

2016 CANADA'S BUDGET

The new Liberal government announced significant changes in their budget on March 22, 2016 that affect your personal finances.

REFLECTIONS SINCE THE LAST BUDGET*

Canadian Dollar vs. US Dollar



83.68¢ | high
13 May 2015



68.54¢ | low
20 Jan 2016



76.62¢ | @budget
22 Mar 2016

* Period between 23 Mar 15 - 22 Mar 16

Oil Price per barrel in \$USD



\$61.43 | high
10 Jun 2015



\$26.21 | low
11 Feb 2016



\$41.45 | @budget
22 Mar 2016

PROJECTED DEFICIT



+\$1.9B
2014 • 15

-\$5.4B
2015 • 16

-\$29.4B
2016 • 17

-\$29.0B
2017 • 18

PERSONAL FEDERAL INCOME TAX RATES

New personal tax rate system structure for 2016.



Tax cuts for individuals earning between \$45,283 - \$90,563.
Tax increases for individuals earning more than \$200,000.

What does the 2016 Budget mean for you? **Talk to your advisor today.**

Sources: Budget highlights: www.budget.gc.ca
Crude oil prices: <http://ca.investing.com/commodities/crude-oil-historical-data>
Canadian/US Dollar: <http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/exchange>

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BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The budget aims to grow the economy and strengthen the middle class.

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OAS Payments

Decrease the eligibility for old age security (OAS) back to age 65 from 67.



Guaranteed Income Supplement

Low income single seniors receive up to 10% more - up to \$947 annually.



Canada Child Benefit

New tax-free benefit with up to \$6,400 per child under 6, and up to \$5,400 per child aged 6 -17. Replaces all current child benefit programs.



Child Disability Benefit

Families with disabled children under age 18 will continue to receive a disability benefit of up to \$2,730.



Affordable Higher Education

Canada Student Grants increasing to \$3,000 for students from low income families and to \$1,200 for students from middle income families in 2016-2017.



Student Debt Repayment

Individuals are not required to start repaying Canada Student Loans until they are earning at least \$25K.



School Supply Tax Credit

A new refundable tax credit for educators who purchase up to \$1,000 of eligible school supplies beginning in 2016.



Small Business Tax Rate

The small business tax rate will remain unchanged at 10.5% for future years.



Employment Insurance Benefits

Individuals will receive five additional weeks (20 more in hard hit areas), and waiting periods are reduced by half.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEING PHASED OUT OR ELIMINATED.



Family Income Splitting

This Family Tax Cut will be eliminated starting in the 2016 tax year.



Child Fitness & Arts Credits

These tax credits are reduced by 50% in 2016 and will be eliminated in 2017.



Education & Textbooks

Education and textbook tax credits will be eliminated in 2017.



Charitable Giving

The proposed tax exemption on capital gains of donated private corporate shares or real estate starting in 2017 is eliminated.



Corporate Class Funds

Investors will no longer be able to shelter capital gains from tax when switching between corporate class funds after September 2016.



Life Insurance Distributions

Loopholes allowing business owners to use life insurance policies to make tax-free distributions will be closed as of March 22.