

Canada's Film Tax Incentive Programs

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Jurisdiction	Canada		British Columbia	
Program	Film or Video Production Services Tax Credit	Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit	Production Services Tax Credit (PSTC)	Film Incentive BC (FIBC)
Delivery Agency	Canadian Audio Visual Certification Office (CAVCO) Phone: (888) 433-2200		British Columbia Film Phone: (604) 736-7997	
Tax Credit Rates	16% of all eligible Canadian labour expenditures.	25% of eligible Canadian labour, to a maximum of 60% of: [production costs less assistance].	25% of qualified BC labour expenditures.	35% of BC labour expenditures, to a maximum of 48% of: [production costs less assistance]
Bonus Features	None	None	Regional Incentive: 6% of accredited qualified labour when more than 50% of BC principal photography outside Vancouver area (pro rated by no. of days regional/total BC days - must be at least 5 days). Distant Location Regional bonus - additional 6% of qualified labour (pro rated by no. of days of principal shot in a 'distant location'); production must qualify for Regional incentive and PSTC. 15% additional credit on Digital Animation or Visual Effects (DAVE) labour.	Regional Incentive: 12.5% of qualified labour when more than 50% of BC principal photography outside Vancouver area (pro rated by no. of days regional/total BC days - must be at least 5 days). Distant Location Regional bonus - additional 6% of qualified labour (pro rated by no. of days of principal shot in a 'distant location'); production must qualify for Regional incentive and FIBC. Training tax credit totaling the lesser of 30% of trainee salaries or 3% of total eligible labour. 15% additional credit on Digital Animation or Visual Effects (DAVE) labour.
Eligible Companies or Individuals	Companies with a permanent establishment in Canada whose primary activity is the production of films or videos or the provision of film or video production services. Company must own copyright throughout production in Canada or must contract directly with copyright owner. Private broadcasting/cable subsidiaries are eligible. <u>Not</u> available if production has received Cdn. Film or Video Production Tax Credit.	Canadian-owned and controlled companies, which are taxable in Canada and whose primary activity is the production of Canadian films or videos. Private broadcasting/cable subsidiaries are eligible.	Canadian taxable companies with a permanent establishment in BC whose primary business is film and video production or provision of production services. Production company must be copyright owner during production in BC or have contracted directly with copyright owner. Broadcasting/cable subsidiaries are eligible.	Cdn.-owned & BC controlled companies whose primary business is film and video production. Production company must control copyright (own more than 50%) . For Regional, Training and DAVE credits, must be eligible for Basic credit. Broadcasting/cable subsidiaries are eligible.
Project Criteria	Feature Film: costs must exceed \$1,000,000 on worldwide basis within 24 months after start of principal. Series/Pilot 30 min. or less: costs must exceed \$100,000 per episode. Series/Pilot 30 min. or longer: costs must exceed \$200,000 per episode.	Minimum 75% of production costs paid to Canadian individuals or companies. Minimum 75% of post-production done in Canada. Production company must own copyright for 25 years from completion. Must be exhibited or broadcast in Canada by a Canadian distributor/broadcaster within 2 years of completion.	Feature Film: \$1 million minimum budget. Series/Pilot 30 min. or less: costs must exceed \$100,000 per episode (exception: productions that consist of all or substantially all digital animation or visual effects). Series/Pilot 30 min. or longer: costs must exceed \$200,000 per episode.	Minimum 75% of total production (exemption for documentaries) and 75% of post-production costs paid in BC to BC residents. Minimum 75% of shooting days in BC (exemption for documentaries, treaty co-productions and interprovincial co-productions). Must be exhibited or broadcast in Canada by a Canadian distributor/broadcaster within 2 years of completion.
Points for Certification	No CAVCO points required.	Must have at least 6 of 10 CAVCO Canadian content points.	No CAVCO or provincial points required.	Must have at least 6 of 10 CAVCO Canadian content points.
Reduction by other assistance	Eligible labour reduced by the sum of provincial tax credits.	Total production costs reduced by government and private assistance, except for the Canadian Television Fund License Fee Program. Production costs may also be reduced by share of 'beneficial ownership' of copyright not owned by production entity.	Labour reduced by other assistance to extent that the assistance is received in respect of eligible labour (other than Federal tax credit).	Total production costs reduced by deferrals and government and private assistance (other than Federal tax credit).
Program Cap	None	None	None	None
Project Cap	None	60% of total production costs.	None	48% of total eligible production costs net of total BC labour
Corporate Cap	None	None	None	None
User Fees	\$5000 flat fee with a rebate available for productions with aggregate tax credit under \$25,000 (min. fee of \$1,000).	0.15% of eligible production costs for Part A, Initial Accreditation and 0.15% of eligible production costs for Part B, Completion OR 0.30% for combined application (min. fee of \$200).	\$5000 + GST with a rebate available for productions with aggregate tax credit under \$25,000 (min. fee of \$1,000).	For preliminary eligibility: \$200 + GST. For completion: 0.05% of final production costs (min. fee of \$200 + GST).

Jurisdiction	Yukon	Alberta	Saskatchewan	Manitoba
Program	Yukon Film Incentive Program	Alberta Film Development Program (AFDP)	Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit Program	Manitoba Film and Video Production Tax Credit
Delivery Agency	Yukon Film and Sound Commission Phone: (867) 667-5400	Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture Phone: (780) 422-8580	SaskFilm and Video Development Corporation Phone: (306) 798-9800	Manitoba Film & Sound Phone: (204) 947-2040
Tax Credit Rates	Labour Rebate: 35% of eligible Yukon labour expenditures, to a maximum of 50% of total Yukon expenditures.	14%-21% of production expenses (not just labour) incurred in Alberta, dependent upon level of Albertan ownership (higher funding for equal/minority and majority Albertan ownership).	45% of eligible labour expenditures to a maximum of 50% of total eligible production costs.	45% of approved Manitoba labour expenditures.
Bonus Features	Travel Rebate: 50% rebate on cost of travel from Vancouver to Whitehorse (max. \$15,000) Training Incentive: 50% rebate of trainee wages at \$12./hr or 35% of trainee wages at scale.	Up to an additional 2% of production expenses per funding stream for employment of additional Albertan key creative personnel.	Regional Incentive: additional 5% of total Saskatchewan expenditures if at least 50% of principal photography shot at least 40 km outside Regina or Saskatoon. Training Incentive: additional 45% on wages of any non-resident who trains a SK resident (all job categories, above- and below-the-line) to a maximum of 25% of total labour costs. Additional 5% "Key Position" bonus for productions that attain 6 out of 10 points on hiring for key positions.	Regional Incentive: additional 5% if at least 50% of Manitoba production days shot at least 35 km from the centre of Winnipeg. Frequent Filming Incentive: additional 10% bonus on third film shot within 2 year period; producers can also access bonus by co-venturing with a company that has Frequent Filming Status. Manitoba Producer Incentive: additional 5% bonus for productions where a Manitoba resident receives credit as a Producer. Training Incentive: 45% tax credit for salaries paid to non-residents who work in technical, below-the-line positions, to a max. of 30% of total actual MB labour expenditures; must have 2 MB trainees per eligible non-resident (the non-residents do not have to deliver the training).
Eligible Companies or Individuals	Canadian taxable companies with a permanent establishment in Yukon whose primary business is film or video production.	Canadian taxable companies with a permanent establishment in Alberta whose primary business is film or video production. All projects must be supported with a broadcast license or a distribution agreement (in the case of theatrical releases) of fair market value. Distributors/broadcasters are <u>not</u> eligible.	Canadian taxable companies with a permanent establishment in Saskatchewan. Broadcasting/cable subsidiaries are <u>not</u> eligible.	Canadian taxable companies with a permanent establishment in Manitoba whose primary business is film or video production. Broadcasting/cable subsidiaries are eligible.
Project Criteria	Minimum 25% of total labour spend must be paid to Yukon-resident individuals and companies.	Alberta spend must be greater than \$25,000 (before GST). Applicants must provide written evidence of 65% confirmed financing at time of submission. Except with prior approval of AED, principal photography must not have commenced prior to submitting AFDP application. AB production costs required to be audited by an independent auditor.	Minimum 25% of salaries and wages paid to Saskatchewan residents.	Must be producing an eligible film. At least 25% of salaries and wages paid by production company must be paid to eligible Manitoba employees for work performed in Manitoba. Cdn. production costs required to be audited by an independent auditor.
Points for Certification	None	No CAVCO points or provincial points required.	No CAVCO or provincial points required.	No CAVCO or provincial points required.
Reduction by other assistance	Eligible Yukon labour reduced by government assistance (other than Telefilm, CTF, NFB and CBC funding, and Federal tax credits).	None - all production expenses consistent with the standards established by Telefilm Canada are eligible, as long as these were expended in Alberta.	Eligible production costs reduced by government assistance (other than Telefilm, CTF, NFB and CBC funding, and Federal tax credits).	Total Eligible Manitoba Labour costs reduced by government assistance (except for federal tax credits or Manitoba tax credits, equity funding from Telefilm or Canada TV Fund, or Manitoba or Canada TV Fund license fees).
Program Cap	None	None	None	None
Project Cap	50% of total Yukon spend.	Maximum funding available to any project is \$1.5M.	50% of total eligible budget.	None
Corporate Cap	None	None	None	None
User Fees	None	None	None	None

Jurisdiction	Ontario		Québec	
Program	Ontario Production Services Tax Credit (OPSTC)	Ontario Film & Television Tax Credit (OFTTC)	Refundable Tax Credit for Film or Television Production Services	Refundable Tax Credit for Québec Film and Television Productions
Delivery Agency	Ontario Media Development Corporation (OMDC) Phone: (416) 314-6858		Société de développement des Entreprises Culturelles (SODEC) Phone: (514) 841-2200	
Tax Credit Rates	25% of eligible Ontario labour expenditures.	35% of eligible labour expenditures.	25% of eligible Québec labour expenditures.	29.1667% of eligible labour costs, to a maximum of 50% of total eligible production costs.
Bonus Features	OCASE credit: Additional 20% of resident salaries (or 10% of payments to self-employed), who work in computer animation and special effects.	40% credit for first-time producers on first \$240,000 of eligible labour costs. OCASE credit: Additional 20% refundable tax credit for computer animation and special effects. Regional credit: Additional 10% credit for eligible Ontario labour when 85% of production shot outside GTA (minimum 5 location days in Ontario). Pre-production labour costs eligible depending on Production Commencement Time (PCT).	Additional 20% credit on wages of Québec residents doing computer animation and special effects work.	Bonus of 10.2083% for eligible computer animation and special effects expenses. Bonus rate for French-language films with higher Québec content and Giant-screen format: 39.375% of eligible labour (max. 50% of production costs). Regional Tax Credit Rate for films produced 25km or more outside Montreal: up to 48.5625% (max. 50% of production costs).
Eligible Companies or Individuals	Canadian taxable companies with a permanent establishment in Ontario whose primary business activity is film or video production. Production company must be copyright owner during production in Ontario or have contracted directly with copyright owner. Broadcasting/cable subsidiaries are eligible.	Ontario-based, Canadian-controlled companies whose primary business activity is the production of Canadian film or video. Broadcasting/cable subsidiaries are eligible but cannot be initial broadcaster of the program.	Canadian taxable companies with a permanent establishment in Québec whose principal business is film and TV production or production services. Not eligible: holder of a broadcasting licence issued by the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) or a company that is not at arm's length to such broadcaster in the 24 months preceding year of application.	Independent, Québec-based film or TV production companies. Must be directly controlled by QC residents for at least 2 yrs. prior to principal. Not eligible: holder of a broadcasting licence issued by CRTC, or a production company that is not at arm's length to such broadcaster in the 24 months preceding year of application, unless production company holds, for each taxation year, an eligibility certificate issued by SODEC.
Project Criteria	Feature Film: \$1 million minimum budget. Series/Pilot 30 min. or less: costs must exceed \$100,000 per episode. Series/Pilot 30 min. or longer: costs must exceed \$200,000 per episode.	Minimum 75% of costs must be paid to Ontario-resident individuals or companies for work performed in Ontario. Producer must be an Ontario resident. Must be shown in Ontario within 2 years by an Ontario-based film distributor or Canadian broadcaster in Prime Time. Company must own copyright for 25 years from completion.	Feature Film: \$1 million minimum budget. Series/Pilot 30 min. or less: costs must exceed \$100,000 per episode. Series/Pilot 30 min. or longer: costs must exceed \$200,000 per episode.	Minimum 75% of post-prod costs spent in Québec. Min. 75% of total prod costs paid to QC residents (not incl. key Québec-content staff, QC post-production and financing costs). Exemption from 75% requirement for giant-screen format films for expenses relating to production, and for post-production services not available in Québec.
Points for Certification	No CAVCO or provincial points required.	Must have at least 6 of 10 CAVCO Canadian content points.	No CAVCO or provincial points required.	If production exceeds 75 minutes, must have minimum 6 of 10 Québec content points.
Reduction by other assistance	Eligible labour base reduced by government or private assistance (other than Federal tax credit, CTF funding).	Total production costs reduced by deferrals and government or private assistance (other than Federal tax credit, CTF funding).	Labour reduced by other assistance to extent assistance is received in respect of eligible labour. Credit not available where production has received a tax credit for Québec Film and TV Productions.	Eligible production costs reduced by government and private assistance and deferrals (other than assistance from prescribed sources, incl. Telefilm, NFB, CTF and others).
Program Cap	None	None	None	None
Project Cap	None	None	None	\$2,187,500
Corporate Cap	None	None	None	None
User Fees	\$5,000 with a rebate available to productions with aggregate tax credit under \$25,000 (min. fee of \$1,000).	0.06% of total production costs (min. fee of \$100 and max. fee of \$5,000.)	\$3 for every \$1,000 of eligible labour up to \$1.5 million. \$1.75 per \$1,000 over \$1.5 million (minimum fee of \$350, maximum fee of \$25K).	\$1.75 for every \$1,000 of production costs (minimum fee of \$350, maximum fee of \$25K).

Jurisdiction	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia	PEI	Newfoundland and Labrador
Program	New Brunswick Film Tax Credit	Nova Scotia Film Industry Tax Credit	Innovation & Development Tax Credit for Film and Television	Film & Video Tax Credit
Delivery Agency	New Brunswick Film Phone: (506) 869-6868	Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation Phone: (902) 424-7177	Technology PEI Phone: (902) 368-5336	Nfld & Labrador Film Development Corporation Phone: (709) 738-3456
Tax Credit Rates	40% of eligible labour expenses incurred before January 1, 2008, to a maximum of 50% of total production costs.	Lesser of 50% of eligible labour expenditures to a maximum of 25% of total production costs	35% of 150% (52.5%) of eligible PEI labour expenditures.	Lesser of 40% of eligible Newfoundland and Labrador labour expenditures to a maximum of 25% of total production costs.
Bonus Features	Upon application, province may waive residency requirement for jobs where qualified NB residents cannot be found.	Regional Incentive: additional 10% for shooting outside metro Halifax, to a maximum of 30% of total production costs. Frequent Filming Incentive: additional 5% bonus on third film shot within 2 year period.	None	Deeming Provision: allows the residency requirement to be waived when a qualified resident person is not available and the non-resident person serves as a mentor of a resident of the province. In this case, 75% of the mentor's salary and 100% of the resident mentored person's salary is eligible for the tax credit.
Eligible Companies or Individuals	Canadian taxable companies with a permanent establishment in NB, but no requirement for NB headquarters, ownership or control (companies incorporated in the province are considered to have a permanent establishment in New Brunswick). Broadcasting/cable subsidiaries are <u>not</u> eligible.	Canadian taxable companies with a permanent establishment in Nova Scotia. Co-productions are eligible. Broadcasting/cable subsidiaries are <u>not</u> eligible.	PEI-controlled Canadian taxable companies with a permanent establishment in PEI whose principal business is film, video or television production. Broadcasting/cable subsidiaries are <u>not</u> eligible.	Canadian taxable companies with a permanent establishment in Newfoundland and Labrador. Broadcasting/cable subsidiaries are <u>not</u> eligible.
Project Criteria	Minimum 25% of labour costs paid to NB residents.	Minimum 25% of labour costs paid to NS residents (including personal service corporations and other labour expenditures). Also qualifying are wages and salaries paid to Nova Scotians for work outside the province.	Minimum 25% of salaries and wages paid to PEI residents for work done at least partially on PEI. Only first \$40,000 of any PEI-resident producer fees will be considered eligible labour.	At least 25% of salaries and wages must be paid in Newfoundland and Labrador to eligible employees. Currently developing criteria to include personal service corporations and local vendor labour. Cdn. production costs required to be audited by an independent auditor.
Points for Certification	No CAVCO or provincial points required.	No CAVCO or provincial points required.	No CAVCO or provincial points required.	No CAVCO or provincial points required.
Reduction by other assistance	Eligible total production costs reduced by assistance from NB provincial government agencies (but not by federal or other provincial credits/grants).	Total production costs reduced by government assistance. Not reduced by any other tax credits, federal or provincial, or government equity investments.	Tax credits reduced by government assistance other than federal or provincial film industry tax credits.	Total production costs reduced by government assistance (other than Federal and Newfoundland tax credits, Canada TV & Cable Fund, and recoupable government equity investments).
Program Cap	None	None	None	None
Project Cap	50% of total production costs.	17.5% of total production costs.	None	\$3 million / 12 month period
Corporate Cap	None	None	None	\$3 million / 12 month period
User Fees	None	0.2% of eligible NS labour + HST (minimum fee of \$200, maximum fee of \$2000).	None	None