

U.S. Tax and FinCEN Starter Questions

Triage U.S. citizen, green-card, Canadian account, FBAR, FinCEN 114, filing, and referral questions before sensitive records move.

BEST FOR

Canadians or Canadian residents with possible U.S. reporting questions.

USEFUL OUTPUT

A scope-and-referral checklist before files are shared.

Before anything moves, make the decision visible.

Income

Tax

Portfolio

Insurance

Estate

Documents

Advisor fit

Next action

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Confirm the facts

- Citizenship, green-card status, residency, filing history, and account types
- Canadian bank, investment, corporate, trust, pension, or insurance accounts
- Whether FBAR/FinCEN 114 or U.S. filing questions may be present

Confirm boundaries

- Straightforward support may be scoped first
- Complex treaty, legal, estate, corporate, or compliance questions may require a U.S. CPA, EA, tax lawyer, or cross-border specialist
- Do not send sensitive account lists until the route is confirmed

| Area | Question | What to clarify |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| U.S. citizen in Canada | Filing and reporting facts | Confirm scope first. |
| Green-card holder | Residency and filing history | Referral may be needed. |
| Canadian accounts | FBAR/FinCEN possibility | Gather list only after secure route. |
| Complex issue | Treaty, legal, estate, business | Refer or coordinate. |

Notes for the first conversation

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