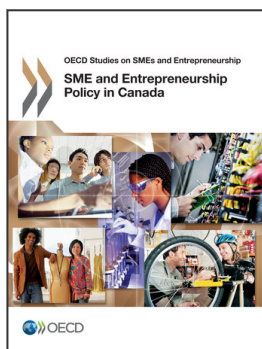


Abbreviations

ACOA	Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (a Regional Development Agency)
ACPBR	Advisory Committee on Paperwork Burden Reduction
ACSBE	Advisory Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
AEP	Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program
AFI	Aboriginal Financial Institution
AIT	Agreement on Internal Trade
AMP	Advanced Manufacturing Partnership (United States)
AWBEN	Aboriginal Women Business Entrepreneurship Network
AWE	Alberta Women Entrepreneurs
BCIP	Build in Canada Innovation Program
BDC	Business Development Bank of Canada
BERD	Business Expenditure on Research and Development
BMWi	Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany
BWIT	Business Women in International Trade
CAD	Canadian Dollar
CAIP	Canada Accelerator and Incubator Program
CanNor	Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (a Regional Development Agency)
CBN	Canada Business Network
CCC	Canadian Chamber of Commerce
CGPC	Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship
CCDA	Canadian-Controlled Private Corporation
CECR	Centres of Excellence for Commercialization and Research
CED-Q	Canada Economic Development Agency for the Regions of Quebec (a Regional Development Agency)
CFIB	Canadian Federation of Independent Business
CFO	Community Futures Organisation
CFP	Community Futures Program
CGA	Certified General Accountants Association of Canada
CJF	Canada Job Fund
CJG	Canada Job Grant
CSBFP	Canadian Small Business Finance Program
CRA	Canada Revenue Agency
DC150	Digital Canada 150
DTAR	Digital Technology Adoption Resources
EDC	Export Development Canada
EDO	Economic Development Organisation
EI	Employment Insurance

EIS	Enterprise Investment Scheme (United Kingdom)
EPL	Employment Protection Legislation
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning
ESDC	Employment and Social Development Canada
EUR	Euro
FCC	Farm Credit Canada
FedDev Ontario	Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (a Regional Development Agency)
FedNor	Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario (under Innovation, Science and Economic Development, a federal government department). FedNor is from a legal standpoint a regional development organisation that is part of ISED rather than a regional development agency.
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
GAC	Global Affairs Canada
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEM	Global Entrepreneurship Monitor
GMAP	Global Markets Action Plan
GST	Goods and Service Tax
HEI	Higher Education Institution
HST	Harmonized Sales Tax
ICA	Investment Canada Act
ICT	Information and Communication Technologies
INAC	Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada's
IRAP	Industrial Research Assistance Program
IRCC	Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada
ISED	Innovation, Science and Economic Development, Canada (a federal government department, formerly Industry Canada)
ITA	Industrial Technology Advisor
ITB	Industrial and Technological Benefits
ITC	Investment Tax Credit
ITF	Industry Training Fund (Italy)
LEAP	Longitudinal Employment Analysis Program
LINC Scotland	Business Angels Association of Scotland
LSVCC	Labour Sponsored Venture Capital Corporation
LCGE	Lifetime Capital Gains Exemption
MFP	Multifactor Productivity
MWDI	Maori Women's Development Initiative
NACCA	National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association
NACO	National Angel Capital Organisation
NCE	Networks of Centres of Excellence
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NLOWE	Newfoundland and Labrador Organization of Women Entrepreneurs
NRC	National Research Council
NSERC	Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
NWAC	National Women's Association Canada
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

OSME	Office of Small and Medium Enterprises
PBRI	Paperwork Burden Reduction Initiative
PIAAC	Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies
PISA	Programme for International Student Assessment
PSAB	Private Sector Advisory Board
PSPC	Public Services and Procurement Canada
QST	Quebec Sales Tax
R&D	Research and Development
RBS	Royal Bank of Scotland
RCC	Canada-United States Regulatory Co-operation Council
RDA	Regional Development Agency
SAC	Supplier Advisory Committee
SBCGR	Small Business Capital Gains Rollover
SBJC	Small Business Jobs Credit
SBTC	Senate Standing Committee on Banking Trade and Commerce
SEIS	Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme (United Kingdom)
SENO	Social Enterprise Northern Ontario
SEPH	Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours
SES	Scotland's Enterprising Schools
SME	Small and Medium-sized Enterprise
SR&ED	Scientific Research and Experimental Development tax credit
SSC	Standards Council of Canada
SSHRC	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
STEM	Science Technology Engineering and Maths
SWC	Status of Women Canada
TCS	Trade Commissioner Service
TEA	Total early-stage Entrepreneurial Activity
TTO	Technology Transfer Office
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organisation
USA	United States of America
VAT	Value Added Tax
VCAP	Venture Capital Action Plan
VCSIP	Venture Capital Strategic Investment Plan
WBE	Women Business Enterprises Canada
Canada	
WD	Western Economic Diversification Canada (a Regional Development Agency)
WDP	Western Diversification Program
WEC British Columbia	Women's Enterprise Centre British Columbia
WECI	Women's Enterprise Connect International Canada
WECM	Women's Enterprise Centre of Manitoba
WEI	Women's Enterprise Initiative
WEOC	Women's Enterprise Organizations of Canada
WES	Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan Inc.
WINN	Western Innovation Initiative



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