



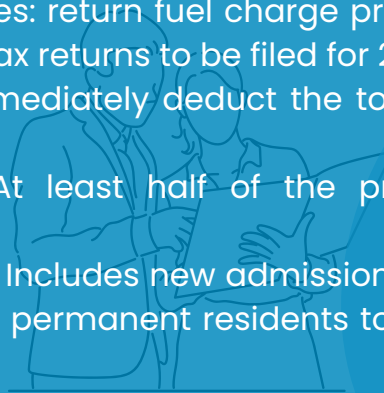
What the 2024 Federal Budget Means for You

In the post-COVID world, Canadian businesses have experienced high inflation, labour shortages, cost increases, increased interest rates, and even COVID loan repayments. These headwinds have all impacted the bottom line across all provinces and sectors.

The budget of the past three years has focused on creating jobs, supporting small businesses, and growing the green economy. This budget builds on these priorities, with an added focus on housing & construction, artificial intelligence, spurring innovation, and driving productivity and growth. Here is what this means for your business:

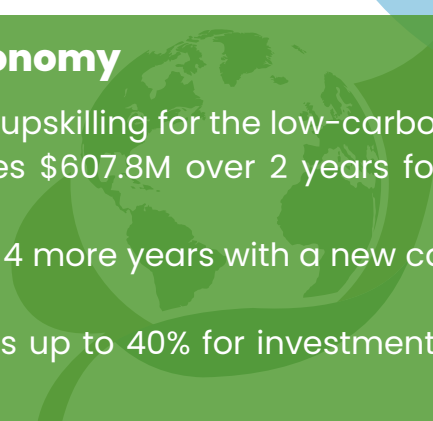
Supporting Small Business Owners

- **A new carbon rebate** for small businesses: return fuel charge proceeds **dating back to 2019** to 600,000 businesses, requiring tax returns to be filed for 2023 by July 15, 2024.
- **Full asset write-off:** companies can immediately deduct the total cost of specified productivity-enhancing assets
- **Streamlined Credential Recognition:** At least half of the program targets the construction and healthcare sectors
- **Expanding Immigration for Key Sectors:** Includes new admissions for temporary and permanent residents for temporary and permanent residents to support agriculture and tourism sectors



Green Economy

- **Sustainable Jobs Training Fund:** Supports upskilling for the low-carbon economy.
- **Zero Emissions Vehicle Program:** Allocates \$607.8M over 2 years for businesses to adopt zero-emission vehicles.
- **Clean Fuels Fund Extension:** Continues for 4 more years with a new call for proposals by year-end.
- **Refundable Investment Tax Credits:** Offers up to 40% for investments in clean tech, hydrogen, and electricity sectors.



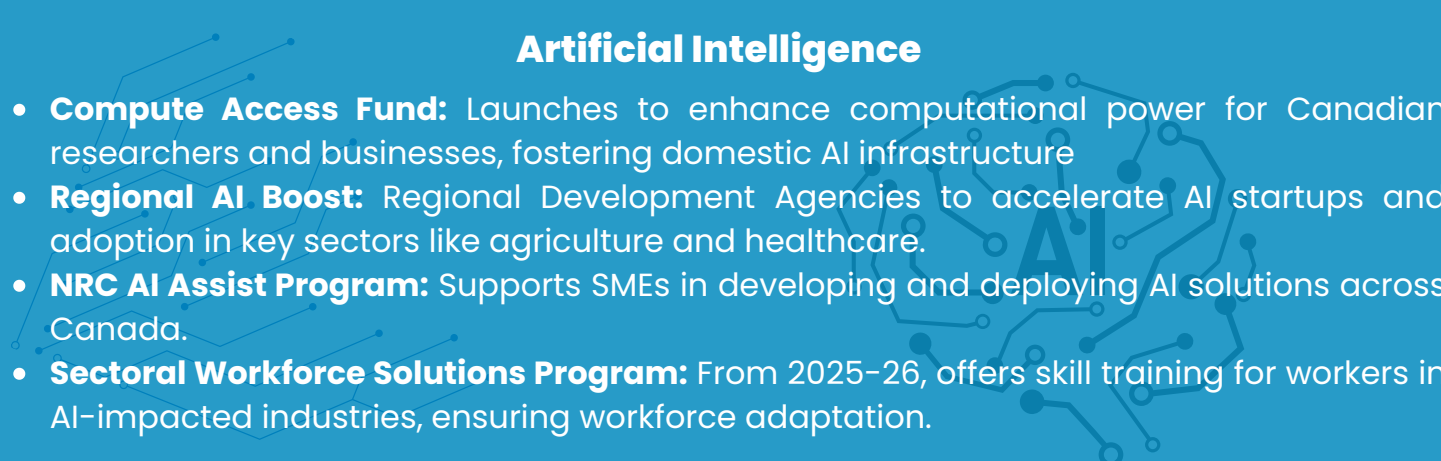
Housing & Construction

- **Apprenticeship Service Funding:** \$100M over two years to boost apprentice placements in SMEs starting 2024-2025.
- **Affordable Housing Innovation Fund:** Over \$600M to foster innovative housing solutions.
- **Housing Supply Challenge:** \$300M to develop strategies that address barriers to housing supply.
- **Apartment Construction Loan Program:** Additional \$15B to help build over 131,000 new homes by 2031-2032.



Artificial Intelligence

- **Compute Access Fund:** Launches to enhance computational power for Canadian researchers and businesses, fostering domestic AI infrastructure
- **Regional AI Boost:** Regional Development Agencies to accelerate AI startups and adoption in key sectors like agriculture and healthcare.
- **NRC AI Assist Program:** Supports SMEs in developing and deploying AI solutions across Canada.
- **Sectoral Workforce Solutions Program:** From 2025-26, offers skill training for workers in AI-impacted industries, ensuring workforce adaptation.



Capital Gains

- **Capital Gains Tax Reform:** Introduces a 66.7% inclusion rate for high-value gains, with a \$250,000 annual exemption.
- **Lifetime Capital Gains Exemption Increase:** Raises the exemption limit, enhancing benefits for business owners.
- **Canadian Entrepreneurs' Incentive:** Offers a reduced 33.3% inclusion rate on up to \$2 million in capital gains.
- **Enhanced Exemption for Entrepreneurs:** Provides a combined exemption of at least \$3.25 million for business sales.

In summary, the Federal Government will try and stabilize the economy after years of volatility. SMEs should continue to see many grant programs and tax incentives to keep costs down and grow their business. If you are interested in leveraging grant funding for your business, you can get started by filling out the [Grant Calculator!](#)