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Ottawa, Ontario, June 26, 2013... The Honourable Gail Shea, Minister of National Revenue and the Minister for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, with the Honourable Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism and Member of Parliament for Calgary Southeast, confirmed today that taxpayers affected by flooding in Alberta will have until August 2, 2013, to file their returns.

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will proactively adjust the due date for all federal business and other returns filed in Alberta that were due during the flooding. A federal business return filed by August 2, 2013, will be considered as filed on time.

"Many Albertans are struggling during these devastating floods, and our Government is here to extend our support in any way we can," said Minister Shea. "When disasters strike, our true priorities become clear – the protection of our families and communities. We hope that extending the filing deadline eases some of the burden of these difficult times."

"As efforts turn to assessing the damage and rebuilding, the federal government continues to work with the Alberta government and affected municipal governments to ensure a coordinated response to damage caused by the flooding," said Minister Kenney "This extension is one of the many ways our Government is helping those affected. For Albertans impacted by the terrible devastation of the flood, there is one less thing to worry about."

Businesses are reminded that taxpayer relief provisions are also available for those who are unable to meet their tax obligations due to the flooding. For this situation, the CRA offers to expedite taxpayer relief requests through its general enquiries line at 1-800-959-8281 or the business enquiries line at 1-800-959-5525. Taxpayer relief requests can also be made in writing using the [Form RC4288, Request for Taxpayer Relief](#). Requests for taxpayer relief are considered by the CRA on a case-by-case basis.

Businesses are also reminded that if they are unable to physically access the institutions they normally depend on for payments and remittances, the CRA's e-services can provide quick access to tax payment services and account information. For more information, please visit our Web site at www.cra.gc.ca/businessonline.

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