



Federal Support to Provinces and Territories

Major Federal Transfers

The Government of Canada provides significant financial support to provincial and territorial governments on an ongoing basis to assist them in the provision of programs and services. There are four main transfer programs: the Canada Health Transfer (CHT), the Canada Social Transfer (CST), Equalization and Territorial Formula Financing (TFF).

The CHT and CST are federal transfers which support specific policy areas such as health care, post-secondary education, social assistance and social services, early childhood development and child care.

The Equalization and TFF programs provide unconditional transfers to the provinces and territories. Equalization enables less prosperous provincial governments to provide their residents with public services that are reasonably comparable to those in other provinces, at reasonably comparable levels of taxation. TFF provides territorial governments with funding to support public services, in recognition of the higher cost of providing programs and services in the north.

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The Canada Health Transfer and the Canada Social Transfer

- [Canada Health Transfer](#) (December 2012)
- [Canada Social Transfer](#) (December 2012)
- [History of the Health and Social Transfers](#) (December 2014)
- [Federal Investments in Health Care](#) (September 2012)
- [Federal Support for Child Care](#) (November 2012)
- [Federal Support for Diagnostic and Medical Equipment](#)

Equalization and Territorial Formula Financing

- [Equalization Program](#) (December 2012)
[Associated Equalization](#) (December 2012)
- [Territorial Formula Financing](#) (December 2012)
[Territorial Borrowing Limits](#) (April 2012)

Other Transfers

- [Federal Trust Funds](#)
- [Nova Scotia Offshore Arrangements](#)
- [Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Arrangements](#)
- [Quebec Abatement](#) (December 2015)

Fiscal Balance

- [Budget 2007 Companion Paper - Restoring Fiscal Balance for a Stronger Federation](#)
- [Budget 2006 Companion Paper - Restoring Fiscal Balance in Canada](#)
- [Federal Initiatives in Support of Post-Secondary Education, Public Transit and Affordable Housing \(C-48\)](#) (May 2011)

Related Links

- [Minister Morneau Announces \\$250 Million Stabilization Payment to Alberta](#) (2016-02-23)
- [Minister Morneau Announces Measures to Improve Territorial Formula Financing](#) (2016-02-16)
- [Finance Ministers Meet to Grow the Economy](#) (2015-12-20)
- [Canada's Finance Ministers Meeting to Deliver Real Change for Canadians](#) (2015-12-08)

- Expert Panel on Equalization and Territorial Formula Financing
- Council of the Federation
- Provincial and Territorial Departments of Finance
- Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act