Introduction
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Budget 2009 will:
- **Improve access to financing for consumers and businesses** with support of up to $20 billion.
- **Reduce taxes for Canadians and businesses** by more than $20 billion over 2008–09 and the following five years.
- **Undertake the most ambitious building project** in Canada’s history with almost $12 billion in new infrastructure funding and $7.8 billion to build and renovate housing.
- **Protect Canadians** affected by the global economic downturn with enhanced benefits and training opportunities.
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- **Boost the gross domestic product by an estimated 1.9 per cent.**

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Budget 2009 will:
- **Provide personal income tax relief.** This includes:
  - Increasing the basic personal amount that all Canadians can earn without paying federal income tax.
  - Raising the upper limit of the two lowest personal income tax brackets by 7.5% to ensure that Canadians can earn more at lower tax rates.
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- An increase to the Home Buyers’ Plan withdrawal limit to $25,000 from $20,000 to help Canadians buy a first home.
- Retrofits to social housing.
- A new First-Time Home Buyers’ Tax Credit that will provide up to $750 in tax relief when purchasing a first home.
- $100 million over two years to the ecoENERGY Retrofit program.
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- $1 billion over two years to expedite new “ready-to-go” provincial, territorial and municipal projects.
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**Enhancing the Availability of Training**

Budget 2009 will support an unprecedented level of training with:

- $50 million over two years to cover acceptance pay owed to eligible employees of bankrupt companies.
- Continued low EI premium rates of $1.73 for 2009 and 2010, providing relief of $4.5 billion over two years.
- $500 million to extend EI benefits for workers in longer-term training.

**Improving Access to Financing**

Budget 2009 improves access to financing that Canadians and businesses need to invest, grow and create jobs. Under the Extraordinary Financing Framework, it supports up to $200 billion in financing, including:

- An additional $50 billion for the Insured Mortgage Purchase Program, increasing its size to $275 billion.
- $13 billion to increase the lending of Crown corporations, of which $5 billion will be devolved through the new Business Credit Availability Program.
- $12 billion for a Canadian Secured Credit Facility to support financing of vehicles and equipment.
- An increase in the loan limit for small businesses under the Canada Small Business Financing Program.

**Strengthening Canada’s Financial System**

Budget 2009 will further strengthen Canada’s financial system with:

- Broadened Government authority to promote financial stability.
- Support for the transition to a Canadian securities regulator with willing provinces and territories.
- Better disclosure and business practices in consumer finance.

**Action to Support Businesses, Regions and Communities**

Budget 2009 targets support to those small businesses and parts of Canada most affected by the economic downturn, including:

- An increase to $500 million in the amount of small business income eligible for the reduced federal tax rate of 11 per cent.
- $30 million over two years for the Canada Business Network.
- $200 million over two years to support industrial research for small and medium-size business.
- More than $1 billion over five years for a Southern Ontario development agency to support economic development in Southern and Eastern Ontario.
- $1 billion over two years for a Community Adjustment Fund to lessen the impact of economic adjustment.
- $50 million for a new regional agency, and economic development in the North.

**Aboriginal Canadians**

Budget 2009 provides significant new investments for Aboriginal Canadians, including:

- $155 million over two years to accelerate “ready-to-go” First Nations projects in three priority areas: school, water, and critical community services.
- $400 million over two years for social housing for First Nations on reserves.
- $100 million over three years as the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Partnership.
- $75 million in a two-year Aboriginal Skills and Training Strategic Investment Fund.
- $305 million over two years to improve health outcomes for First Nations and Inuit people.
- $20 million over two years to improve child and family services on reserves.

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