YES, YOU CAN BORROW FROM YOUR RRSP

Contrary to what you might think, you don’t have to wait until you retire to take advantage of your registered retirement savings plan (RRSP). In fact, you’re allowed to take money out of your RRSP right now, to purchase a first home or go back to school without any tax consequences!

PURCHASING A HOME

Under the Home Buyers’ Plan (HBP), you can withdraw up to $25,000 from your RRSP (or $50,000 in the case of a couple) to finance the purchase of a home or the construction of your primary residence. And you won’t have to pay any tax!

You will then have 15 years to put the money back into your RRSP. Each year, you must pay back at least of 1/15 of your withdrawal.

It’s like issuing an interest-free 15-year loan to yourself! *

Even if you don’t have an RRSP yet, there’s a fairly simple strategy that can help you take advantage of the HBP. Find out more about it at your caisse.

GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Under the Lifelong Learning Plan (LLP), you’re allowed to withdraw a maximum of $20,000 over a period of up to 4 years. Here again, no taxes apply! The money must be used to either continue your studies or to go back to school. The plan gives you 10 years to pay it back.*

Good advice pays off. Talk to your Desjardins representative about all the options that RRSPs offer.

* Certain eligibility conditions apply.