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## Nunavut budget 2020-21

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“[G]iven the many pressing issues that this budget seeks to address, our government believes that planning for a small deficit in 2020-21 is a necessary and worthwhile measure to allow us to meet the growing need for better programs and services for Nunavummiut.”

*Nunavut Finance Minister George Hickey  
2020-21 budget speech*

On 19 February 2020, Nunavut Finance Minister George Hickey tabled the territory's fiscal 2020-21 budget. The budget contains no new taxes and no tax increases.

The minister projects a deficit of \$30.5 million for 2020-21.

Following is a brief summary of the key tax measures.

### **Business tax measures**

#### **Corporate tax rates**

No changes are proposed to the corporate tax rates or the \$500,000 small-business limit.

Nunavut's 2020 corporate tax rates are summarized in Table A.



**Table A - Nunavut corporate tax rates**

	2020	
	Nunavut	Federal and Nunavut combined
Small-business tax rate* **	3.00%	12.00%
General corporate tax rate	12.00%	27.00%

\* The small-business rate is based on a 31 December year-end.

\*\* Nunavut reduced the territory's small-business income tax rate from 4.00% to 3.00% effective 1 July 2019.

## Personal tax

### Personal income tax rates

The budget does not include any changes to personal income tax rates.

The 2020 Nunavut personal tax rates are summarized in Table B.

**Table B - 2020 Nunavut personal tax rates**

First bracket rate	Second bracket rate	Third bracket rate	Fourth bracket rate
\$0 to \$46,277	\$46,278 to \$92,555	\$92,556 to \$150,473	Above 150,473
4.00%	7.00%	9.00%	11.50%

For taxable income in excess of \$97,069, the 2020 combined federal-Nunavut personal income tax rates are outlined in Table C.

**Table C - Combined 2020 federal and Nunavut personal tax rates**

Bracket	Ordinary income*	Eligible dividends	Non-eligible dividends
\$97,070 to \$150,473	35.00%	19.97%	26.87%
\$150,474 to \$214,368**	40.72%	27.87%	33.44%
Above \$214,368	44.50%	33.08%	37.79%

\*The rate on capital gains is one-half the ordinary income tax rate.

\*\* An additional federal basic personal amount may be available for individuals with taxable income below \$214,368. The additional tax credit is \$140 for individuals with taxable income below \$150,474; this additional amount is gradually phased out for individuals with taxable income between \$150,474 and \$214,368, resulting in an additional 0.22% to 0.30% of federal income tax on taxable income in this bracket.

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