

2009 Federal Budget Highlights

- **Business Measures:**
 - Small business limit increase (CCPCs) eligible limit income now \$500,000
 - SR&ED enhanced refundable tax credit of 35% on first \$3 million
 - 100% CCA on computer hardware and software before Feb. 1 2011
 - EI rates frozen until 2011
 - Changes in international interest deductibility
 - Non-resident Trusts “NRT” and “FIE” will be reviewed
- **Personal Measures:**
 - Basic personal amount, spousal, and dependant increased to \$10,320
 - 1st tax bracket (i.e. 15%) upper limit increased to \$40,726 from \$37,885
 - 2nd tax bracket (i.e. 22%) upper limit increased to \$81,452 from \$75,769
 - Age credit increased to \$6,408 from \$5,276
 - (*New*) Home renovation credit of 15% in excess of \$1000 max \$10,000
 - Home Buyer withdrawal from RRSP increased to \$25,000 from \$20,000
 - (*New*) Home Buyer credit tax credit of \$750
 - (*New*) RRSP/RRIF post death losses available for carry back
 - Mineral Exploration tax credit extended to March 31, 2010
 - Child tax benefit increased income level phase out at \$40,726
 - Working income tax benefit doubled
- **Sales Tax Measures:**
 - Simplified method for direct selling industry
- **Custom Tariff Measures:**
 - Imported machinery and equipment from outside N.A. to be eliminated
- **Other Measures:**
 - Mandatory electronic filing for corporation with revenues in excess \$1 million with penalties filing in an incorrect format
 - Work-sharing agreements extended to 52 weeks
 - More funding to green energy projects
 - More funding for National Research Council Industrial Research Program
 - New Southern Ontario Development Agency
 - More funding for Canadian Youth Business Foundation
 - Increase in Small Business Financing Program
 - Government purchase \$12 billion asset-backed securities from financial institutions
 - Capital increase of 1.5 billion each in Export and Development Corporations