

Corporate income tax rates for active business income* – 2020



Includes all rate changes announced up to July 31, 2020

	Income eligible for small-business deduction (SBD) (generally up to \$500,000 ¹)	Manufacturing and processing (M&P) income not eligible for federal SBD (greater than \$500,000)	General income not eligible for SBD (non-M&P income)
	%	%	%
Federal rates ²	9.00 ³	15.00	15.00 ²
Combined federal and provincial rates:			
Newfoundland and Labrador	12.00	30.00	30.00
Prince Edward Island	12.00 ⁴	31.00	31.00
Nova Scotia			
-Prior to April 1, 2020	12.00	31.00	31.00
-After March 31, 2020	11.50 ⁵	29.00 ⁵	29.00 ⁵
-Calendar year-end rate	11.62	29.50	29.50
New Brunswick	11.50	29.00	29.00
Quebec	14.00/13.00 ^{6,7}	26.50 ⁸	26.50 ⁸
Ontario	12.20 ⁹	25.00	26.50
Manitoba	9.00	27.00	27.00
Saskatchewan	11.00 (up to \$500k)/ 17.00 (\$500k-\$600k) ¹	25.00	27.00
Alberta ¹⁰			
-Prior to July 1, 2020	11.00	25.00	25.00
-After June 30, 2020	11.00	23.00	23.00
-Calendar year-end rate	11.00	24.00	24.00
British Columbia	11.00	27.00	27.00
Northwest Territories	13.00	26.50	26.50
Nunavut ¹¹	12.00	27.00	27.00
Yukon ¹²	10.50/11.00	17.50	27.00
Non-resident	N/A	25.00	25.00

*Rates represent calendar-year rates unless indicated otherwise.



Notes:

1. The federal small-business limit is \$500,000. Manitoba increased its small-business limit from \$450,000 to \$500,000 effective January 1, 2019. The small-business limit for the remaining provinces and territories is also \$500,000, with the exception of Saskatchewan, which increased its small-business limit to \$600,000 effective January 1, 2018.
2. A federal general rate reduction of 13.00% applies to the base federal rate of 28.00% for active business income not eligible for other incentives, as well as to investment income earned by a non-Canadian-controlled private corporation. Income earned by a personal services business does not benefit from the federal general rate reduction. The tax rate on personal services business income earned by a corporation is 33.00%. The federal rate applicable to investment income earned by Canadian-controlled private corporations (CCPCs) is 38.67%, due to the additional 10.67% refundable federal income tax.
3. The small-business rate was reduced from 10.50% to 10.00% effective January 1, 2018 and was further reduced to 9.00% effective January 1, 2019. The federal SBD is reduced if taxable capital employed in Canada exceeds \$10 million in the preceding taxation year and is eliminated when it exceeds \$15 million. An SBD reduction (grind) for large CCPCs applies in all provinces and territories. For taxation years beginning after 2018, the federal SBD is also reduced if a CCPC earns passive investment income exceeding \$50,000 in the preceding taxation year and is eliminated when this type of income exceeds \$150,000. The applicable federal SBD reduction for taxation years beginning after 2018 is equal to the greater of the taxable capital and passive investment income grinds. As of July 31, 2020, Ontario and New Brunswick are the only provinces that have enacted legislation confirming that they will not parallel the federal SBD reduction with respect to passive investment income. The SBD generally applies to M&P income within the small-business income limit, except in the Yukon (see note 12 below) and in certain circumstances in Quebec (see notes 6 and 7 below).
4. Prince Edward Island reduced its small-business rate from 3.50% to 3.00% effective January 1, 2020. In accordance with its 2020-21 budget tabled on June 17, 2020, the province is reducing its small-business rate from 3.00% to 2.00% effective January 1, 2021. This will result in a combined federal/provincial rate of 11.00%.
5. Nova Scotia reduced its general corporate income tax rate from 16.00% to 14.00% and its small-business tax rate from 3.00% to 2.50%, effective April 1, 2020.
6. Effective for taxation years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, a CCPC must meet certain qualification criteria concerning the minimum number of hours paid or be a CCPC in either the primary (i.e., agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting and certain resource-based sectors) or M&P sector to benefit from the small-business tax rate. The minimum number of hours paid criterion requires that an eligible corporation's employees work at least 5,500 hours annually, and the amount of the deduction is reduced linearly when the hours are between 5,500 and 5,000 hours. A maximum of 40 hours per week per employee is considered. Special conversion rules apply to take into consideration hours worked (but not necessarily paid in the form of wages) by actively engaged shareholders who hold, directly or indirectly, shares of the corporation that carry more than 50% of the voting rights. Quebec is adjusting the calculation of a corporation's remunerated hours for purposes of meeting the minimum 5,000/5,500 hours threshold for claiming the small business deduction. This adjustment will limit the impact of any temporary suspension of a corporation's activities between March 15 and June 29, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Further details may be found in Quebec Information Bulletin 2020-9.
7. CCPCs engaged in M&P activities in Quebec (and CCPCs in the primary sector effective for taxation years beginning on or after January 1, 2017) may be eligible for an additional reduction in the small-business rate. The additional deduction rate reaches 4.00% where the proportion of activities



in the primary or M&P sector is 50% or more and is reduced linearly where the proportion is between 50% and 25%. However, in its 2018–19 budget, Quebec announced it would ease the tax burden on small businesses in sectors other than the primary and M&P sectors by standardizing the small-business rate so that it is reduced to 4.00% by 2021. Effective March 28, 2018, Quebec reduced the small-business rate from 8.00% to 7.00%, resulting in an effective rate of 7.24% for the 2018 taxation year. Quebec is gradually reducing this rate to 4.00% as follows: January 1, 2019 – 6.00%; January 1, 2020 – 5.00%; and January 1, 2021 – 4.00%. Quebec is also phasing out the additional deduction for CCPCs in the primary and M&P sectors over the same time period to maintain an effective small-business rate of 4.00% for CCPCs in these sectors throughout this period.

8. Quebec has gradually reduced the general corporate income tax rate from 11.90% to 11.50% over four years, effective January 1 of each year beginning in 2017 and based on the following schedule: 2017 – 11.80%; 2018 – 11.70%; 2019 – 11.60%; and 2020 – 11.50%.
9. Ontario reduced its small-business rate from 3.50% to 3.20% effective January 1, 2020.
10. In accordance with its economic recovery plan tabled on June 29, 2020, Alberta is accelerating the tax cuts that were enacted in 2019, by reducing the province's general corporate income tax rate from 10.00% to 8.00% effective July 1, 2020. The rate was originally scheduled to be reduced from 10.00% to 9.00% on January 1, 2021 and to 8.00% on January 1, 2022. The general corporate income tax rate was already reduced to 11.00% effective July 1, 2019 and to 10.00% effective January 1, 2020.
11. Nunavut reduced the territory's small business income tax rate from 4.00% to 3.00% effective July 1, 2019.
12. The Yukon M&P rate is less than the small-business rate. The first rate applies to M&P income eligible for the SBD, while the second rate is for non-M&P income. Yukon will be reducing its small-business tax rate to nil, effective January 1, 2021.