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Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

Supporting a strong, innovative economy that can provide jobs, opportunities and prosperity for all Ontarians.

[Open for Business \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/open-business\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/open-business)

We're helping to grow the economy and create good jobs. Find the resources you need to do business, work and invest in Ontario.

[Jobs and employment \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/jobs-and-employment\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/jobs-and-employment)

- [Hiring incentives for employers \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/hiring-incentives-employers\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/hiring-incentives-employers)
- [Employment programs for people under 30 \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/employment-programs-people-under-30\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/employment-programs-people-under-30)
- [Grants and training for students and young entrepreneurs \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/young-entrepreneurs\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/young-entrepreneurs)

[Economic development \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/business-and-economy\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/business-and-economy)

- [Get support, information and advice to run your small business \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/small-business-access\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/small-business-access)
- [Small Business Enterprise Centre locations \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/small-business-enterprise-centre-locations\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/small-business-enterprise-centre-locations)
- [Automotive Sector Plan \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/driving-prosperity-future-ontarios-automotive-sector\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/driving-prosperity-future-ontarios-automotive-sector)

Funding for:

- [Ontario-based social enterprises \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/social-enterprise-demonstration-fund\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/social-enterprise-demonstration-fund)

Export and investment services

- [Exporting: Take your business global \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/grow-your-business-here-and-exporting\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/grow-your-business-here-and-exporting)

[abroad](#))

- [Investment Services \(https://www.investinontario.com/investment-services\)](https://www.investinontario.com/investment-services), a one-stop source for information to increase business growth
- [International trade and investment offices \(https://www.investinontario.com/international-trade-and-investment-offices\)](https://www.investinontario.com/international-trade-and-investment-offices)
- [Foreign direct investment attraction \(https://www.investinontario.com/tags/foreign-direct-investment\)](https://www.investinontario.com/tags/foreign-direct-investment)

Research and innovation (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/research-funding>)

Build a research team, find funding for international research projects, access programs and networks, and more.

Calendar of trade programs and events (<https://www.ontario.ca/tradecalendar/search>)

Information about incoming buyers missions, exporter education seminars and workshops for Ontario businesses looking to export outside Canada.

What we do

- support job creation, innovation and economic growth for all Ontarians
- deliver a range of programs, services and tools to help businesses innovate and compete in today's fast-changing global economy
- help make investing in Ontario more attractive for businesses, while protecting the public interest
- cut red tape by eliminating unnecessary regulations to make Ontario companies more competitive
- support the growth of small and medium-sized businesses so they can connect with new export markets and customers
- manage a network of [international trade and investment offices \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/grow-your-business-through-exporting#section-2\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/grow-your-business-through-exporting#section-2) in key markets around the world
- organize international business missions to increase export and investment opportunities for Ontario's companies
- ensure Ontario's interests are well-represented in all trade matters and negotiations (including CUSMA, CPTPP and CETA) and drive strategic investment and trade analysis
- drive internal trade by working bilaterally with other provinces and territories and by implementing the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)
- develop and implement marketing strategies and tactics that favourably position the province's key economic strengths and promote Ontario as the best place to invest, work, live and succeed
- develop strategies for priority industries and sectors in Ontario
- build strategic partnerships with leading companies and stakeholders within Ontario's economy
- work with research partners in universities, colleges and hospitals, entrepreneurs and business leaders
- foster scientific discovery and commercialization of new technologies and products that can be marketed to the world
- harness Ontario's talented workforce, entrepreneurial spirit and highly developed industry clusters
- promote economic immigration programs to attract skilled international talent

Legislation

The ministry administers the following legislation:

- *Ministry of Economic Development and Trade Act, 1990* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90m27>)
- *Development Corporations Act, 1990* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90d10>)
- *Partnerships for Growth Act, 2014* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/14p12>)
- *Attracting Jobs and Investment Act, 2012* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s12010>)
- *Water Opportunities Act, 2010* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/10w19>)
- *Ontario Capital Growth Corporation Act* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/08o19>), 2008
- *Ontario Small Business Investment Funds Act, 1992*
- *Ontario Immigration Act, 2018* (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/15o08>)

Agencies, boards and commissions

The ministry is affiliated with the following independent agencies:

- [Ontario Immigrant Investor Corporation](https://www.pas.gov.on.ca/Home/Agency/20) (<https://www.pas.gov.on.ca/Home/Agency/20>)
- [Ontario Research Fund Advisory Board \(ORFAB\)](https://www.pas.gov.on.ca/Home/Agency/557) (<https://www.pas.gov.on.ca/Home/Agency/557>)
- [Ontario Capital Growth Corporation \(OCGC\)](http://www.ocgc.gov.on.ca/site/en) (<http://www.ocgc.gov.on.ca/site/en>)

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- [Media contacts](https://news.ontario.ca/contacts/en/) (<https://news.ontario.ca/contacts/en/>)
- [Contact the Minister](http://www.infogo.gov.on.ca/infogo/home.html#orgProfile/5114/en) (<http://www.infogo.gov.on.ca/infogo/home.html#orgProfile/5114/en>)

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[Intercom – Our Newsletter](http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/intercom/intercom-newsletter-en-1.pdf) (<http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/intercom/intercom-newsletter-en-1.pdf>)

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