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PROGRAM	MINISTRY	PROGRAM FOCUS	TYPE / DESCRIPTION	HOW IT WORKS	KEY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	LINK / FURTHER DETAILS
Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit (ATTC)	Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) / Ministry of Finance	Support for employers or sponsors to hire & train apprentices	Refundable tax credit. It is available to employers who hire and train apprentices in certain skilled trades during the first 48 months of an apprenticeship program. Maximum of \$10,000 per qualifying apprentice per taxation year up to 4 years.	Tax credit is based on salaries and wages paid to an apprentice. Qualifying businesses can claim 35 per cent of eligible expenditures (45 per cent for small businesses i.e. payroll <\$400,000) made during the first 48 months of an apprenticeship program. The maximum credit for each apprenticeship is \$10,000 per year. The maximum credit over the first 48-month period of the apprenticeship is \$40,000.	Must incur eligible training costs: There are over 150 skilled trades in Ontario in four sectors: construction, industrial/manufacturing, motive power and service. Over 120 of these trades are currently eligible for the tax credit. Qualifying examples include: 277m Mould or Die Finisher 429a General Machinist 430a Tool & Die Maker 430m Machine Tool Builder and Integrator 431a Mould Maker 433a Industrial Mechanic (Millwright) 670c CNC Programmer 670d Die Designer 670e Mould Designer	http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/credit/atc/index.html
Employer Signing Bonus for Apprentices	Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU)	To encourage employers to register new apprentices in sectors where there is a high demand for skilled workers.	Bonus: \$2,000 per apprentice	The Employer Signing Bonus will be delivered in two equal installments over six months based on first hiring & registering a apprenticeship scholarship candidate and then continuing to employ the apprentice and provide on-the-job training for at least 6 months. This initiative will assist employers to hire and register apprentices who have left school and require upgrading to meet the registration standards for apprenticeship training.	The Employer Signing Bonus will be delivered in two equal instalments over six months. To be eligible for the first instalment, employers must: - Meet all the specific apprenticeship requirements to provide training in the trade, and - Hire and register an apprenticeship scholarship candidate as an apprentice To receive the second instalment, employers must: - Continue to employ the apprentice and provide on-the-job training for at least six months from the date that the apprentice was registered	http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employers/emp_bonus.html
Apprenticeship Completion Employer Bonus	Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU)	Training support for Employers	Taxable one-time grant of \$1,000 to employers for each apprentice that completes their training under their employment and receives certification	Employer will co-sign apprentice's training or sponsorship agreement. The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities uses this information to determine which employer is eligible to receive a bonus once an apprentice completes his or her training and receives a Certificate of Apprenticeship, or, where required, completes their Certificate of Qualification exam.	An apprentice must complete his or her training and receive a Certificate of Apprenticeship, or, where required, complete their Certificate of Qualification exam.	http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/training/appr_completion_fin.html
Canada - Ontario Job Grant	Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU)	Funding support for Employers	The grant can provide funding to train individuals identified by an employer—this can include current employees or new hires.	Support for an individual's training costs under the Canada-Ontario Job Grant is shared between the government and the employer. The government will provide two-thirds (2/3) of the eligible training costs up to a maximum of \$10,000 per individual.	Ontario's large employers must contribute one-third (1/3) of eligible training costs per person. Small employers (i.e., those with fewer than 50 employees) must also contribute one-third (1/3) of the eligible training costs. However, half (1/2) of these costs (i.e., one-sixth of total eligible training costs) can consist of wages paid to the employee. - Eligible training costs include: - Tuition or other training provider fees - Textbooks, software and other required materials - Mandatory student fees - Examination fees	http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/employers/cojg_faq.html#display
Added: Ontario Tax Credit for Manufacturing and Processing	Ministry of Finance	Tax Credit	Tax credit	Corporations involved in manufacturing and processing, fishing, farming, mining and logging may qualify for a tax credit that reduces the corporate income tax rate to 10 per cent.	You can claim the Ontario tax credit for manufacturing and processing if the corporation had: - Ontario taxable income during the tax year; and - eligible Canadian profits from manufacturing and processing, farming, fishing, logging, mining, the generation of electrical energy for sale, or the production of steam for sale. You cannot claim this credit on the corporation's income that is subject to the Ontario small business deduction rate.	http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/tax/cit/
Ontario Business Research Institute Tax Credit	Ministry of Finance	Research & innovation	Refundable tax credit	Refundable tax credit. 20% refundable tax credit for qualified expenditures on scientific research and experimental development work performed in Ontario under contract with eligible research institutes.		http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/credit/obritc/index.html
Ontario Research and Development Tax Credit	Ministry of Finance	Research & innovation	Non-refundable tax credit. A 4.5 per cent non-refundable tax credit on eligible scientific research and experimental development expenditures performed in Ontario to reduce their Ontario corporate income tax payable.	Corporation must carry on scientific research and experimental development in Ontario during the year and: - is eligible to claim the federal investment tax credit under section 127 of the federal Income Tax Act - is not exempt from corporation income tax - has filed a scientific research and experimental development expenditures claim on federal form T661 for the tax year. Note: This tax credit and the Ontario Innovation Tax Credit may be claimed on the same scientific research and experimental development expenditures.	An eligible expenditure: - is incurred for scientific research and experimental development carried on in Ontario - qualifies under section 127 of the federal Income Tax Act - is attributable to a permanent establishment in Ontario.	http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/credit/ordtc/index.html
Ontario Innovation Tax Credit (OITC)	Ministry of Finance	Scientific research & experimental development	Refundable tax credit. A 10 per cent refundable tax credit for qualified expenditures on scientific research and experimental development performed in Ontario.	Maximum tax credit is \$300,000 based on an expenditure limit of \$3 million. The expenditure limit is gradually reduced if: - federal taxable income of the prior tax year exceeds \$500,000 and is totally eliminated at \$800,000 - the prior year's taxable capital exceeds \$25 million and is totally eliminated at \$50 million. - Note: This tax credit and the Ontario Research and Development tax credit may be claimed on the same scientific research and experimental development expenditures.	A qualified expenditure: - is incurred for scientific research and experimental development carried on in Ontario - qualifies under section 127 of the federal Income Tax Act - is incurred when the corporation has a permanent establishment in Ontario - capital expenditures made after December 31, 2014 no longer are qualifying expenditures	http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/credit/oitc/index.html
Ontario Tax Exemption for Commercialization	Ministry of Research and Innovation	Recent start-ups that are commercializing IP developed at Canadian universities and colleges.	Tax refund.	For a newly established corporation in certain sectors (eg. Bioeconomy/cleantech), you could be eligible for a refund of the corporate income tax and corporate minimum tax your business paid in its first 10 taxation years.	You also: - must be incorporated between March 25, 2008 and March 24, 2012 - cannot be formed by way of an amalgamation or merger - must be commercializing intellectual property developed at a Canadian university or college	http://www.ontario.ca/business-and-economy/ontario-tax-exemption-commercialization

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Industrial Accelerator Program (IAP)	Ontario Power Authority (OPA) / Ministry of Energy	To help companies fast track capital investment in major energy-efficiency projects.	Reimbursement	Designed to assist eligible transmission-connected companies to fast track capital investment in major energy-efficiency projects. The program will provide attractive financial incentives to encourage investment in innovative process changes and equipment retrofits so that the rate of return is competitive with other capital projects. Eligible participants can receive funding of up to 70% for major energy-saving projects, including process and system changes, retrofits and new construction. The 5-year program will provide financial incentives to encourage investment in innovative process changes and equipment retrofits. In exchange, participants will contractually commit to delivering specific conservation targets within a set period of time and to maintaining them over the expected life of the project.	- Customer must be linked to IESO transmission grid. Eligible facilities are indicated in the following link: http://www.industrialaccelerator.ca/eligible-firms (Companies not on the list can contact an OPA Business Manager indicated in the above link)	http://www.industrialaccelerator.ca/
saveONenergy Business Electricity Conservation Programs	Ontario Power Authority (OPA) / LCDs	Incentive programs to reduce energy usage by increasing efficiency	Program types: - Retrofit Program (to encourage usage of high efficiency lighting, motors, heating/control systems) - New Construction (to encourage exceeding Ontario Building Codes for electricity efficiency) - Process & Systems (to implement & validate energy efficiency projects)	Example of benefits: - Retrofit Program e.g. up to 50% of project costs for upgrading old or inefficient equipment - Audit Funding e.g. Up to 50% of the cost of an energy audit to identify opportunities for energy efficiency upgrades and eligible incentives - Process & Systems e.g. Up to \$50,000 for engineering studies and up to 70% of capital costs for energy efficiency upgrades - Small Business Lighting e.g. Qualifying businesses can receive up to \$1,500 in new energy efficient lighting	Eligibility differs according to the specific incentive program. Eligibility for individual programs is explained at: https://www.saveonenergy.ca/Business.aspx Businesses can also contact their electrical utility for further information on eligibility. Businesses should contact their local electricity utility to determine eligibility and availability of specific saveONenergy incentives and programs	https://www.saveonenergy.ca/Business/Programs-By-Sector/Industrial/Automotive.aspx
Natural Gas Commercial Conservation Programs	Enbridge & Union Natural Gas	Conservation and incentive programs to reduce energy usage (e.g. space heating, water heating, process/system upgrades)	Various: Can be financial incentives, technical advice or connections to energy service providers	E.g. Incentives to conduct an energy audit, demand control ventilation systems	Contact natural gas utility	
Jobs and Prosperity Fund: - New Economy Stream - Food & Beverage Growth Fund - Strategic Partnership Stream	Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure	New Economy Stream: to build innovation capacity, improve productivity, performance & competitiveness, and increased access to global markets	Primarily offered as GRANT, although a loan or combination of grant/loan may be possible	This stream is available for projects with at least \$10 million in eligible project costs. It is aimed at large, strategic projects in Ontario's key sectors, including advanced manufacturing, life sciences, and information and communications technologies. The maximum grant is 20% of eligible project costs.	You may be eligible if your company has: - Substantive operations (generally 3 years) - Project has at least \$10 million in eligible project costs project contributes to a priority sector such as: - advanced manufacturing - life sciences - information and communications technology - strategic / anchor investments (projects that have the potential to draw additional investments that are key to the next generation of talent, innovation and productivity in Ontario)	https://www.ontario.ca/business-and-economy/jobs-and-prosperity-fund-new-economy-stream
Southwestern / Eastern Ontario Development Fund	Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure	Support to businesses, municipalities and not-for-profit organizations for economic development in southwestern Ontario.	Grant or loan support on eligible project expenditures Up to 15% of eligible project costs to a maximum grant of \$1.5 million. Investments of more than \$10 million that also create more than 50 new jobs may be eligible for a loan of up to \$5 million.	The fund supports projects that: - creates jobs - encourages innovation, collaboration & attracts private sector investment	Projects in these sectors are eligible for funding: -advanced manufacturing (automotive, aerospace, plastics, clean technologies) To be eligible for the business stream , businesses need to: - employ at least 10 people - commit to creating at least 10 new jobs - be able to provide 3 years of operations/financial statements - be located in, or plan to locate in, a community in southwestern Ontario - invest at least \$500,000 in their project Note: Criteria for "regional stream" is different - See link	https://www.ontario.ca/business-and-economy/southwestern-ontario-development-fund

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Note: The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities offers incentives and support for Apprentices including:

- 1) Loans for Tools Program offers new apprentices an interest-free loan to purchase necessary tools;
- 2) Apprenticeship Income Support to temporary financial assistance to apprentices who are eligible for Employment Insurance benefits or were in receipt of such benefits in the past;
- 3) Co-op Diploma Apprenticeship Program (CODA) - Allows participants to earn a college diploma while completing in-class apprenticeship training towards a skilled trade; participant also receives a minimum of 4 months on the job training;