

Canadian Film Incentives: The Reel Deal

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CANADIAN FILM AND TELEVISION INCENTIVES

EL = Eligible Labour Costs ELNL = Eligible Labour and Non-Labour Costs
TPC = Total Production Cost

FEDERAL

Name	Amount
Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit www.pch.gc.ca/cavco	25% of EL (maximum = 15% of TPC)

Canadian Film or Video Production Services Tax Credit www.pch.gc.ca/cavco	16% of EL
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Alberta Multimedia Development Fund www.film.alberta.ca	25 - 30% of ELNL*
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Film Incentive BC Tax Credit www.creativebc.com	35% of EL* (maximum = 21% of TPC)
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British Columbia Film Production Services Tax Credit www.creativebc.com	33% of EL*
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Manitoba Film and Video Production Tax Credit www.mbfilmmusic.ca	45% of EL* or 30% of ELNL
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New Brunswick Multimedia Initiative www.newbrunswick.ca	25 - 30% of ELNL
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Newfoundland and Labrador Film and Video Industry Tax Credit www.nlfdc.ca	Lesser of 40% of EL or 25% of TPC
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Newfoundland and Labrador Equity Investment Program www.fin.gov.nl.ca/fin/tax_programs_incentives	20% of TPC (maximum = \$250,000)
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Nova Scotia Film Industry Tax Credit www.film.ns.ca	50% of EL* (maximum = 25 - 30 % TPC)
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Nunavut Spend Incentive Program www.nunavutfilm.ca	17 - 30% of ELNL*
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Ontario Film and Television Tax Credit www.omdc.on.ca	35% of EL*
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Ontario Production Services Tax Credit www.omdc.on.ca	25% of ELNL
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Quebec Film and Television Production Tax Credit www.sodec.gouv.qc.ca	28 - 36% of EL* (maximum = 14 - 18% of TPC)
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Quebec Production Services Tax Credit www.sodec.gouv.qc.ca	20% of ELNL* ¹
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Quebec Dubbing Tax Credit www.sodec.gouv.qc.ca	28% of EL
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Saskatchewan Film/TV and Digital Tax Credit www.creativesask.ca	25% of ELNL* (Non-refundable)
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Yukon Film Location Incentive www.reelyukon.com	Total rebate = (A+B) or (B + C), Yukon Spend Rebate (A): 25% of ELNL, Yukon Training Rebate (B): Up to 25% of eligible trainers wages, Yukon Travel Rebate (C): Up to 50% of travel costs from Vancouver, Edmonton or Calgary to Whitehorse (maximum \$15,000)
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PROVINCIAL ANIMATION/DIGITAL MEDIA INCENTIVES

British Columbia Digital Animation or Visual Effects Tax Credit www.creativebc.com	17.5% of EL
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British Columbia Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit www.creativebc.com	17.5% of EL
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Ontario Computer Animation and Special Effects Tax Credit www.omdc.on.ca	20% of EL
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Ontario Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit www.omdc.on.ca	35 - 40% of Ontario ELNL
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Quebec Computer Animation and Special Effects Tax Credit www.sodec.gouv.qc.ca	8% of EL for claims related to Quebec Film and Television Production Tax Credit, 16% of EL for claims related to Quebec Production Services Tax Credit
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Nova Scotia Digital Media Tax Credit www.novascotia.ca	Lesser of 50% of EL* or 25% of ELNL*
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Manitoba Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit www.gov.mb.ca	40% of EL (capped at \$500,000)
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¹ The Government of Quebec reduced the rates of all Quebec film tax credits by 20% effective June 4, 2014.

* Regional and/or other bonus incentives available

** The non-refundable Saskatchewan Film/TV and Digital Tax Credit replaces the refundable Film Employment Tax Credit. The new credit may only be used to offset provincial Saskatchewan tax liability.

Canadian/International Co-Production Agreements

Algeria	Chile	Finland	India	Macedonia	Poland	South Africa	Venezuela
Argentina	China	France	Ireland	Malta	Republic of Philippines	South Korea	Yugoslavia:
Australia	Columbia	Germany	Israel	Mexico	Romania	Spain	Serbia, Montenegro
Austria	Cuba	Greece	Italy	Morocco	Russian Federation	Sweden	Croatia,
Belgium	Czech Republic	Hong Kong	Japan	Netherlands	Senegal	Switzerland	Bosnia-Herzegovina,
Brazil	Denmark	Hungary	Latvia	New Zealand	Singapore	United Kingdom	Slovenia,
Bulgaria	Estonia	Iceland	Luxembourg	Norway	Slovak Republic	Uruguay	Macedonia

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