



# Regulatory Modernization Red Tape Reduction Annual Report 2024-2025



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# Letters of Transmittal



The Honourable Warren Kaeding  
Minister of Trade and Export  
Development

Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

I respectfully submit the Regulatory Modernization Red Tape Reduction Annual Report for the Ministry of Trade and Export Development for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

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The Honourable Warren Kaeding  
Minister of Trade and Export Development



Jodi Banks  
Deputy Minister of Trade and  
Export Development

The Honourable Warren Kaeding  
Minister of Trade and Export Development

Dear Minister:

I have the honour of submitting the Regulatory Modernization Red Tape Reduction Annual Report for the Ministry of Trade and Export Development for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jodi Banks".

Jodi Banks  
Deputy Minister of Trade and Export Development

# From the Chair of the Red Tape Reduction Committee

As the Chair of the Government of Saskatchewan's Red Tape Reduction Committee (RTRC), I am pleased to present the 2024-25 Regulatory Modernization Red Tape Reduction Annual Report. This report demonstrates Saskatchewan's continued commitment to removing red tape in the province. It highlights the progress achieved over the past year, including a renewed focus on reducing burdens in key economic sectors, and our determination to continue advancing the success achieved to date.

Red tape reduction has been a major priority for this government for more than 10 years. This is demonstrated by the fact that Saskatchewan was the first province in Canada with a dedicated cabinet subcommittee. Through the hard work of the committee in identifying and removing regulatory burdens and improving government processes, red tape reduction has saved Saskatchewan businesses over \$692 million since 2014.

In 2024, the province marked 10 years of progress in modernizing regulations. With all business-related regulations now reviewed, the next phase of regulatory modernization will build on the progress achieved to date, with a renewed focus on removing barriers that hinder growth and opportunity across Saskatchewan. Our government remains committed to not only reviewing regulations themselves but also examining how they are implemented and applied. This work will include a comprehensive review of processes, policies, and tools across government organizations to ensure a transparent, consistent and client-friendly experience. Our coordinated, cross-government approach will address complex red tape issues that span multiple organizations, strengthening Saskatchewan's position as the best place to live, work and do business. By maintaining a clear focus on priorities, we will continue to foster an environment that makes Saskatchewan the most attractive destination for investment and opportunity.

Business and citizens are encouraged to share their feedback and identify red tape irritants through the [Help Cut Red Tape webpage](#), which continues to play a key role in modernizing regulatory requirements and minimizing regulatory burdens.



Through ongoing regulatory modernization and red tape reduction efforts, we are ensuring a strong, responsive government that supports Saskatchewan's Growth Plan goal of supporting small business growth. By continually reviewing business regulations, streamlining approval processes, and cutting unnecessary compliance requirements, we are making it easier for businesses and residents to succeed. Our work is not just about cutting red tape, it's about building better systems that support innovation, growth and prosperity while upholding the values and priorities that make Saskatchewan strong. By modernizing regulations and improving the way government operates, we are ensuring Saskatchewan remains the best place to live, work, invest, and do business— now and into the future.

The Honourable Daryl Harrison  
Chair of the Red Tape Reduction Committee

# Accountable Government

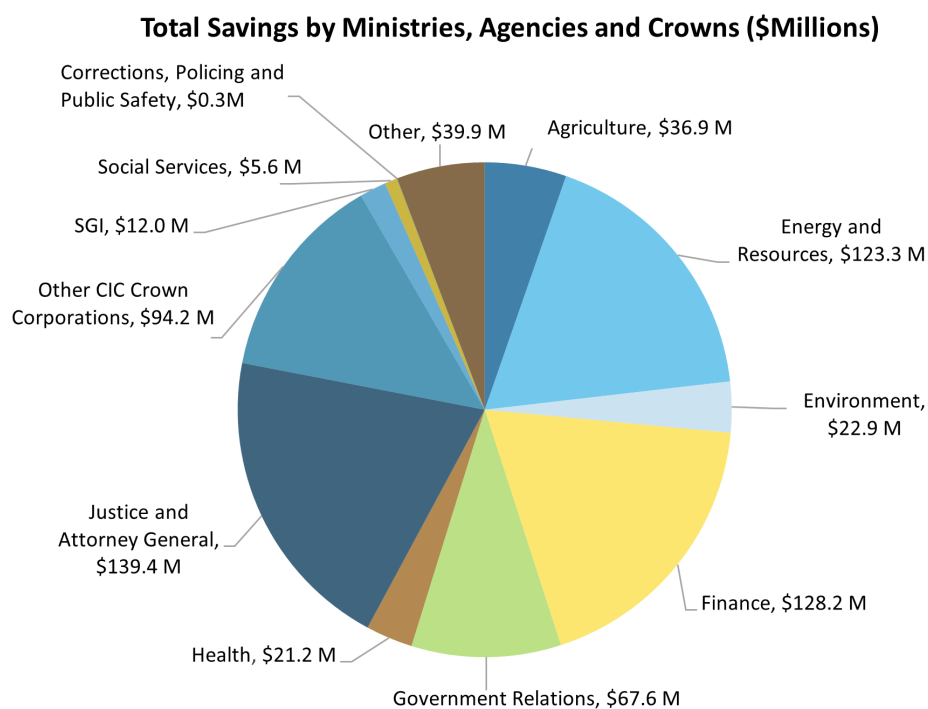
Since the establishment of the Red Tape Reduction Committee in 2014, Saskatchewan has made substantial progress in eliminating unnecessary compliance requirements and modernizing outdated regulations. These efforts have resulted in more than \$692 million in cumulative savings for businesses, helping reduce administrative burdens while preserving public safety and regulatory integrity. These savings are measured using the Direct Cost Estimator, a tool that quantifies the time and money saved by eliminating unnecessary regulatory requirements.

The Red Tape Reduction Committee has conducted a comprehensive review of hundreds of business-related regulations and thousands of compliance requirements. As a result, the province has consistently achieved its goal of saving Saskatchewan businesses \$10 to \$20 million annually. This work reflects a deliberate, data-informed approach to regulatory reform that prioritizes both economic growth and effective governance.

To engage directly with the public and identify everyday regulatory challenges, the province operates the Help Cut Red Tape webpage. This tool gives residents and business owners a simple way to report red tape and recommend improvements to make government services more efficient and user-friendly.

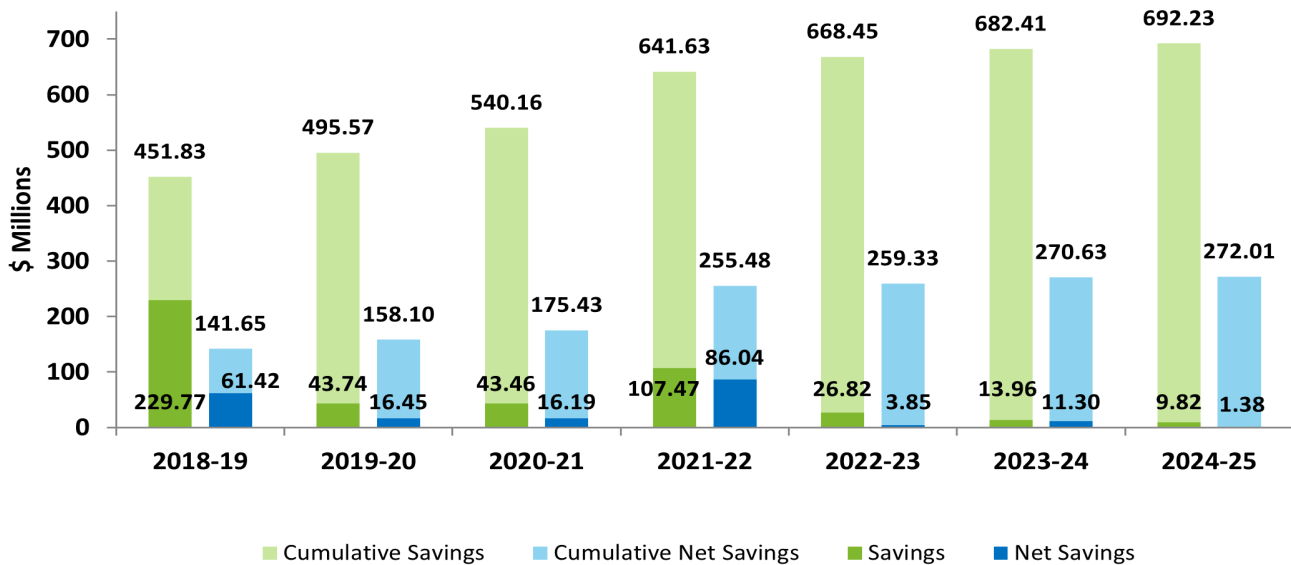
Further advancing these efforts, Saskatchewan has reaffirmed its role in the BizPaL service for regulators—a Canada-wide digital platform that streamlines the process of starting and operating a business by centralizing access to permits, licences, and regulatory requirements.

Over the past decade, red tape reduction has delivered tangible benefits, making it easier and more cost-effective to do business in the province. As Saskatchewan has surpassed a decade of progress, it also celebrates the real-world impact of regulatory modernization—supporting entrepreneurs, attracting investment, and supporting the province’s reputation as a great place to live, work, and grow a business.





### Regulatory Amendments Estimated Cost Savings (\$Millions)



\*Estimation over a 10-year period

Source: Regulatory Modernization Unit, Ministry of Trade and Development  
Last Updated March 31, 2025

NOTES:

\* The savings identified in this section are estimates intended to represent the effect of the change to stakeholders over a 10-year period. The estimates are based on the best available information (e.g., Statistics Canada data) and include the application of conservative assumptions for the future (including the application of inflation and net present value to the analysis). They are not intended to represent actual current or projected future savings.

Total savings are calculated at a point in time over a 10-year period to allow for consistency in reporting. For example, a reduction of fees for a stakeholder totaling \$100,000 in year one will translate into approximately \$1 million in savings over 10 years (not accounting for inflation and the discount value of a dollar).

Total savings include estimated savings for regulation change, program review, and continuous improvement initiatives.

# Ministry of Agriculture and Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation

## Irrigation Legislation Guide for Producers

A collaborative team including Water Security Agency, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport, as well as the Ministry of Agriculture, identified tools that were needed to help support the irrigation industry, producers and employees. The team developed the Irrigation Legislation Guide for Producers to provide producers one document that outlines the potential legislation requirements they may need to fulfill to develop an irrigation project. The Guide includes helpful resources and potential timelines involved for each requirement. This document will help ensure legislation is followed for the sustainability of the land and water, while balancing economic development.

## Crop Report Modernization - IT Upgrade

The Government of Saskatchewan produces a detailed Crop Report that provides valuable information on the province's agricultural conditions. This report includes data on crop yields, quality, and harvest progress, as well as insights into weather conditions and their impact on crops. It is compiled with the help of over 200 volunteer crop reporters from across the province. The new reporting tool improves data collection and processing, by addressing software issues and reducing risk of inaccurate information. The report helps farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses make informed decisions and plan for upcoming seasons.

## The Animal Production Act

The Animal Production Act and The Animal Production Regulations came into force July 1, 2024. The Act amalgamated four pieces of outdated legislation with eleven sets of regulations under the existing Acts, requiring a strategic update. Many of these regulations were inter-related and combined to streamline future updates and improve interpretation by the public. The regulations cover a variety of topics including animal and animal product inspections and licensing; livestock transportation; premises identification; stray livestock; and new wild boar farm requirements. The regulations were updated, simplified, and adjusted in response to industry, municipal and service provider feedback. Key outcomes of this legislative update include:

1. Reduced red tape by consolidating 10 regulations into one, repealing outdated regulations and removing outdated and unused provisions.
2. Increased flexibility for livestock producers in Saskatchewan to use new modes of technology or processes that meet their current and future needs.
3. Most livestock producers in the province did not see any cost increases to their operations as a result of these regulations.

Licence and inspection fees did not change from the previous legislation. Surety bond levels for livestock dealers were increased to provide better protection for producers when buying and selling livestock.

## **Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) Implements DocuSign**

The DocuSign project was initiated to improve operational efficiency at SCIC by using a platform that enables users to electronically sign documents and send documents for signature in a secure and efficient manner. It involves an easy and user-friendly platform, that makes it easy for SCIC to send forms to producers. More importantly, DocuSign delivers significant benefits to SCIC's customers. It is quicker, more cost effective and convenient for SCIC's customers. Documents are received instantly and can be reviewed, signed, and returned from any location, whether in the field or at home by using a phone, tablet, or computer. This convenience is especially valuable during peak periods or for those living in rural or remote areas. Using DocuSign cuts costs on printing, paper, stamps and employee time. Documents can also be entered directly into an internal queue for validation, saving steps for customer service staff who previously had to print, and scan signed paper documents into imaging. With built-in security features and an audit trail, producers can feel confident that their personal and business information is protected. SCIC had great success using this application for the Consent to Release information form. In 2024-25, DocuSign was used 4,126 times.

## **Ministry of Education**

### **MyCreds**

Official transcripts are now issued online through the MyCreds platform, providing a far more convenient and modern way to manage educational credentials. MyCreds offers a student-centered service that empowers individuals with direct oversight of their educational records while delivering noteworthy financial savings. By shifting away from traditional paper-based transcripts, costs for both students and taxpayers are reduced through the elimination of expensive mailing and courier fees. What used to take up to two weeks or more for a student to see their transcript, now takes minutes. This innovation allows ministry staff to focus on higher-level tasks, further enhancing services for Saskatchewan citizens.

### **Child Care Centre Development Webpage Update**

Early Learning Projects worked with the ministry's Communications Branch to develop a new webpage with a focus on child care centre development. The page includes new resources such as Centre Development Information Session, a Board of Directors Guiding Document, budget template and information session all with the intent of assisting citizens/organizations interested in child care centre development to make an informed decision as to their intentions. The new resources have seen a higher quality application package that results in less back and forth between the ministry and the client, thus expediting the process.

## **Ministry of Environment**

### **The Public Inquiries System Project (PINQ)**

The Public Inquiry (PINQ) system transformed how the Ministry of Environment receives, tracks and responds to public questions. PINQ replaced an outdated system and introduced a searchable online knowledge base integrated with saskatchewan.ca and Saskatchewan Account. Citizens now have access to accurate plain-language information and can contact the ministry more easily when answers aren't readily available. At the same time, PINQ equips staff with better tools to collaborate and respond, ensuring inquiries are handled efficiently, consistently and transparently. In its first three months of operation, PINQ supported over 1,400 public inquiries and created a clear, streamlined path between customers and government.

## Ministry of Energy and Resources

### The Mineral Tenure Registry Regulations

In July 2024, The Mineral Tenure Registry Regulations were amended to provide greater flexibility to industry in maintaining mineral dispositions in good standing. The changes aim to support exploration and development activity by recognizing the evolving realities of mineral exploration work.

The amended regulations increase the permitted portion of administrative costs that can be claimed toward annual expenditure requirements from 10 per cent to 15 per cent. This update reflects the growing importance and cost of administrative activities, such as community engagement and environmental studies, all of which contribute to advancing projects on Crown mineral land.

In addition, the amended regulations provide a mechanism for the Ministry of Energy and Resources to offer relief from expenditure requirements in exceptional cases where access to disposition lands is not possible due to circumstances beyond the disposition holder's control. This measure ensures fair consideration where genuine barriers to land access exist, while continuing to encourage active exploration and development.

### Well Survey Requirements Directive

In February 2025, the ministry introduced updates to the Well Survey Requirements Directive (Directive PNG003). The directive outlines what must be included in all survey plans, and the updates support the drilling of multi-lateral wells in Saskatchewan by helping make rules clearer, more consistent and easier to follow. The updated directive aligns better with related rules, such as those for horizontal drilling (Directive PNG006) and surface lease boundaries (Directive PNG004). It includes clearer terms, updated definitions and improved consistency in how information is labeled and submitted on well survey plans. These changes aim to reduce red tape where possible, while ensuring accurate and complete data reporting.



## **Faster Pipeline Licensing Process**

In February 2025, the ministry introduced a faster, simplified, and more efficient process for pipeline licence applications, helping reduce approval times. Routine applications submitted through the Integrated Resource Information System (IRIS) are now approved instantly upon submission. High-risk applications will still be reviewed but are subject to a post issuance review to ensure all safety and legal requirements are met.

This change saves time and reduces delay for companies working on lower-risk projects, while maintaining strong oversight for more complex applications. It also reduces administrative burden and processing delays without changing safety, design, or environmental protection requirements.

The ministry has been working towards modernizing how pipeline programs are delivered, and this update is another step toward greater efficiency and improved service.

## **Revised Associated Gas Combustor Standard**

In July 2024, the ministry published a revised Associated Gas Combustor Standard to improve clarity and simplify the approval process for enclosed combustors used on oil and gas sites.

The revised standard streamlines oversight for enclosed combustors on oil and gas sites by clarifying regulatory roles and responsibilities. The Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan is now responsible for approving the design and installation of enclosed combustors, while the ministry will continue to oversee their spacing, integrity and performance on site.

The updated standard also includes practical safety improvements, such as clearer expectations for the installation and maintenance of enclosed combustors, while removing notification requirements that reduce administrative steps. The changes make the approval process more efficient for industry, reduces administrative burden, and supports responsible resource development in the province.

## **Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan**

### **Canadian Securities Administrators' (CSA) Reducing Regulatory Burden Initiative**

As part of the CSA initiative to reduce regulatory burden, the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority participated in the Investment Fund Lapse Date Project. This work led to regulatory amendments that came into effect on March 3, 2025.

The amendments extend the prospectus lapse date for investment funds from 12 months to 24 months. This date is the point at which an investment fund's disclosure document (prospectus) expires and must be renewed to continue offering securities. By doubling the validity period, the amendments will reduce the time, effort, and costs for fund managers associated with annual filing requirements.

### **The Film Content Information Act and Regulations**

In consultation with film industry stakeholders, it was determined that the regulatory framework for film classification and exhibition required modernization. In response, The Film Content Information Act was developed to establish a new system to inform Saskatchewan consumers about film content. The Act removes the current requirements for mainstream films to be given age-based ratings by a classification authority. Instead, it requires film exhibitors to disclose relevant information to ensure that consumers continue to be provided with film content information to make informed viewing choices.

The new regulatory framework eliminates the film classification fees and registration, and filing requirements for film exhibitors and distributors, saving the industry approximately \$65,000 per year. The Act received Royal Assent on March 19, 2024, and is anticipated to be fully implemented and in force in 2025-26 once the regulations have been approved.

## Ministry of Finance

### Compliance Modernization Initiatives

The Ministry of Finance's Revenue Division oversees the assessment, administration and collection of taxes under The Revenue and Financial Services Act, while The Revenue Collection Administration Regulations provide detailed guidelines for administering the provisions of the Act.

Over the past year, the division has modernized its tax compliance strategy to address non-compliance and promote fairness among all taxpayers through fair tax collection practices and enhanced compliance activities. Amendments to The Tobacco Tax Regulations and The Summary Offences and Procedures Regulations, along with compliance activity improvements, have introduced a number of measures intended to address deliberate tax evaders, including those that have collected taxes from consumers. These measures prevent tax avoidance, clarify tax client obligations to reduce unintended tax-related behaviours, improve the ability to collect from deliberate evaders, and enhance penalties and fees.

To be ready to assist taxpayers with navigating these changes in 2025-26, the ministry has communicated information about these changes through our website, implemented system changes to automate functions and onboarded additional compliance personnel. Over the long term, enhancing compliance efforts will ensure a level playing field for all taxpayers, while ensuring tax revenue is available to fund essential services for Saskatchewan residents.



## Ministry of Government Relations

### Streamlining of Municipal Waterworks Reporting

Amendments to The Municipalities Regulations in 2024 reduced the administrative burden of municipal waterworks reporting. The reporting requirements were switched from a cash basis to an accrual basis, aligning with the standards used for municipal financial statements. Since many municipalities rely on financial statements for their waterworks reporting, this change makes it easier for them to report accurately. Requirements that certain documents be available for inspection at the municipal office were adjusted to reflect municipalities' circumstances — several documents are no longer required if they are not applicable to a specific municipality.

The requirement that municipalities submit an extensive annual waterworks report to the ministry was also removed. Instead, they can now simply submit a declaration that all required information about their waterworks has been made available to consumers. In situations where detailed information is needed, the ministry retains the right to have it submitted.

This change ensures that consumers and the ministry continue to have access to this important information, while reducing the administrative burden. The Direct Cost Estimator projects that this change will save the ministry \$2,093 per year in staff time, by collecting declarations from municipalities rather than full waterworks reports.

### Enabling Efficient Local Elections

Amendments made in November 2023 to The Local Government Election Regulations simplified forms used by municipalities and school boards to conduct their elections. The November 2024 general local elections were the first held since these amendments came into effect.



The amendments removed several prescribed forms, allowing local returning officers to adapt or redesign the forms to make it compatible with electronic record keeping. They also simplified the process for using a voters list in electronic formats and clarified that applications for mail-in ballots may be received electronically, including the use of electronic identification and signatures. Two cities used electronic voters lists in their 2024 elections. It is expected that more municipalities will follow suit in the next general elections.

The Direct Cost Estimator projects that the reduction in the use of prescribed forms will save the ministry \$500 per year in administrative costs. It also projects that the option to use electronic voters lists and receive electronic mail-in ballot applications could save municipalities up to \$2,400 in administrative costs every time an election is held.

## **Extending Property Tax Phase-in**

Legislation requires all properties in Saskatchewan to be revalued every four years to help keep assessments current with property values that change over time. In 2025, all property assessments will be updated to reflect values as of January 1, 2023. While municipalities have tax tools such as mill rate factors, minimum, and base tax to help redistribute the cost of public services and property taxes within their tax bases, the Ministry of Government Relations heard many municipalities struggle with mitigating the inequities and tax increases that can occur in their communities.

Legislative amendments that came into force on January 1, 2025, allow all municipalities to phase-in changes in municipal taxes that occur as a result of a revaluation over a maximum of four years. Previously, only cities had this ability, some of which have used the authority to cushion large increases in property taxes for certain property types or classes. Tax phase-in is one more tool in a municipality's toolbox to ensure fair and equitable property taxation for their residents and ratepayers.

## **Electronic Meeting Provisions for Municipalities**

Virtual meetings have become more commonplace. The changes to legislation update the rules to account for modern virtual tools. This makes it clear that municipalities have flexibility to determine the meeting format to meet their needs. For example, it is possible for some council members to join electronically, while others are meeting in person. It is also possible for a meeting to occur with everyone attending virtually. The changes clarify that the administrator does not need to attend meetings in person. Municipalities can adopt a bylaw with more specific meeting procedures that work best for them. Members of the public still must be provided a place to listen and view the meeting as it is occurring. These changes ensure the public is notified if a meeting will be held electronically and ensures that the meeting is accessible.

## **Improving How City Wards are Established**

Cities that use a ward system for elections must ensure the population in a ward does not vary by more than a set amount from the average population of all the wards. Those with consistent population growth need to commission ward reviews before every municipal election to comply with the allowable population variance.

Frequent boundary changes can have a negative effect on voter awareness and cause confusion. If the maximum variance is too low, ward commissions also have limited options for determining new boundaries. To help alleviate these issues, the allowable population variance was placed in regulation instead of legislation and increased to 15 per cent from 10 per cent. This is consistent with the range of allowable variances for other cities across Canada.

This complements earlier changes that allow cities and their ward commissions to more easily use population counts and projections other than census data, such as health population and city planning data, in determining ward boundaries. Three cities currently use wards: Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert. The changes came into force on January 1, 2025 and are now in place for the next municipal elections in 2028.

## Ministry of Health

### Red Tape Review of The Mental Health Services Regulations

Following consultation, the Ministry of Health has identified red tape within The Mental Health Services Regulations forms. Forms prescribed in the regulations are repetitive, overly complex, and confusing for stakeholders. As of December 2024, the ministry updated 11 of these documents in the regulations to streamline administrative processes. The updates include forms B, C, H.2, H.5, H.6, J, K, L.1, L.2, L.3, M. These have been distributed and are available on [saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca).

## Ministry of Highways

### The Down Sign Reporting Program

Traffic signs are needed to ensure the safe, orderly, and efficient movement of vehicles. The Ministry of Highways uses an asset management software to keep an inventory of highway assets including highway signs and a repair tracking database. This database has been in use for over 10 years and maintains data on 127,000 signs on over 75,000 structures across the province.

The ministry has developed a new process for reporting damaged or downed signs. GIS specialists used existing data in the asset management database and synced it with a cell phone application that they developed to report down or damaged signs.

The new application shows a live map and the signs that require attention. The operator no longer needs to stop the vehicle to check the reported status of a down sign. When one needs to be reported down, the application tells them what the sign is and adds a space for comments if the sign is missing or damaged. Once entered, the database is updated, and the operators can schedule the repair and order a sign for their next scheduled work at that location.



## **Improving Civic Address Signage**

In November 2024, Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency and the Ministry of Highways collaborated with the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) to update SARM's Civic Address Signage Policy. The goal was to better align sign standards for civic addresses to improve readability and consistency.

The civic addressing system enhances public safety by providing more precise location information. Civic addresses are based on 40-metre intervals along the road, unlike legal land descriptions that only reference the centre of a quarter section. Civic addresses pinpoint the access point to a property. This added detail is critical in emergencies, especially in rural Saskatchewan, where multiple residences share the same quarter section, or corner properties adjacent to two different roads. Under the previous 2015 SARM policy, text on signs occupied the full height of the blade, leaving no room to include road names that aid in identifying access points. In February 2025, SARM revised its policy, adjusting to two lines of text with a combined height of 150 mm (5.75 inches). This change allows inclusion of road names while meeting provincial readability standards. Existing signs will be grandfathered so that municipalities do not incur further costs. New or replacement signs will follow the updated specifications.

## **Improved Vendor Procurement on SaskTenders**

The Ministry of Highways in collaboration with the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement developed a new process to reduce red tape in the procurement process while improving service to vendors, especially small and local suppliers. The Ministry of Highways requires several specific goods and services on a continual basis (i.e. equipment attachments, signposts, graters, portable storage units, welding services, etc.). To save time for both the ministries and vendors, a two-stage approach for procurement was established.

Goods and services frequently needed by the Ministry of Highways are now continuously posted on the SaskTender's website. Vendors can now submit their qualifications at any time to become pre-qualified, rather than trying to complete their application to meet strict deadlines. Vendors who meet the established criteria - such as being an authorized dealer or holding a welding certification are added to a prequalified list. When the ministry needs that good or service, a second-stage competition is held among the prequalified vendors.

This process has significantly reduced paperwork for both vendors and government staff, while ensuring procurement remains competitive and transparent.

## **Highway Hotline Road Condition**

Saskatchewan's Highway Hotline has updated the terminology it uses to describe winter driving conditions. The new terminology offers more clear and concise messaging that will help drivers make decisions about winter travel. The updated language is more consistent with neighbouring provinces, making the Highway Hotline easier to use for people traveling across western Canada.

## **Ministry of Immigration and Career Training**

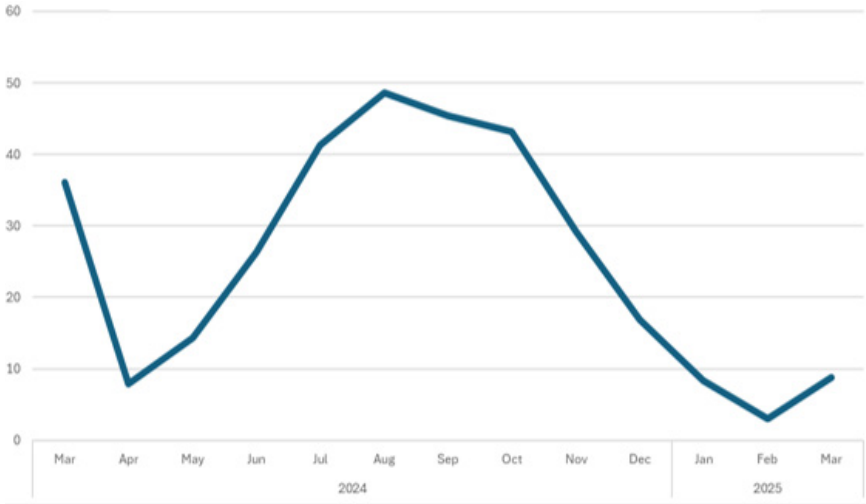
### **SINP Second Review Inventory and Processing Time**

The Ministry of Immigration and Career Training addressed a backlog of Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP) Second Review applications by dedicating full-time resources to the Second Review inventory. This included reallocating staff to initiate a focused drive to clear out the inventory in October 2024 and implementing a fee for human capital requests.

Prior to this transition, Second Review requests could take upwards of a year, creating uncertainty for clients wishing to immigrate to Saskatchewan and employers looking to hire foreign workers. The inventory has dropped from over 350 Second Review requests to less than 10 requests at any given time. A four-month service standard to process Second Reviews has also been implemented with requests being consistently processed faster than the service standard.

The new \$250 fee for Second Review requests for human capital applications is intended to recover the costs of processing a Second Review and discourage applicants from submitting appeals without a valid reason to do so. If the initial ineligible decision is overturned during Second Review, the fee is refunded to the applicant.

**Average Second Review Processing Times by Period Completed (Weeks)**



**The Canadian Adult Education Credential**

The Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC) has replaced the GED®. The CAEC provides Saskatchewan residents with the opportunity to obtain a credential that identifies their level of high school academic achievement. It can be used to meet educational requirements of employment, or to pursue higher education, including apprenticeship. It supports the Saskatchewan Labour Market Strategy by providing a pathway for residents who need a high school equivalency to attach to the labour market or to access skill development training and apprenticeship programs.

The CAEC was developed using recent economic research to meet the needs of our changing workforce development requirements. The CAEC is comprised of five individual assessments in Math, Language Arts (Reading), Language Arts (Writing), Science and Social Studies.

Administrative processes have been streamlined to improve client service, including new application forms and recognition of prior learning towards CAEC. There is no fee to write CAEC tests in Saskatchewan as the cost of \$30 per test is fully subsidized by the Government of Saskatchewan.

While there is a reduction in revenue from exam fees, CAEC testing is both less expensive and administratively simpler resulting in overall cost savings. Eligible individuals can write CAEC tests at any of the approved Testing Centres (for example, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Regional Colleges).

## **Ministry of Justice and Attorney General**

### **Public Registries Enhancement**

*The Miscellaneous Statutes (Public Registries Enhancement) Amendment Act, 2024 and The Miscellaneous Statutes (Public Registries Enhancement) Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) bilingual.*

These Acts were introduced in Fall 2024 and will come into force on Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. These two Acts will implement legislative amendments across 12 Acts related to various public registries to enhance operation and eliminate obsolete registration requirements.

### **Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority**

#### **Delegation of On-Reserve Gambling Registration and Regulation**

To reduce the amount of administrative burden associated with applying for and processing a Medical Laboratory License on an annual basis, an internal policy was amended to extend licenses to be issued for up to a three-year period. The policy change better aligns with legislation that allows for a license to be issued for up to a three-year period and removes an unnecessary compliance requirement, while ensuring medical laboratories adhere to the regulatory, quality, safety, accreditation program standards, and other licensure requirements.

### **SaskEnergy**

#### **Landlord Module - Customer Portal**

To best serve its customers, SaskEnergy launched a new Landlord Module within its Customer Portal. This innovative module provides landlords with a streamlined online platform to efficiently manage their services and landlord transfer agreements. Additionally, it offers comprehensive access to all billing and usage information in one centralized location, enhancing the overall management experience for landlords.

#### **SaskEnergy Customer Welcome Package**

SaskEnergy's Welcome Package offers new customers easy access to essential information needed to manage their accounts, while emphasizing the advantages of SaskEnergy's services. The package includes comprehensive details on enrollment for online accounts, payment plans, and paperless billing. Additionally, it provides thorough explanations to help customers understand their energy consumption and billing statements.

#### **Improved Demolition and Alteration Process**

Customer journey mapping sessions have identified issues within the Demolition and Alteration customer experiences, including the lack of a standardized process across the province. This inconsistency has led to excessive truck rolls and increased customer frustration. To address these issues, SaskEnergy has optimized its processes, enhancing both business operations and customer experience. This optimization is expected to improve customer satisfaction and reduce operational costs. By streamlining interactions, SaskEnergy ensures that customers receive all necessary information with fewer touchpoints. Consequently, SaskEnergy anticipates significantly reducing customer contacts through truck rolls and calls, leading to fewer interactions and more efficient service delivery.

## **Joint Infrastructure Installation Program**

Following the issuance of a request for proposal, SaskEnergy, SaskPower, and SaskTel collaborated to award Hundseth Power Line Construction a contract for joint installation services for residential customers in Saskatoon and Regina. By providing joint installation services, the three Crown Corporations effectively minimize construction costs and reduce the time required to build new homes. For the 2024-25 period, SaskEnergy achieved cost savings of \$2,346,500, based on a calculation of \$1,900 savings per installation. Under this program, Hundseth Power Line Construction completed 1,235 installations for SaskEnergy.

## **Ministry of Social Services**

### **Enhanced Group Home and Approved Private Service Home Tracking**

The ministry tracks all licensing activities and has recently undertaken work to develop and implement centralized licensing tracking and dashboards as part of this work.

This improved tracking, monitoring, and reporting ensures disability programs staff have the appropriate access to live data for evidence-based decision making. It reduces reliance on siloed data sets to support improved tracking over time. This work improves the health and safety outcomes for clients living in licensed homes across the province.

The centralized dataset will result in less time spent collecting and compiling information from multiple sources into a single chart to display. The associated dashboards will allow users to filter and toggle data relevant to regions, service providers or specific homes, and have it displayed in a consistent way. Quicker access to information promotes a more proactive and timely approach to implementing changes to service delivery and will ensure quality services are delivered to clients.

## **Tourism Saskatchewan**

### **Tourism Saskatchewan/Prairies Economic Development Canada (PrairiesCan) Partnership**

These two organizations partnered to deliver the Tourism Growth Program in Saskatchewan. Previously, they worked separately, often with the same businesses, but without discussion or collaboration. A new partnership was formed to deliver the Tourism Growth Program in Saskatchewan with shared resources and a collaborative approach to jointly work with businesses. Two separate application processes and associated follow up reporting were reduced to singular applications and reports. These changes resulted in a seamless process for clients, reducing time and effort to participate, creating efficiencies and improving service delivery.

### **Saskatchewan/Manitoba Combined Tourism Services**

Tourism Saskatchewan is working collaboratively with Travel Manitoba to deliver tourism services, business consulting and training in the Creighton/Flin Flon area. This new project has reduced confusion regarding provincial jurisdictions and increased opportunities for tourism businesses through combined programming, resulting in significant improvements in service delivery and efficiencies by reducing duplicate work. Consistent information is now shared between tourism businesses in both communities.

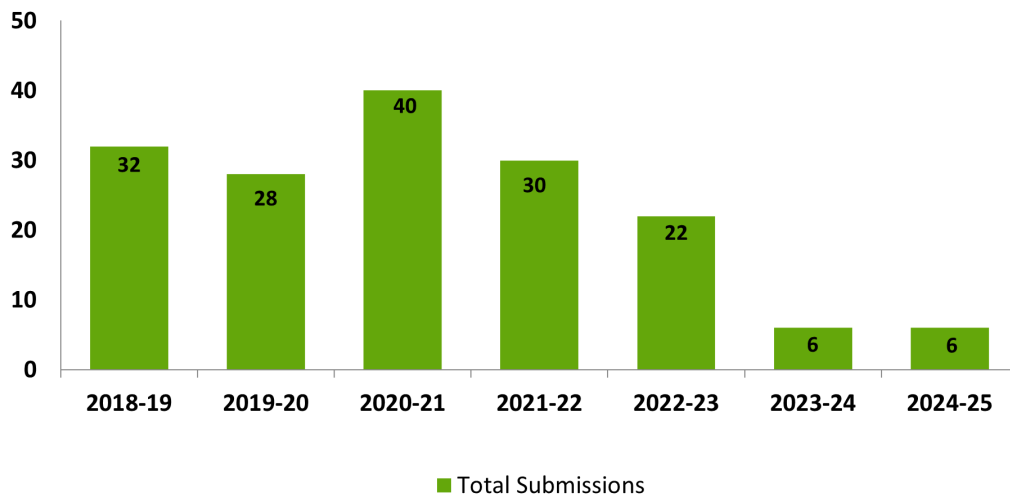
# Help Cut Red Tape Webpage

Saskatchewan’s [Help Cut Red Tape webpage](#) plays a key role in the province’s efforts to identify and address regulatory barriers. The citizen-focused platform allows individuals and businesses to report specific red tape irritants and contribute directly to improving government services. The site also offers educational resources on red tape and provides access to all previously published annual reports.

Submissions received through the webpage are reviewed by the Regulatory Modernization Unit within the Ministry of Trade and Export Development. If a concern falls within provincial jurisdiction and is identified as a regulatory issue, the ministry collaborates with the responsible government organization to determine appropriate next steps. If the issue falls outside provincial authority, such as federal or municipal matters, the ministry makes every effort to share the concern with the relevant organization.

Every submission is reviewed carefully and overseen by the Red Tape Reduction Committee, reinforcing the province’s commitment to public engagement and ongoing regulatory improvement. The [Help Cut Red Tape webpage](#) continues to exceed expectations with over 17,317 visits and 164 submissions as of 2024-25. This year, the public submitted six red tape concerns, all of which were addressed.

**Help Cut Red Tape Submissions**



*\*The Help Cut Red Tape website was launched in January 2019. Full-year data for 2018-19 is unavailable.*

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# Conclusion

The 2024-25 fiscal year marks the beginning of a new phase in Saskatchewan's regulatory modernization efforts, following a decade of sustained red tape reduction. The next phase of regulatory modernization is taking a priority-driven approach to red tape reduction, with a broader scope beyond reviewing business-related regulations. It will look at legislation and regulations as well as standards, policies, procedures and processes. By continually reviewing business regulations, streamlining approval processes, and cutting unnecessary compliance requirements, ministries, agencies and Crowns are making it easier for businesses and residents to succeed.

Regulatory modernization remains a top priority to improve on Saskatchewan's advantages and strengthen its business-friendly environment. This ongoing work supports the Growth Plan's goal of removing barriers for all businesses, ensuring a strong and resilient economy now and into the future.



