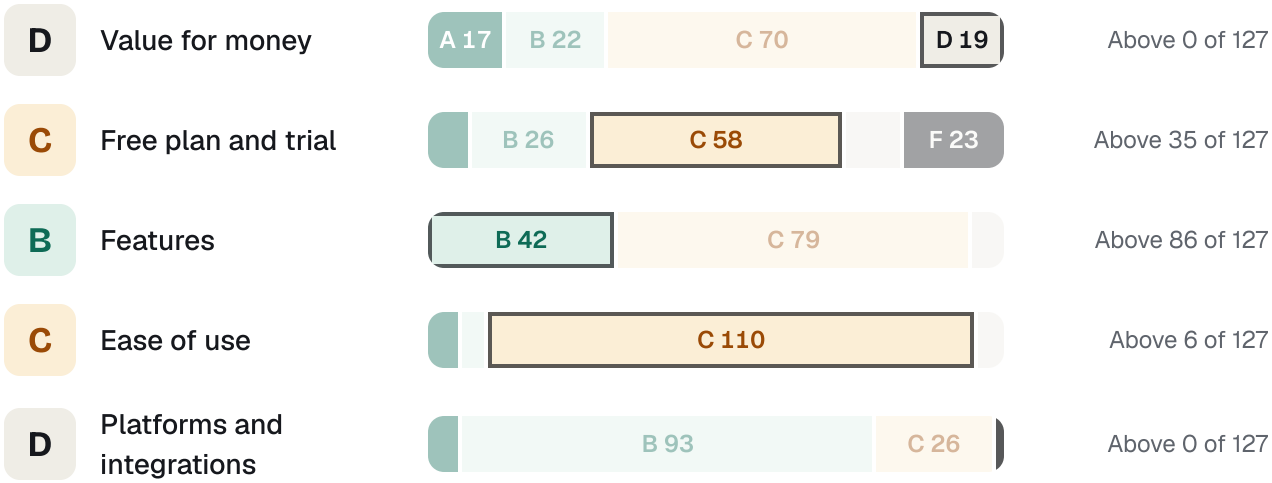
It stands best on features (B, above 86 of 127) and worst on value for money (D, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $140 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $18.09 for the category: 86 of the 90 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. 77 tools score higher and cost less.

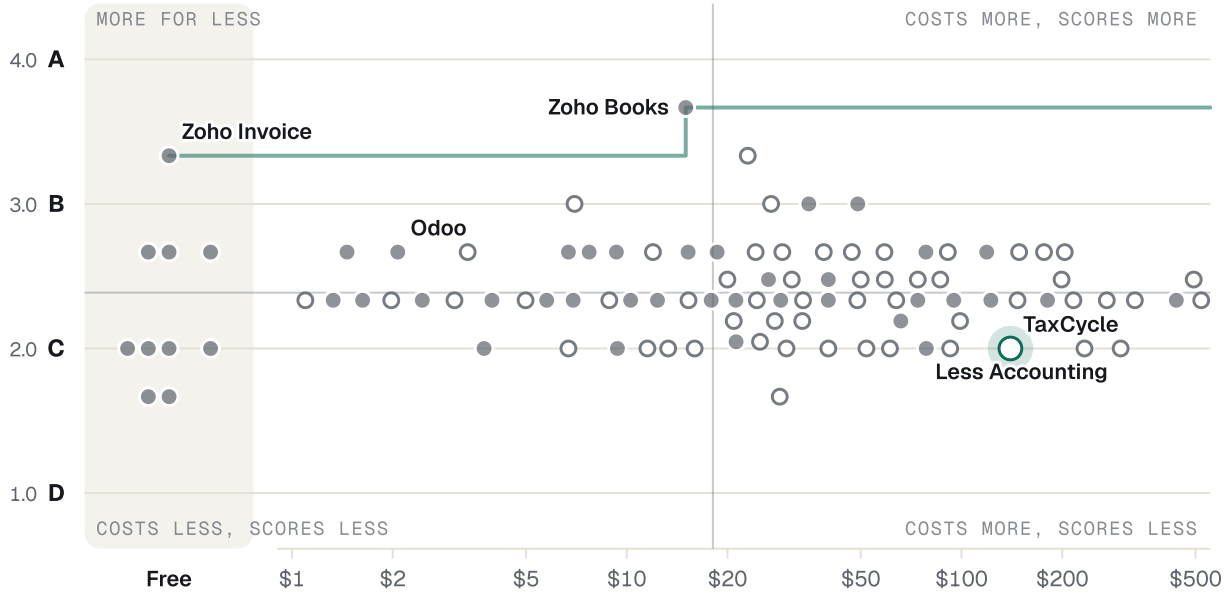
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 128 accounting and invoicing tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. TaxCycle's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 101 accounting and invoicing tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. TaxCycle is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double) ⍰

Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

The plain part of TaxCycle you could make: documents, templates and reports. What surrounds it you could not. The 3 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 106 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools grade higher. It costs $1,680 a year.

What you could make

- Documents, templates and reports: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- A real app for Windows. Something home-made would be a web page.

- It plugs into other products, Xero, Caseware and Docusign among them.
- The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. TaxCycle's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



Drake Tax, TaxAct, TaxDome, Karbon and Canopy

The 5 tools TaxCycle is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

Drake Tax

2.2 GPA

Free trial · from $299.99/yr

Professional tax preparation software for tax firms, desktop and web.

- Only Drake Tax lists a web app.
- TaxCycle also covers templates, documents and reports.
- Drake Tax also covers file sharing.

TaxCycle and Drake Tax compared in full

TaxAct

2.4 GPA

Free plan · from $44.99/yr

Online and downloadable tax filing for individuals and businesses.

- TaxAct has a free plan. TaxCycle does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only TaxCycle lists a Windows app.
- Only TaxAct lists a web app.

TaxCycle and TaxAct compared in full

TaxDome

Paid

Practice management and client portal for tax and accounting firms.

- Only TaxCycle lists a Windows app.
- Only TaxDome lists a web app.
- Only TaxDome lists an iOS app.

TaxCycle and TaxDome compared in full

Karbon

1.6 GPA

From $59/mo

Practice management software for accounting firms.

- Only TaxCycle lists a Windows app.
- Only Karbon lists a web app.
- Only Karbon lists iOS and Android apps.

TaxCycle and Karbon compared in full

Canopy

1.6 GPA

From $74/mo

Practice management software for accounting and tax firms.

- Only TaxCycle lists a Windows app.
- Only Canopy lists a web app.
- Only Canopy lists iOS and Android apps.

TaxCycle and Canopy compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is TaxCycle free?

No, TaxCycle is a paid product, but you can try it first. Free trial of the TaxCycle Suite, downloaded after a short sign-up form.

How much does TaxCycle cost?

TaxCycle lists 5 plans. Tax Basics 2026: $1,680 for 1 user, per tax year, regular price.

What platforms does TaxCycle work on?

TaxCycle is available on Windows.

Does TaxCycle offer any discounts?

TaxCycle publicly lists the following: Seasonal sale on the TaxCycle Suite.

Does TaxCycle have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. TaxCycle is listed for Windows.

Does TaxCycle have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. TaxCycle is listed for Windows.

Is TaxCycle open source?

TaxCycle is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

What does TaxCycle integrate with?

TaxCycle's listing names Xero, Caseware, Docusign, Gmail, Microsoft 365 (Outlook) and Remitian.

Who makes TaxCycle?

TaxCycle is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to TaxCycle?

The closest alternatives to TaxCycle in our directory are Drake Tax, TaxAct, TaxDome, Karbon and Canopy.

How does TaxCycle compare with other accounting and invoicing tools?

TaxCycle's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 12 of the 127 other accounting and invoicing tools we grade, and level with 9.

Is TaxCycle good value for money?

ToolGPA grades TaxCycle D for value for money. Its paid plans start at $140 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $18.09 for the category: 86 of the 90 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of TaxCycle?

The plain part of TaxCycle you could make: documents, templates and reports.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from TaxCycle's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from TaxCycle's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by TaxCycle. Prices change, so check taxcycle.com before you buy.

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at **toolgpa.com**.

7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

TaxCycle, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/taxcycle

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

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Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

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Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Every one of the 129 accounting and invoicing tools we grade, compared

Zoho Invoice Insider's Guide

Free invoicing app from Zoho for freelancers and small businesses

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Zoho Books Insider's Guide

Online accounting from Zoho, with a free plan and six paid tiers

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