



2022 Golden Scissors Award

2022 Golden Scissors Award Winner: Alberta



Labour mobility

Winner: Government of Alberta (via Premier Jason Kenney, Minister of Labour Tyler Shandro and Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction Tanya Fir)

The Government of Alberta received a Golden Scissors Award for Bill 49 – the *Labour Mobility Act*, which makes it easier to recognize out-of-province certifications in more than 100 regulated occupations, including optometrists, dental assistants, pharmacists, firefighters, veterinarians, social workers, accountants, and engineers. Now people in these occupations can start working in the province without having to undergo additional exams, education, or re-certification.

Alberta is also the first province in Canada to legislate a time frame – 20 days – for bodies such as the college of nurses to approve the credentials of out-of-province professionals. The legislation also streamlines the number of documents that applicants need to submit for approval. This will allow registered nurses, pharmacists, dental assistants and midwives from other provinces to start working in Alberta with fewer headaches for and no reduction in standards for the province – a win for both the professionals and the public they serve.



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2022 Golden Scissors Award Winner: Nova Scotia



Freeing up doctors' time

Winner: Government of Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia wins its award for the *Reducing Physician Administrative Burden Initiative*. The initiative started with a direct survey of doctors to help identify the overall red tape burden and quantify how much was unnecessary (such as duplicate paperwork, and antiquated procedures).

The province's Office of Regulatory Affairs and Service Effectiveness worked with doctors to determine that 38 per cent of the administrative work done by doctors is unnecessary, adding up to over 500,000 hours a year. This is the equivalent of 1.5 million patient visits. Not surprisingly, doctors report that medical red tape contributes to burnout and reduces the enjoyment they get from their work.

Nova Scotia is now using this information to make improvements to the healthcare system. Early wins include allowing doctors to work across health zones and simplifying a very cumbersome form they need to fill out in order for patients to access social assistance.



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2022 Golden Scissors Award Honourable Mention: Quebec

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Annual red tape reduction legislation

Honourable mention: Government of Quebec (via Ms. Lucie Lecours, Minister Delegate for the Economy and Mr. Youri Chassin, MNA for Saint-Jérôme and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economy and Innovation (regulatory streamlining component)).

Honorable mention was awarded to the Government of Quebec to recognize its efforts to reduce red tape. In particular, the government's tabling and adoptions of *Bill 103, An Act to amend various legislative provisions mainly for the purpose of reducing red tape*, and the commitment to introduce red tape reduction legislation annually.

The Government of Quebec has made significant efforts in the past to reduce red tape for small businesses, but it has never gone so far by tabling a specific bill to speed up action. With a bill tabled annually, small businesses will be able to submit their red tape irritants and see the progress of government changes every year. This is a new step taken to further reduce red tape and free up time for business owners.

