

## POLITICAL PARTIES' POLICY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The 2025 Federal general election will take place on Monday, April 28, 2025. This summary sets out the key themes and policies announced to date. All language, where possible, is pulled directly from party platforms, websites, or announcements - for clarity, consistency, and tone purposes.

### Liberal Party:

- **Housing and Infrastructure:**
  - Create Build Canada Homes (BCH) to get the government to act as a developer to build affordable housing at a large scale and provide \$25 billion in financing to innovative prefabricated home builders in Canada.
  - Provide \$10 billion in low-cost financing and capital to affordable home builders.
  - Reintroducing a tax incentive (1970s Multiple Unit Rental Building Program) to spur tens of thousands of rental housing across the country.
  - Removal of federal sales tax (GST) on new homes up to \$1 million.
  - Cut municipal development charges in half for multi-unit residential housing for a period of five years to lower the cost of homebuilding and make housing more affordable.
  - NEW: Make buildings more accessible by increasing funding to the Enabling Accessibility Fund to ensure that workplaces are accessible and incorporating more barrier-free and barrier-free ready designs into upcoming housing catalogues and into Canada's building efforts so that new housing is accessible to all Canadians.
  - NEW: \$4 billion to build critical health infrastructure like hospitals, clinics, and long-term care facilities by working with provinces and territories.
- **Economic Measures:**
  - Cancelling the consumer carbon tax.
  - Income tax-cut for middle-class families up to \$825 annually, or 1% reduction on marginal tax rate.
  - Increase the Guaranteed Income Supplement by 5% for one year, providing up to \$652 more to low-income seniors, tax-free.
  - NEW: Protect Canadians' retirement savings from volatile market conditions by reducing the minimum amount that must be withdrawn from a Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) by 25% for one year.
  - NEW: Get Canadians the benefits they deserve by delivering automatic tax filing starting with low-income households and seniors.
- **Immigration:**
  - NEW: Return immigration to sustainable levels by capping the total number of temporary workers and international students to less than 5% of Canada's population by the end of 2027.
  - NEW: Stabilize permanent resident admissions at less than 1% of Canada's population annually beyond 2027 with a focus on attracting top global talent that will drive economic growth and prosperity.
  - NEW: Continue to respect that immigration, both permanent and temporary, is a shared responsibility with the Government of Quebec.

- NEW: Work with provinces and territories to streamline and speed up recognition of foreign credentials and international professional experience, so that those who come to Canada can contribute their skills to the economy more quickly upon arrival.
- Workforce:
  - NEW: Achieve mutual recognition of credentials with provinces and territories so Canadians can work wherever they want. This includes health professional credentials. In cases where mutual recognition is not attainable, we will harmonize regulations to enhance labour mobility.
  - NEW: Provide Personal Support Workers (PSWs) with up to \$1,100 a year by immediately legislating a refundable Health Care Workers Hero Tax Credit.
  - NEW: Support training for nurses, PSWs, and teachers by expanding the Union Training and Innovation Program (UTIP) to include training spaces.
  - NEW: Continue to advance the National Caregiving Strategy.

### **Conservative Party:**

- Housing:
  - Removal of the federal sales tax (GST) on new homes up to \$1.3 million.
  - Incentivize municipalities to cut building taxes: For every dollar of relief a municipality offers in development charges, a Conservative government will reimburse 50%, up to a maximum of \$50,000 in savings for new homebuyers.
  - NEW: Ban drug dens within 500 metres of schools, parks, and seniors' homes and impose strict new oversight rules to ensure they are pathways for treatment and recovery.
  - NEW: Establish a 60-day standard that CMHC executives must meet for approving or rejecting affordable housing financing applications.
  - NEW: Remove onerous CMHC program eligibility requirements to make it easier for homebuilders to access the benefits of affordable housing funding.
  - NEW: Returning CMHC operating expenses back to 2015 Levels.
  - NEW: Simplify and harmonize the National Building Code to make it more affordable to build safely, with maximum flexibility for new materials and new building methods.
- Infrastructure:
  - Creation of a National Energy Corridor to fast-track approvals for transmission lines, railways, pipelines, and other critical infrastructure in a pre-approved transport corridor within Canada.
- Economic Measures:
  - Axing the GST on Canadian-made automobiles.
  - Income tax-cut for middle-class families up to \$1800 annually, or 2.25% reduction on marginal tax rate.
  - NEW: Making the caregiver tax credit refundable.
- Workforce:
  - NEW: Require union LMIA pre-checks, ensuring unions get consulted before employers hire temporary foreign workers, to protect Canadian jobs.
  - NEW: Working with provinces to create nationally recognized licenses for doctors, nurses, early childhood educators, and other professions.

- NEW: Funding 1,000 Autism Support Worker training spots annually to better support students, families, and schools.
- Seniors:
  - Allow working seniors to earn up to \$34,000 tax free—\$10k more than now.
  - Allow seniors the option of keeping savings growing in RRSPs until age 73, up from 71.
  - Protect OAS, GIS & CPP by keeping the retirement age at 65.
  - NEW: Stop scams targeting seniors by passing the Stop Scamming Seniors Act.

## **New Democratic Party (NDP):**

- Housing:
  - Set aside 100% of suitable federal crown land to build over 100,000 rent-controlled homes by 2035.
  - Publicly finance new construction – with a new Community Housing Bank to partner with non-profit developers, co-ops, and Indigenous communities.
  - Train 100,000 more people including newcomers, and people displaced by Donald Trump’s trade war in skilled trades and improve working conditions.
  - Ban corporations from buying existing affordable rental buildings
  - Cut off handouts – including low-interest federal loans, preferential tax treatment and mortgage loan insurance - for big corporate landlords who gouge their tenants
  - Boost the Rental Protection Fund – to help non-profits purchase affordable apartments when they come onto the market.
  - Create the Canadian Homes Transfer, a transfer of \$8 billion over four years to build 3 million new homes, including non-market and affordable housing. To make sure cities build affordable homes quickly, the fund will:
    - Require cities to allow more multi-unit homes in all neighbourhoods.
    - Speed up permits and approvals so homes can get built faster.
    - Freezing the increase on development charges and working with provinces to halve development charges that hold up construction.
  - NEW: Modernize the Energy Efficiency Act, update the National Building Code including cooling requirements and safe maximum indoor temperature limits, and develop an effective federal emissions performance standard for large buildings.
- Infrastructure:
  - Introduce a Build Canadian, Buy Canadian plan that:
    - Use 100% Canadian steel in all federally funded projects.
    - Ban U.S. companies from federal procurement contracts as long as they are targeting Canadian goods with tariffs.
    - Prioritize Canadian unionized firms in public project bidding.
    - Increase Canadian content requirements for all federally funded projects.
- Workforce
  - NEW: Implementing a pan-Canadian licensure, to help medical professionals practice where they are needed across the country.
- Economic Measures:
  - Lift all seniors out of poverty by raising the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).
  - Permanently remove the GST from essentials like grocery store meals, diapers and strollers, plus monthly bills including cell, internet and heating bills.

- NEW: Raise the basic personal amount to \$19,500 to allow workers to earn more before starting to pay taxes. This would put \$505 back in the pockets of those earning between \$19,500 and \$177,882.
- Seniors
  - Lift all seniors out of poverty by raising the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).

### **Bloc Québécois:**

- Housing:
  - The Bloc Québécois will demand that the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) offer mortgage loan insurance for senior residences with fewer than 50 units located outside major urban centers and invest in renovating existing residences to help seniors remain in their communities.
  - Demand the unconditional transfer to Quebec of all sums invested in housing, an exclusive Quebec jurisdiction, as unanimously demanded by the Quebec National Assembly.
  - Push the federal government to review its definition of “affordable housing” so that it finally funds the construction of housing that is truly affordable according to the markets in different regions.
- Immigration:
  - The Bloc Québécois demands the transfer of all immigration powers to Quebec, including control over the International Mobility Program.
  - The Bloc Québécois insists that the federal government consult Quebec and other provinces to align immigration targets with their capacity to accommodate newcomers.
  - The Bloc Québécois will work to obtain open sectoral and regional work permits for temporary foreign workers.
- Seniors:
  - Raise the old age pension for people aged 65 to 74 by 10% and put an end to the two classes of seniors, a discriminatory measure inflicted by the last Liberal government, in addition to raising the threshold allowing people receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement to work more without penalty to their benefits.