

## Bill 4 – Red Tape Reduction Act

On June 28, 2019 *Bill 4 – The Red Tape Reduction Act* received Royal Assent. Led by Grant Hunter, Associate Minister of Red Tape, the Act establishes an initiative to assess current regulations and processes imposed on businesses, non-profits, and municipalities.

Below are the actions promised by the Act and how businesses and individuals can provide input.

### THE ACT

As of June 28, 2019, the Red Tape Reduction Act imposes restrictions on the government when introducing new regulations. The Act also directs considerable resources to assess current regulations to determine if they negatively impact private sector businesses. The initiative will tally the number of regulations that increase burdens on business and make recommendations to eliminate inefficiencies.

### Impact

Cutting red tape is intended to improve the business climate in Alberta without compromising protections for the public including, health and safety, environment and fiscal accountability. The initiative, and resulting strategies, are guided by a net-increase approach. This means that for every regulation introduced, the government should identify and eliminate another.

### Actions

- The government committed to creating a series of industry panels to provide feedback on the government's red tape reduction activities and priorities.
- In early 2020, the Government will release a report to the public that provides an update on the progress of the red tape reduction initiatives.

### HOW TO REPORT RED TAPE

If your business experiences increased costs and dragging government approvals, provide your input via the Cut Red Tape [webpage](#). The site includes a form to report inefficient and frustrating government processes. If it's complex, time consuming, or expensive; report it.



Should you have any questions or concerns regarding Bill 4 – Red Tape Reduction Act contact our Employment Standards team at [merit@meritalberta.com](mailto:merit@meritalberta.com) or call 780.455.5999.