

Reducing Red Tape for British Columbians



Regulatory
Reform BC

Whether you're a business owner or a citizen accessing government programs or services, you want to find what you need quickly and easily.

That's why the Government of British Columbia has been working steadily since 2001 to streamline services and eliminate the burden of unnecessary red tape for B.C. businesses and citizens. Our government is:

- ▶▶ Capping the number of regulatory requirements;
- ▶▶ Improving existing requirements; and
- ▶▶ Ensuring government processes are easy to access and simple to use.

Reducing red tape involves changes to processes, forms, government websites and legislation to make your interaction with the B.C. government as easy as possible.

Reducing Red Tape For... Parents and Families

- ▶▶ Parents have more dining options now that many pubs have taken advantage of changes that allow children to dine with their families during specified hours.
- ▶▶ Parents no longer need to attend their teenager's driving test in-person to provide parental consent.
- ▶▶ Child and spousal support decisions from other jurisdictions that do not provide court-certified copies of decisions, such as those reached by tribunal, can now be filed for enforcement in a B. C. Court.
- ▶▶ Families can use the [Supporting Affordability for BC Families](#) page portal to connect to many of the services they may need, whether it's housing, transportation, health care, education or skills training.

Reducing Red Tape For... Students and Apprentices

- ▶▶ Apprentices can quickly find trades training spaces available at all 14 institutions offering trades programs. Get the info you need at the [Trades Seat Finder](#), then click over to the institution's website for more information and register.
- ▶▶ [Supervisory requirements](#) for funeral director and embalmer apprentices are now more flexible as an apprentice gains more practical experience and skills.

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Honourable Coralee Oakes, Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction and Responsible for the Liquor Distribution Branch

Facts:

In 2016 the B.C. government:

Committed to

60 actions
to reduce red tape.



Repealed 37 items
– reducing regulatory
count by
more than 200

Received 5TH

A
grade

in a row from the
Canadian
Federation of
Independent
Business for red
tape reduction.

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Reducing Red Tape For... Small Businesses Owners

- ▶▶ **Mobile business licences** are now available in 73 communities throughout B.C. These licences make it easier for businesses that provide services in a number of municipalities to operate by allowing them to only purchase one license instead of having to purchase multiple licences.
- ▶▶ Restaurants now have greater flexibility for customers who want to enjoy a cocktail as restaurants are **no longer required to provide a separate lounge area**.
- ▶▶ B.C. wine, beer and spirit producers are **now able to sell their wares at artisan markets**, like craft fairs, throughout the province. Liquor sales are already allowed at farmers' markets.
- ▶▶ 20% of sales to customers visiting distilleries, wineries (such as cideries, meaderies and sake makers), and breweries with on-site licensed lounges or special event areas can be from other sources.
- ▶▶ Companies or people looking to invest in B.C. can use the new online portal at **Trade and Invest British Columbia** to connect to a list of more than 7,000 local investment and business opportunities.
- ▶▶ Vendors can use the consolidated procurement resources on the **BC Bid Resources** website to manage the contracting process, including helpful step by step instructions.
- ▶▶ Businesses in need of commercial drivers have more options under B.C.'s new support for **transferring truck driving credentials to commercial licences** for transitioning military personnel and retired veterans.
- ▶▶ Provincial sales tax help, including tools and services for business operators, is available through **eTaxBC**, a toll-free helpline and online support for questions or webinars about sales tax.
- ▶▶ Heavy cargo shippers have more flexibility to plan and meet permit conditions with pre-approved routes.

Reducing Red Tape For... Citizens

- ▶▶ You can get your **fishing licence online**, without having to leave home, making it more convenient and simpler to enjoy your next fishing trip.
- ▶▶ You can now get information and assistance to register to be an organ donor at any of the 62 **Service BC** locations.
- ▶▶ You can simply apply online for **special occasion licences** to host parties or outdoor weddings instead of filling out paperwork at BC Liquor Stores, police stations and municipal halls.
- ▶▶ Replacing the need for sworn statements with a **simple, signed statement** makes it easier to follow legal requirements in more than 20 instances.
- ▶▶ It's easier for citizens to access their personal income assistance and disability assistance information through **MySelfServe**, an online tool.
- ▶▶ You can now request your driving record online and receive it immediately by email through **ICBC's new tool**.

Share your idea to reduce red tape: www.gov.bc.ca/helpcutredtape