The Government of British Columbia in no way guarantees the value of any shares issued by a company registered under these programs, nor does it in any way express an opinion as to the financial condition of these companies or the merits of purchasing their shares.

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WHY VENTURE CAPITAL?

- Finance Growth
- Scaling Up New Technology
- Patient Sources of Equity Financing
- Product Development

HOW DOES THE EBC/VCC PROGRAM WORK?

- B.C.-based businesses must apply to be registered as an EBC or a VCC
- EBCs & VCCs must be authorized to raise investment capital in the program
- EBCs & VCCs claim tax credits on behalf of their B.C. investors; shares must be held for 5 years
- B.C.-based Individual and corporate investors receive a 30% tax credit (limits may apply)
- Individual investors may invest up to $400,000 per year (unlimited for corporations)
- Tax credits for individuals are refundable
- Tax credits for corporations are non-refundable
- Both investors may carry forward unused tax credits for four subsequent years

DIRECT INVESTMENT

Eligible Business Corporation (EBC)

- Business must be incorporated and registered to operate in B.C. (see SBVCA*)
- Business must have at least 75% of its annual wages & salaries to B.C. employees
- Business must pay at least 75% of its annual wages & salaries to B.C. employees
- Business must be "substantially engaged" in one or more of the qualifying activities (see SBVCR**)

Investors (receive 30% tax credit from B.C. Government)

- Business, together with its corporate affiliates, must not have more than 100 employees
- Business must have raised at least $25,000 in equity capital
- Business must have at least 80% of its assets located in B.C.

PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT

Venture Capital Corporation (VCC)

- VCC is a newly incorporated B.C. company registered under the SBVCA*
- Venture Capital Corporation (VCC) provides expertise, experience & knowledge to ESBs
- VCC must hold the shares of ESBs for at least 5 years
- VCC must raise a minimum of $50,000 of equity capital
- Venture Capital Corporation (VCC) must be "substantially engaged" in a qualifying activity

Investors (receive 30% tax credit from B.C. Government)

- ESB must pay at least 75% of its annual wages & salaries to B.C. employees (50% if exporting)
- VCC's sole purpose is raising capital from investors to invest in ESBs
- VCC must hold the shares of ESBs for at least 5 years
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EBC/ESB REQUIREMENTS

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**SBVCR (Small Business Venture Capital Regulation)