

Reducing Red Tape examples

Red tape reduction streamlines and simplifies processes to make it easier and faster to deal with government. For citizens it means fast, easy access to services - saving you time. For businesses, it means simplified processes - saving you time and money that can be reinvested in your business.

- Restaurants now have greater flexibility for customers who want to enjoy a cocktail as restaurants are no longer required to provide a separate lounge area with different colour carpet.
- Mobile business licenses are now available in 73 communities throughout B.C. These licenses make it easier for mobile businesses that provide services in a number of municipalities to operate by allowing them to only purchase one license instead of having to purchase multiples.
- B.C. wine, beer and spirit producers are now able to sell their wares at artisan markets, like craft fairs, throughout the province. Liquor sales are already allowed at farmers' markets.
- Vendors can use the consolidated procurement resources on the BC Bid Resources website to manage the contracting process, including helpful step by step instructions.
- Distilleries, wineries, cideries and breweries with on-site licensed lounges or special event areas can sell up to 20% of liquor they don't produce, for customers to enjoy during their visit.
- Companies or people looking to invest in B.C. can use the new online portal at Trade and Invest British Columbia to connect to a list of more than 7,000 local investment and business opportunities.
- Businesses now have quicker access to important health and safety and compensation information for their employees through the help line at the Employers' Advisers Office.
- Provincial sales tax help, including tools and services for business operators is available through eTaxBC, a toll-free helpline and online support for questions or webinars about sales tax.
- ICBC driving records are now online and government is exploring options to allow customers to renew their insurance online through their brokers.
- You can now get information and assistance to register to be an organ donor at any of the 62 Service BC locations and in select ICBC locations.
- You can simply apply online for special occasion licences to host parties or outdoor weddings instead of filling out paperwork at BC Liquor Stores, police stations and municipal halls.
- Apprentices can quickly find trades training spaces available at all 14 institutions offering trades programs. Get the info you need at the Trades Seat Finder, then click over to the institution's website for more information and register.
- Training and hours completed by apprentices in one province or territory are now recognized across Canada, improving labour mobility.
- You can get your fishing license online, without having to leave your kitchen table, making it even more convenient and simpler to enjoy your next fishing trip.
- The *Building Act* streamlined and modernized the regulatory system throughout B.C. Greater consistency reduces delays and costs, and improves efficiency for the construction industry.
- There is a new suggestion button on the BC government home page – www.gov.bc.ca, where you can submit ideas to reduce red tape 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- In Fall 2015, the Province held a six-week online consultation on reducing red tape for British Columbians. Check out the full report on the Reducing Red Tape for British Columbian website: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/helpcutredtape/>