



A LABOUR MOBILITY TAX DEDUCTION FOR TRADESPEOPLE

OVER TWO DECADES OF ADVOCACY PAID OFF IN
BUDGET 2022 WITH THE INCLUSION OF A
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HOW WE GOT THE JOB DONE

Together we made this policy change a reality.

*Thank you for making your voices heard and sending over **3,500 letters** to parliamentarians.*

CBTU's most recent advocacy efforts that lead to this victory included:

- Meetings with over **85 parliamentarians** and staff, including **11 Ministers** and the Prime Minister
- A letter-writing campaign to Members of Parliament
- Inclusion of recommendation in the Liberal and Conservative 2021 party platforms and inclusion of recommendation in the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Labour's mandate letters
- Multi-party support, including multiple Private Member's Bills
- Parliamentary committee appearances including in front of the Finance and Human Resources Committees and inclusion in the Finance Committee's Pre-Budget Recommendations Report

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR WORKERS

This tax deduction will provide **tax recognition on up to \$4,000 per year in eligible travel and temporary relocation expenses** to eligible tradespersons and apprentices. This measure would apply to the 2022 and subsequent taxation years.

This will provide tax support to our 600,000+ members and all tradespeople across Canada.

FOR DECADES, WORKERS AND LEADERS IN THE BUILDING TRADES ADVOCATED FOR
TAX FAIRNESS AND **NOW IT'S A REALITY.**

USING THE TAX DEDUCTION

As we await passage and implementation of the Budget, specific details may change regarding the tax deduction. Workers should start saving their out-of-pocket long-distance travel receipts as once the Budget passes, the tax deduction will apply retroactively to expenses incurred starting January 1, 2022.

ELIGIBILITY

For the purposes of this deduction, an eligible individual would be a tradesperson or an apprentice who:

- Makes a temporary relocation that enables them to obtain or maintain employment under which the duties performed by the taxpayer are of a temporary nature in a construction activity at a particular work location; and ordinarily resided prior to the relocation at a residence in Canada, and during the period of the relocation, at temporary lodging in Canada near that work location.

TEMPORARY RELOCATION

To qualify as an eligible temporary relocation:

- The temporary lodging must be at least 150 kilometres closer than the ordinary residence to the particular work location;
- The particular work location must be located in Canada, and;
- The temporary relocation must be for a minimum duration of 36 hours.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Eligible expenses in respect of an eligible temporary relocation would be reasonable amounts associated with expenses incurred for:

- Temporary lodging for the eligible individual near the particular work location;
- Transportation for the individual for one round trip from the location where the individual ordinarily resides to the temporary lodging; and
- Meals for the individual in the course of travel while making one round trip to and from the temporary lodging.

The tax deduction applies for up to **\$4,000 in eligible expenses**.

CBTU will continue to monitor for updates to this policy and notify our members of any changes.

75% of skilled trades workers agree that a tax deduction will give them access to a greater number of job opportunities.

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