

SUPPORTING JOB-CREATING BUSINESSES

Small businesses are the backbone of the Canadian economy. They represent 99 per cent of all businesses in the country and account for 50 per cent of the total private sector workforce.

EAP 2015 helps small businesses by:

- **Reducing the small business tax rate to 9 per cent by 2019.** For example, for a small business with taxable income of \$500,000, this tax cut and other tax relief since 2006 will result in a federal tax reduction of 46 per cent.
- **Increasing the Lifetime Capital Gains Exemption to \$1 million** for owners of farm and fishing businesses.
- **Improving access to financing for Canadian small businesses** through the Canada Small Business Financing Program.
- **Expanding the services offered through the Business Development Bank of Canada and Export Development Canada.**
- Providing **\$14 million over two years to Futurpreneur Canada** in support of young entrepreneurs.
- Supporting the **Action Plan for Women Entrepreneurs** to help women business owners succeed.
- Helping innovative companies grow and create jobs through the **Venture Capital Action Plan.**
- Assisting the smallest new employers by **reducing the frequency of required remittance payments** by two-thirds.
- Strengthening the Government's partnership with small businesses by launching a **new Small Business Consultation Forum.**

Quick Facts:

- Canada has demonstrated **one of the best economic performances among G-7 countries** over the recovery.
- Since 2006, Canada has had the strongest job creation record in the G-7.
- The International Monetary Fund and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development expect Canada to post continued solid real GDP growth over this year and next.
- **Over 1.2 million more Canadians are working now than at the end of the recession in June 2009.** The majority of these net new jobs have been full-time positions in high-wage, private-sector industries.
- Canada leapt from 6th to 2nd in **Bloomberg's most recent "best places in the world to do business"** ranking.

Job Creation Measures

The Government's low-tax plan is working and has attracted investments in all sectors of Canada's economy.

EAP 2015 builds on our Government's record by investing in job creation measures like:

- **Enhancing financial assistance for students** through Canada Student Loans and Canada Student Grants.
- **Harmonizing apprenticeship training and certification** requirements in targeted Red Seal trades.
- **Training the workforce of tomorrow** with a one-time investment of \$65 million over four years to better align the curricula of post-secondary institutions with the needs of employers.
- Providing manufacturers an **accelerated capital cost allowance** for a 10-year period to boost productivity-enhancing investment.
- **Investing in world-class research and innovation** by providing over \$1.5 billion in funding over five years to advance the Government's renewed science, technology and innovation strategy.
- **Investing in growing trade and expanding markets** to help maximize the tremendous job-creating opportunities that they provide to Canadian businesses.
- **Creating an export market development program** to share the financial costs with Canadian businesses as they explore and pursue new export opportunities around the world.
- **Establishing an Internal Trade Promotion Office** to help unleash our trade potential right here at home.
- Supporting the auto sector through the **Automotive Supplier Innovation Program** with an investment of \$100 million over the next five years.
- Responsibly developing Canada's natural resources by investing in the **Major Projects Management Office Initiative**, with an additional \$135 million to flow in the next five years.
- **Supporting the mining sector** by extending the 15 per cent Mineral Exploration Tax Credit until March 31, 2016, and investing \$22 million over five years for the Targeted Geoscience Initiative.