



ADVANTAGES

- ✓ Immediately stops collection action, including wage garnishees
- ✓ No interest charged
- ✓ Creditors can't refuse the bankruptcy
- ✓ Trustee will often file any outstanding personal income tax returns
- ✓ Process lasts between 9 and 21 months if you have never been bankrupt before
- ✓ No limit on the size of debt load to be eligible to file
- ✓ Budgeting and money management counselling is provided

DISADVANTAGES

- ✗ Assets vest with Trustee who is tasked with liquidating assets, subject to some exemptions
- ✗ Monthly income and expenses reports must be submitted to Trustee for review
- ✗ Surplus Income payments will fluctuate according to actual monthly income
- ✗ Creditors can oppose discharge and a court hearing may be required to get out of bankruptcy
- ✗ Negatively impacts your credit score for six or more years after completion
- ✗ May affect ability to secure certain employment positions
- ✗ Tax refunds turned over to the creditors
- ✗ GST credits are turned over to the Trustee

