

Corporate income tax rates (%)¹

(Updated to January 31, 2020)

		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Federal ^{2 3}	General/M&P/Investment	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
	Small business	10.50	10.50	10.00	9.00	9.00
	Investment - CCPC	38.67	38.67	38.67	38.67	38.67
British Columbia ⁴	General/M&P/Investment	11	11	12	12	12
	Small business	2.5	2.5/2	2	2	2
Alberta ⁵	General/M&P/Investment	12	12	12	12/11	10
	Small business	3	2	2	2	2
Saskatchewan ⁶	General/Investment	12	12/11.5	12	12	12
	Small business	2	2	2	2	2
	M&P	10	10/9.5	10	10	10
Manitoba ⁷	General/M&P/Investment	12	12	12	12	12
	Small business	0	0	0	0	0
Ontario ⁸	General/Investment	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5
	Small business	4.5	4.5	3.5	3.5	3.2
	M&P	10	10	10	10	10
Quebec ⁹	General/Investment/M&P	11.9	11.8	11.7	11.6	11.5
	Small business (non M&P)	8	8	8/7	6	5
	Small business (M&P)	4	4	4	4	4
New Brunswick ¹⁰	General/M&P/Investment	12/14	14	14	14	14
	Small business	4/3.5	3.5/3	3/2.5	2.5	2.5
Nova Scotia ¹¹	General/M&P/Investment	16	16	16	16	16
	Small business	3	3	3	3	3
Prince Edward Island ¹²	General/Investment/M&P	16	16	16	16	16
	Small business	4.5	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0
Newfoundland and Labrador ¹³	General/Investment/M&P	15	15	15	15	15
	Small business	3	3	3	3	3
Yukon ¹⁴	General/Investment	15	15/12	12	12	12
	Small business (non M&P)	3	3/2	2	2	2
	M&P	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
	Small business (M&P)	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Northwest Territories ¹⁵	General/M&P/Investment	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5
	Small business	4	4	4	4	4
Nunavut ¹⁶	General/M&P/Investment	12	12	12	12	12
	Small business	4	4	4	4/3	3

M&P: Manufacturing or processing, CCPC: Canadian-controlled private corporation

¹ This table provides a glance of the corporate income tax rates (federal, provincial and territorial) announced up to January 31, 2020. The rates apply to the 2016 to 2020 12-month taxation years ended on December 31, unless otherwise indicated. In Canada, corporate income taxes are levied separately by both the federal government and the provincial and territorial governments. Although the tax base is substantially the same, there are minor differences. Also, rules exist to allocate income between the provinces and territories so that the same income is not taxed twice. The rates indicated in the table may not apply to income earned by credit unions, mutual fund corporations, mortgage investment corporations, most deposit insurance corporations and investment corporations, as this income already qualifies for a special tax treatment.

² **Federal** – Personal services businesses are subject to a federal tax rate of 33% for taxation years ended after December 31, 2015. The income limit for the purposes of the small business deduction (SBD limit) has been \$500,000 since 2009. The business limit must be allocated between associated corporations. The SBD is reduced progressively on a straight-line basis for CCPCs when their taxable capital used in Canada is between \$10 million and \$15 million. A similar rule applies to the SBD claimed at the provincial or territorial level. The budget tabled on February 27, 2018 proposed to reduce the SBD limit for CCPCs (and their associated corporations) that have significant income from passive investments. Under this measure, the SBD limit will be reduced on a straight-line basis for CCPCs having between \$50,000 and \$150,000 in investment income. This reduction will operate alongside the existing reduction imposed when taxable capital exceeds \$10 million. The amount by which the SBD limit is reduced will be the greater of the two reductions. These proposals will apply to taxation years that begin after 2018 and have been adopted.

³ **Federal** – The April 21, 2015 budget proposed to reduce the small business tax rate from 11% to 9% by 2019. The rate was to decrease by 0.5% each year starting on January 1, 2016, with the changes being prorated for taxation year-ends that do not coincide with the calendar year. The March 22, 2016 budget proposed to keep only the first reduction in the small business tax rate and to cancel all future reductions, resulting in a small business tax rate of 10.5% in 2016 and following years.

On December 9, 2015, the government tabled an amendment to increase the rate of the additional tax on CCPC investment income from 6 2/3% to 10 2/3%, consequential to the introduction of a new top personal income tax rate of 33%. This amendment applies to taxation years that end after 2015. This amendment effectively raises the tax on investment income earned in a CCPC by 4% to 38.67%.

The March 22, 2017 budget announced no changes related to tax rates. On October 16, 2017, the federal government announced a plan to lower the small business tax rate to 10% effective January 1, 2018 and 9% effective January 1, 2019. This rate reduction was confirmed in the Fall Economic Statement tabled on October 24, 2017 and again in the February 27, 2018 federal budget. These amendments have been adopted. The March 19, 2019 budget announced no changes related to tax rates.

⁴ **British Columbia** – SBD limit: \$500,000 since 2010. The February 16, 2016 budget announced no changes. The February 21, 2017 budget announced that the small business rate would be reduced from 2.5% to 2% effective April 1, 2017. The Legislative Assembly of the province was dissolved on April 11, 2017 and a general election was held on May 9, 2017 (with a minority liberal government reelected and a coalition NDP-Green Party controlling the Legislative Assembly). Consequently, Bill 8, which contained the proposed reduction of the small business rate, no longer exists – it “died on the order paper”. A new budget was tabled on September 11, 2017. The budget announced a general tax rate increase from 11% to 12% effective January 1, 2018 and a small business tax rate decrease from 2.5% to 2% effective April 1, 2017. The February 20, 2018 and February 19, 2019 budgets announced no rate changes.

⁵ **Alberta** – SBD limit: \$500,000 since April 1, 2009. The March 26, 2015 budget announced no rate changes. However, the government elected on May 5, 2015 announced an increase in the general corporate tax rate from 10% to 12% effective July 1, 2015. The April 14, 2016 budget proposed a reduction in the small business tax rate from 3% to 2% effective January 1, 2017. The March 16, 2017 and March 22, 2018 budgets announced no rate changes. The Alberta government has tabled legislation which announced a gradual reduction of the general corporate rate as follows: from July 1, 2019 until December 31, 2019: 11%; from January 1, 2020 until December 31, 2020: 10%; from January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2021: 9%; from January 1, 2022: 8%. These reductions have been adopted. The small business rate remains unchanged at 2%. The 2019-2020 budget was tabled on October 24, 2019 and announced no rate changes.

⁶ **Saskatchewan** – SBD limit: \$500,000 since July 1, 2008. The June 1, 2016 budget announced no corporate rate changes. The March 22, 2017 budget announced a reduction from 12% to 11.5% of the general corporate income tax rate effective July 1, 2017 with a further reduction effective July 1, 2019 from 11.5% to 11%. The budget also announced that the M&P rates will be reduced as follows: from 10% to 9.5% effective July 1, 2017 and from 9.5% to 9% effective July 1, 2019. Saskatchewan’s Throne speech of October 25, 2017 announced the cancellation of the previous corporate rate reduction for 2019. The general rate will now increase to 12% effective January 1, 2018. Also announced was the cancellation of previous M&P rate reduction for 2019. M&P rate will increase to 10% effective January 1, 2018. The SBD limit will be raised to \$600,000 effective January 1, 2018. These measures are legislated. The April 10, 2018 budget confirmed the SBD limit increase to \$600,000; no rate changes were announced. The March 20, 2019 budget announced no rate changes.

- ⁷ **Manitoba** – SBD limit: \$450,000 since 2016. On March 8, 2016, the Manitoba government released an Economic and Fiscal Outlook. One of the business tax measures included in the release is the increase of the SBD limit from \$450,000 to \$500,000 on July 1, 2017; this increase was not legislated. The May 31, 2016 and April 11, 2017 budgets announced no changes to the corporate rates. The March 12, 2018 budget announced that the SBD limit will be increased from \$450,000 to \$500,000, effective January 1, 2019; this budget measure has been legislated; no rate changes were announced. The March 7, 2019 budget announced no changes to the corporate rates.
- ⁸ **Ontario** – SBD limit: \$500,000 since January 1, 2007. The February 25, 2016 and April 27, 2017 budgets proposed no corporate rate changes. The Ontario Fall Economic Review of November 10, 2017 announced a reduction of the small business rate, from 4.5% to 3.5%, effective January 1, 2018. This measure is legislated. The March 28, 2018 budget proposed to parallel the federal measure on passive investment income announced in the 2018 federal budget; no rate changes were announced. On November 15, 2018, Ontario's new government tabled the 2018 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review. No tax rate changes were announced. However, the government is now proposing to not parallel the federal government measure which phases out access to the federal small business rate based on the amount of passive investment income earned by a corporation. The April 11, 2019 budget does not include any tax rate changes for businesses. However, the government intends to reduce the small business corporate income tax rate by 8.7% in the future. As previously announced, the government confirmed that it will not parallel the federal government in phasing out the benefit of the lower small business tax rate for companies earning over \$50,000 of passive investment income in a tax year. This measure has been adopted. In the Fall Economic Statement of November 6, 2019, the government announced a reduction of the small business tax rate from 3.5% to 3.2% effective January 1, 2020. This measure has also been adopted.
- ⁹ **Quebec** – SBD limit: \$500,000 since March 20, 2009.

The March 26, 2015 budget announced that Quebec's general corporate tax rate will be gradually reduced by 0.4 percentage points from 2017 to 2020. These rate reductions will come into force on January 1 of each of these years. More specifically, the general corporate tax rate will be reduced from the current rate of 11.9% to 11.8% in 2017, 11.7% in 2018, 11.6% in 2019 and, ultimately, 11.5% in 2020.

The March 26, 2015 budget also extended the additional tax rate reduction for manufacturing small medium enterprises (SMEs) to SMEs in the primary and manufacturing sectors, effective for taxation years beginning after December 31, 2016. The primary sector includes agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, mining, quarrying and oil and gas extraction. In addition, the proportion of activities attributable to the primary and manufacturing sectors will be based only on labour costs (assets no longer taken in account) for taxation years beginning after December 31, 2016.

The March 17, 2016 budget announced that for taxation years beginning after December 31, 2016, the eligibility criteria for the SBD requiring a minimum number of employees will be replaced by an eligibility criteria requiring a minimum number of hours worked (5,500). The government dropped the requirement announced in the March 26, 2015 budget that SMEs employ more than 3 full-time employees. However, when this new criteria is not met, the small business rate may increase up to the general rate, depending on the proportion of activities attributable to the primary and manufacturing sectors.

The March 28, 2017 budget announced that, for the purposes of the SBD, the eligibility criteria concerning the minimum number of **hours worked**, introduced in the previous budget, will be replaced with a qualification criterion concerning a minimum number of **hours paid**, for taxation years beginning after December 31, 2016. In addition, the tax legislation will be amended such that a person who holds, either directly or indirectly, most of the full-voting-rights shares of a corporation's capital stock, is deemed to have received from the corporation for a taxation year of the corporation, subject to certain conditions, remuneration corresponding to a conversion factor of 1.1 for each hour the person worked as an active participant in the corporation's activities for the year. The budget announced no corporate rate changes.

The March 27, 2018 budget proposed a gradual increase to the SBD rate such that the income tax rate applicable to the portion of a company's income qualifying for the SBD will be reduced to 4% by 2021. Consequently, the rate of the additional deduction for primary and manufacturing sectors SMEs will be gradually reduced and the additional deduction will be eliminated in 2021. The other SBD-related terms and conditions will not change. These changes will apply to corporate tax years ending after March 27, 2018, and instalment payments may be adjusted as of the first instalment after that date. The budget thus proposed that the income tax rate qualifying for the SBD be reduced as follows: from 8% to 7% as of March 28, 2018; from 7% to 6% as of January 1, 2019; from 6% to 5% as of January 1, 2020; and from 5% to 4% as of January 1, 2021. These budget measures have been legislated.

To benefit from the small business rate, two eligibility criteria must be met:

- The eligibility criteria concerning the number of hours paid;
- The eligibility criteria concerning the proportion of activities attributable to the primary and manufacturing sectors.

If neither criteria is met, a SME may be subject a tax rate between the general rate and the small business rate.

To benefit from the reduced rate of 4% (Small business – M&P), the proportion of activities attributable to the primary sector and manufacturing sector must be 50% or more.

If this proportion is more than 25% but under 50%, the tax rate increases on a straight line basis up to the small business rate or up to the general rate, under specific rules. If the proportion is 25% or less, the tax rate is set between the general rate and the small business rate.

On December 13, 2018, the government published [Information Bulletin 2018-10](#), and announced that Québec's tax legislation will be amended to incorporate the federal measure pertaining to the lowering of the Canadian-controlled private corporation's business limit on the basis of passive investment income. This measure is included in a bill which has received second reading as of January 31, 2020.

The March 21, 2019 budget announced no rate changes.

¹⁰ **New Brunswick** – SBD limit: \$500,000 since January 1, 2009. The February 2, 2016 budget announced that the general corporate tax rate will increase by 2%, to 14%, effective April 1, 2016. In a news release dated April 1, 2016, the government announced that the small business tax rate is reduced from 4% to 3.5% effective April 1, 2016. The February 7, 2017 budget announced a reduction in the small business rate from 3.5% to 3% effective April 1, 2017. A reduction of the small business rate (from 3% to 2.5% as of April 1, 2018) was announced on November 14, 2017. This measure is legislated. The January 30, 2018 budget confirmed the small business rate reduction from 3.0% to 2.5%, effective April 1, 2018 but announced no new rate changes. The March 19, 2019 budget announced no rate changes. New Brunswick will not adopt the new measures introduced at the federal level to reduce or eliminate a corporation's ability to claim the small business deduction based on the corporation's and its associated corporations' passive investment income. This measure has been legislated.

¹¹ **Nova Scotia** – SBD limit: \$350,000 since January 1, 2014. The April 19, 2016 budget did not introduce any corporate rate changes. The April 27, 2017 budget proposed to increase the SBD limit from \$350,000 to \$500,000 effective January 1, 2017. However, a general election was held on May 30, 2017 before the measure was legislated. A new budget was tabled on September 26, 2017. The budget announced that, effective January 1, 2017, the SBD limit be increased from \$350,000 to \$500,000. This measure is legislated. The March 20, 2018 and March 26, 2019 budgets announced no rate changes.

¹² **Prince Edward Island** – SBD limit: \$500,000 since January 1, 2009. The April 19, 2016 and April 7, 2017 budgets did not introduce any corporate rate changes. The April 6, 2018 budget proposed to reduce the small business tax rate from 4.5% to 4.0% as of January 1, 2018. This measure is legislated. On November 21, 2018, the government announced a decrease of the small business rate to 3.5%, effective January 1, 2019. This change has also been legislated. The June 25, 2019 budget introduced a reduction of the small business rate from 3.5% to 3.0%, effective January 1, 2020. This measure has been adopted.

¹³ **Newfoundland and Labrador** – SBD limit: \$500,000 since January 1, 2009. The April 14, 2016 budget announced two tax rate measures: an increase in the general corporate tax rate from 14% to 15%, as of January 1, 2016, as well as the elimination of the special M&P tax rate, retroactive to January 1, 2016. The April 6, 2017, March 27, 2018 and April 16, 2019 budgets announced no rate changes. The recently elected government retabled the current budget on June 11, 2019 with no changes.

¹⁴ **Yukon** – SBD limit: \$500,000 since January 1, 2011. The April 7, 2016 budget announced no changes to corporate income taxes. The April 27, 2017 budget proposed to reduce the general corporate tax rate from 15% to 12% and the small business rate from 3% to 2%, both reductions taking effect as of July 1, 2017. The March 1, 2018 and March 7, 2019 budgets announced no rate changes.

¹⁵ **Northwest Territories** – SBD limit: \$500,000 since January 1, 2009. The June 1, 2016, February 1, 2017, February 8, 2018 and February 6, 2019 budgets announced no changes related to tax rates.

¹⁶ **Nunavut** – SBD limit: \$500,000 since January 1, 2009. The February 25, 2016, February 22, 2017, May 28, 2018 and February 20, 2019 budgets announced no changes related to tax rates. The Nunavut government has tabled legislation to reduce the small business rate effective July 1, 2019, from 4% to 3%. This measure has been adopted.