

Reducing Red Tape for British Columbians



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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 excessive and unnecessary red tape for B.C. businesses and citizens. Our government is:

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

Reducing red tape involves changes to processes, forms, government websites, legislation and more to make it easier to deal with government.

Reducing Red Tape For... Parents and Families

- ▶▶ Parents have more dining options now that they can take their children to eat in family friendly pubs till 10:00 p.m.
- ▶▶ It's easier to take your child fishing thanks to changes to the Wildlife Act. Adults who accompany youth (16 years old or younger or disabled anglers) can now fish in waters stocked with catchable rainbow trout.

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.
- ▶▶ Training and hours completed by apprentices in one province or territory are now recognized across Canada, improving labour mobility.

Reducing Red Tape For... Small Businesses Owners

- ▶▶ [Mobile business licenses](#) are now available in 73 communities throughout B.C. These licenses make it easier for mobile businesses that provide services in a number of municipalities to operate by allowing them to only purchase one license instead of having to purchase multiples.



Honourable Coralee Oakes, Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction

Facts:

43% total reduction
in requirements
since 2001.

2001

2015

Reduced over 1700
requirements
since last year.

More than **200**
red tape reduction projects
are underway
or completed.



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- ▶▶ 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.
- ▶▶ Distilleries, wineries, cideries and breweries with on-site licensed lounges or special event areas can sell up to 20% of liquor they don't produce, for customers to enjoy during their visit.
- ▶▶ 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 now have quicker access to important health and safety and compensation information for their employees through the help line at the Employers' Advisers Office.
- ▶▶ 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.

Reducing Red Tape For... Citizens

- ▶▶ You can get your [fishing license online](#), without having to leave your kitchen table, making it even 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 now buy local beer and wine in [select grocery stores](#), including local craft beer.
- ▶▶ 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.
- ▶▶ It's easier for citizens to access their personal income assistance and disability assistance information through [MySelfServe](#), an online tool.
- ▶▶ Changing your address is easy now with [AddressChangeBC](#) – one transaction, five minutes, and seven quick steps later – you've notified all the necessary provincial bodies without having to stand in line.

Facts:



**6-Week
Consultation**



**5,900 People
Participated**



**More Than
280 Ideas Received**

11 Themes, Including:



**Updating
Government
Websites**



**Modernizing
Forms and
Processes**



**Final Report
Released on Red
Tape Reduction
Day (March 2)**

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with your ideas at:
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