

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF FINANCE



I am pleased to present Budget 2000, the first annual financial plan of our new government, and the first of the new century.

This plan fulfills many of our commitments to the people of Manitoba. It directs resources to our families, young people, and vital community services.

- **Stronger support and management for health care** will help us keep hallway medicine down, reduce waiting lists, hire more nurses, and expand key programs.
- **Stronger and more stable funding for education** will reduce tuition fees and provide more resources for school classrooms.
- **Responsible tax relief** will help keep Manitoba one of the most affordable places in Canada to live and raise a family.

This plan also manages Manitoba's finances wisely. It is a balanced budget, based on realistic forecasts and achievable goals. It presents Manitoba's first comprehensive plan for debt repayment.

Budget 2000 is a budget for today's families. To find out more, visit our Web site: www.gov.mb.ca/budget2000.

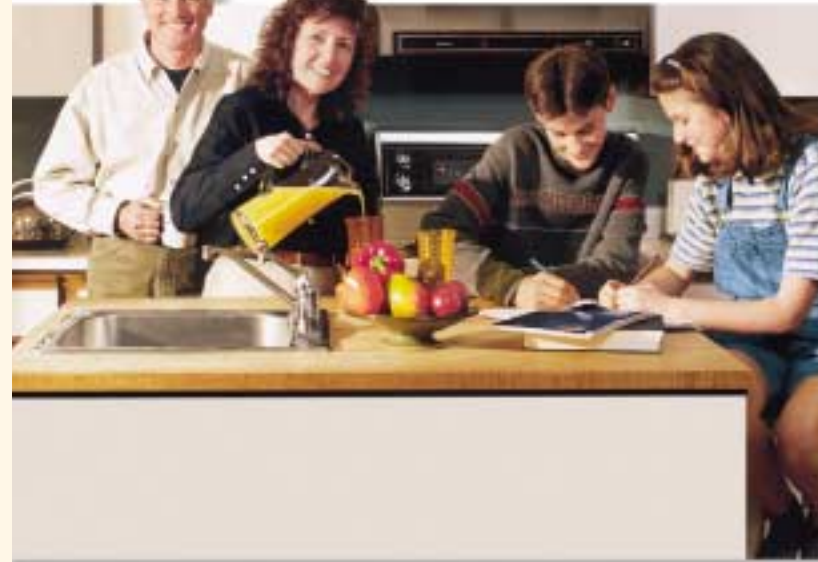
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MANITOBA BUDGET 2000



FOR TODAY'S FAMILIES

RESPONSIBLE • BALANCED

THE HONOURABLE
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MINISTER OF FINANCE

On May 10, the Manitoba government presented *Budget 2000*: a balanced financial action plan to guide provincial programs in the year ahead. The plan addresses our needs and priorities today, while building greater opportunities for the future.

NEW HOPE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

With major emphasis on education and training, Budget 2000 helps build promising futures.

- Public schools will receive \$30 million more.
- A 10% reduction to college and university tuition fees will save Manitoba students \$8 million.
- Community college enrollment is set to double over four years, beginning with \$5.1 million more for college expansion alone.
- Scholarships and bursaries will increase by \$16.9 million.
- Universities and colleges will gain \$10.8 million more in operating grants.
- Internet-based training and expanded apprenticeship programs will provide better access to opportunities.

*Stronger support for our
children's classrooms,
with \$30 million
more in 2000.*

University Student

1999 tuition ^A	\$3,117 ¹
less 10% reduction A	– \$312
Sample 2000 tuition ^A	\$2,805

¹ Based on average Arts & Science tuition fee, Manitoba 1999.



REPAIRING HEALTH CARE

Health care is the number one priority of Manitobans. With better planning and 6% more in the health care budget, we can take action now to reduce waiting lists, improve vital services, and hire more staff.

- More nurses can be hired and trained with the help of a \$3 million fund and the reintroduction of a two-year nursing program.
- Hospitals will be able to open more beds, new units for cancer patients and pediatric extended care.
- More personal care home spaces will be opened.
- Expanded Pharmacare means more Manitobans can count on the drug coverage they need.
- We'll expand home care services like community intravenous therapy, palliative care, and adult day care.
 - \$5 million more will help improve ambulance services across the province and northern patient transport.

*Hundreds of nurses
will be trained and hired
over the next few years.*

RESPONSIBLE TAX RELIEF FOR MANITOBA FAMILIES

BALANCING THE BOOKS

Budget 2000 is a commitment to responsible management of government finances. This budget is balanced, despite the financial challenges inherited by the new government.

- Budget 2000 introduces the first long-term plan for comprehensive debt retirement, including unfunded pension liabilities.
- Less than half as much as last year will be drawn from the government's Fiscal Stabilization Fund.
- The bottom line: Budget 2000 has a positive balance of \$10 million.

BALANCING YOUR PRIORITIES

Budget 2000 directs more funding to the services we need most to build a better quality of life for all Manitobans.

- Health care funding is strengthened by 6%.
- Education and training funding is up 4.5%.
- Manitoba parents will gain better access to licensed child care through a \$8.6 million increase.
- Family farms will get more support with stronger crop insurance and other assistance.
- Aboriginal Manitobans will have more opportunities with initiatives like the \$1 million Aboriginal Economic and Resource Development Fund.
- Community safety and renewal will be stepped up with the new Neighbourhoods Alive! program and a 5.3% increase to the justice department.

Budget 2000 means tax savings for Manitoba households, particularly middle and low income families. Manitoba remains one of the most affordable places in Canada to raise children.

- Property taxes are lowered through a \$75 increase to the Property Tax Credit for all Manitoba households, including renters.
- Income tax reductions will benefit all income groups, particularly families and persons living with disabilities.

- The new, simplified income tax structure for 2001 eliminates the use of a Net Income Tax and Surtax.
- The Basic Personal Tax Credit is up from \$578 to \$802.
- The Child Tax Reduction is up from \$250 per child to \$300.
- 15,000 more low income Manitobans will pay no Provincial Income Tax at all.
- The tax credit for charitable donations increases.
- The small business tax rate will be reduced from 7% to 5% by 2002.

These new personal income tax reductions will exceed \$100 million annually by 2002.

WHAT THE TAX REDUCTIONS MEAN FOR YOU



Family of 4, One Earner, Income: \$40,000

	Manitoba Income Tax	Income Tax + Property Tax Savings ¹
1999	\$2,891	
2000	\$2,738	\$228
2001	\$2,470	\$496
2002	\$2,376	\$590
OVER 3 YEARS		\$1,314



Single Senior, Income: \$20,000

	Manitoba Income Tax	Income Tax + Property Tax Savings ¹
1999	\$819	
2000	\$759	\$135
2001	\$627	\$267
2002	\$605	\$289
OVER 3 YEARS		\$691



Parent and One Child, Income: \$20,000

	Manitoba Income Tax	Income Tax + Property Tax Savings ¹
1999	\$516	
2000	\$440	\$151
2001	\$319	\$272
2002	\$287	\$304
OVER 3 YEARS		\$727



Single Person, Income: \$35,000

	Manitoba Income Tax	Income Tax + Property Tax Savings ¹
1999	\$3,197	
2000	\$3,084	\$188
2001	\$3,013	\$259
2002	\$2,962	\$310
OVER 3 YEARS		\$757



Family of 4, Two Earners, Income: \$60,000

	Manitoba Income Tax	Income Tax + Property Tax Savings ¹
1999	\$4,887	
2000	\$4,693	\$269
2001	\$4,361	\$601
2002	\$4,282	\$680
OVER 3 YEARS		\$1,550

¹ Savings compared to 1999. Includes annual \$75 due to Property Tax Credit enhancement (\$225 cumulative over three years) available to eligible homeowners and renters. Many people will pay less tax than shown in these examples due to other eligible deductions.

To see where you fit in, look for the Personal Tax Savings Estimator on the Department of Finance Web site at: www.gov.mb.ca/budget2000.