

Ease of Doing Business Review (Province of BC)

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Help make doing business in British Columbia simpler, faster, and more competitive.



Ease of Doing Business Overview

- The Province is engaging with the business community through online engagement, in-person meetings and community events to hear what's working and what can be improved.
- We have launched an online submission portal for entrepreneurs and business owners to provide their feedback to inform the process.
- The portal will supplement the capture of reports and other submissions from the business sector received to date.
- This work will help to inform the development of a set of performance measurements in relation to the ease of doing business.



Work to Date

BUSINESS RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations made by business associations and organizations are being consolidated through various government channels.

COLLECTING SUBMISSIONS FROM BUSINESSES

The EaseBiz BC submission form went live on June 5, 2025, and allows entrepreneurs and businesses to submit their challenges and solutions directly to government.

ENGAGEMENT WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Ease of Doing Business will continue to be a component of future meetings and events with sector organizations.

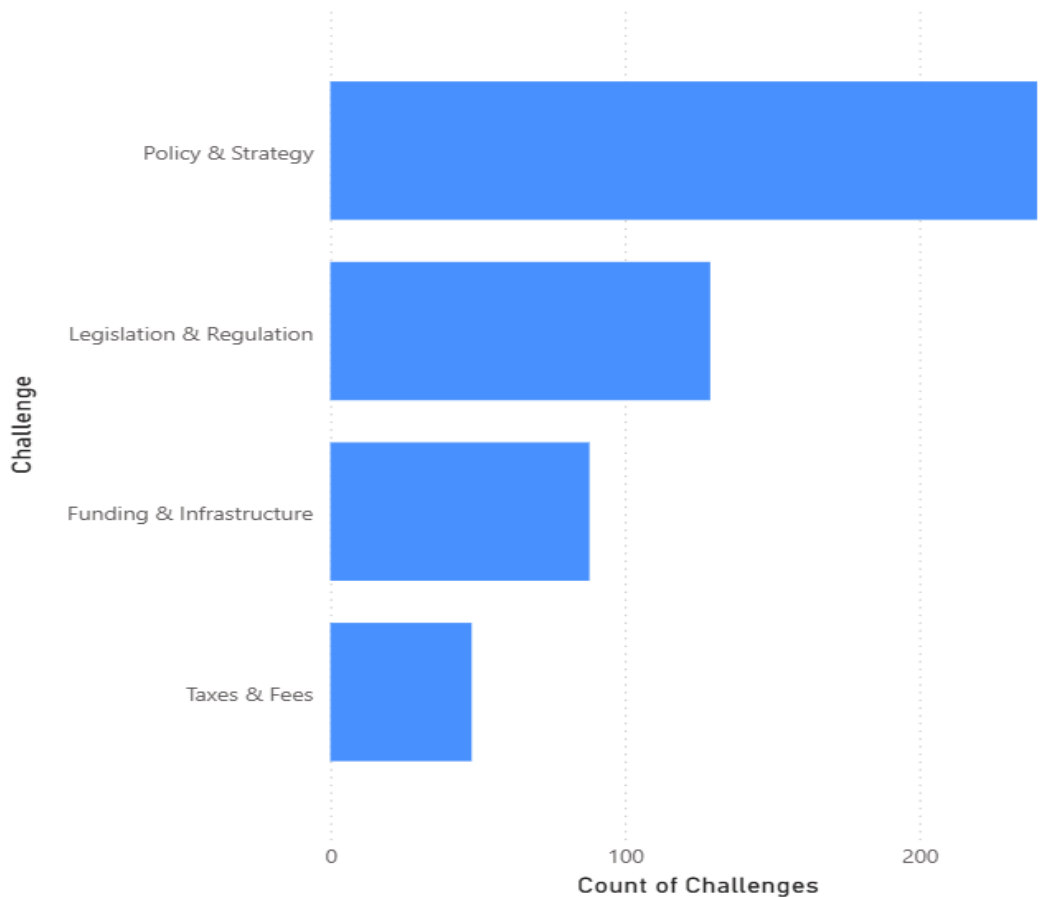
The screenshot displays the 'EaseBiz BC Submission Form' on the British Columbia government website. The form is titled 'EaseBiz BC Submission Form' and includes a header with the BC logo, a 'LOGOUT' button, and a language selector set to 'English'. The main heading is 'EaseBiz BC Submission Form'. Below this, a sub-header reads 'Help make doing business in British Columbia simpler, faster, and more competitive.' followed by three bullet points: 'This form will take approximately 5-7 minutes', 'Please submit a separate response for each distinct challenge/solution', and 'Your direct experience helps us create meaningful improvements'. A paragraph states: 'Your submitted responses are collected by the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation under sections 26 (j) and (k) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purposes of identifying business challenges, gathering proposed solutions, informing policy improvements to enhance the business environment, and supporting the Province's mandate to make doing business easier throughout B.C.'

The form section is titled 'Your Business Solution' and contains a heading 'Indicate what type of challenge you face doing business in B.C. (Required) *'. Below this is a list of radio button options: 'Access to capital (e.g., business loans, workforce development, technology, innovation, venture capital funding)', 'Compliance and enforcement (e.g., environmental compliance, occupational health and safety)', 'Infrastructure (e.g., supply chain challenges, inadequate public transit to industrial areas)', 'Legislation, regulation or permits (e.g., liquor licensing confusion)', 'Policy or strategy (e.g., lack of clear AI infrastructure investment strategy)', 'Tariff impacts (e.g., increased costs, access to markets)', 'Taxes or fees (e.g., high marginal effective tax rate on new investment)', 'Workforce development challenges (hiring, retention, skills alignment)', 'Other', and 'Unsure'. Below the list is a text input field with the placeholder 'Please describe the specific challenge or barrier. (Required) *' and a character limit of '500 characters max.'.

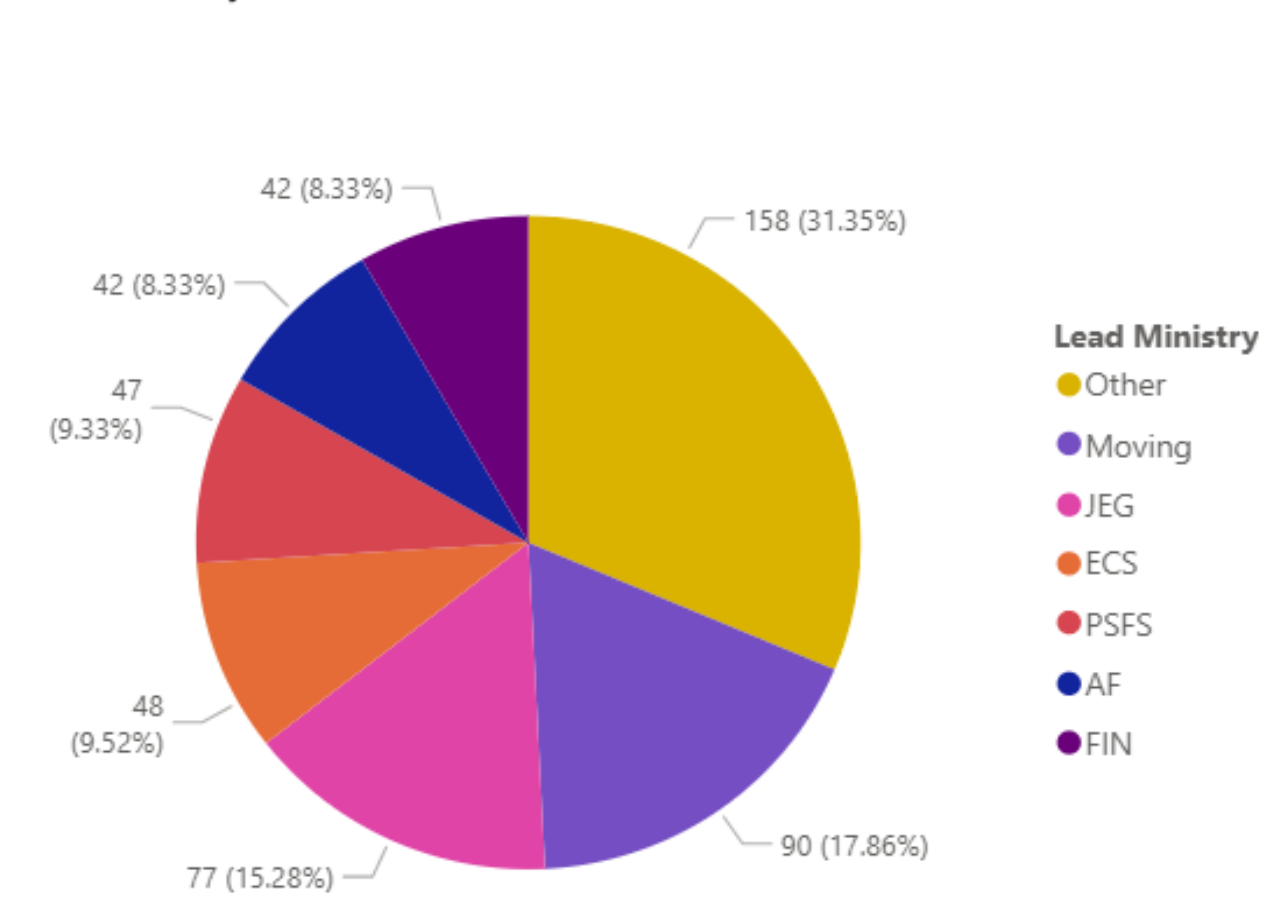
EaseBiz BC Submission Form
www.gov.bc.ca/easeofdoingbusiness

Business Associations and Organizations Recommendations

Challenge Types

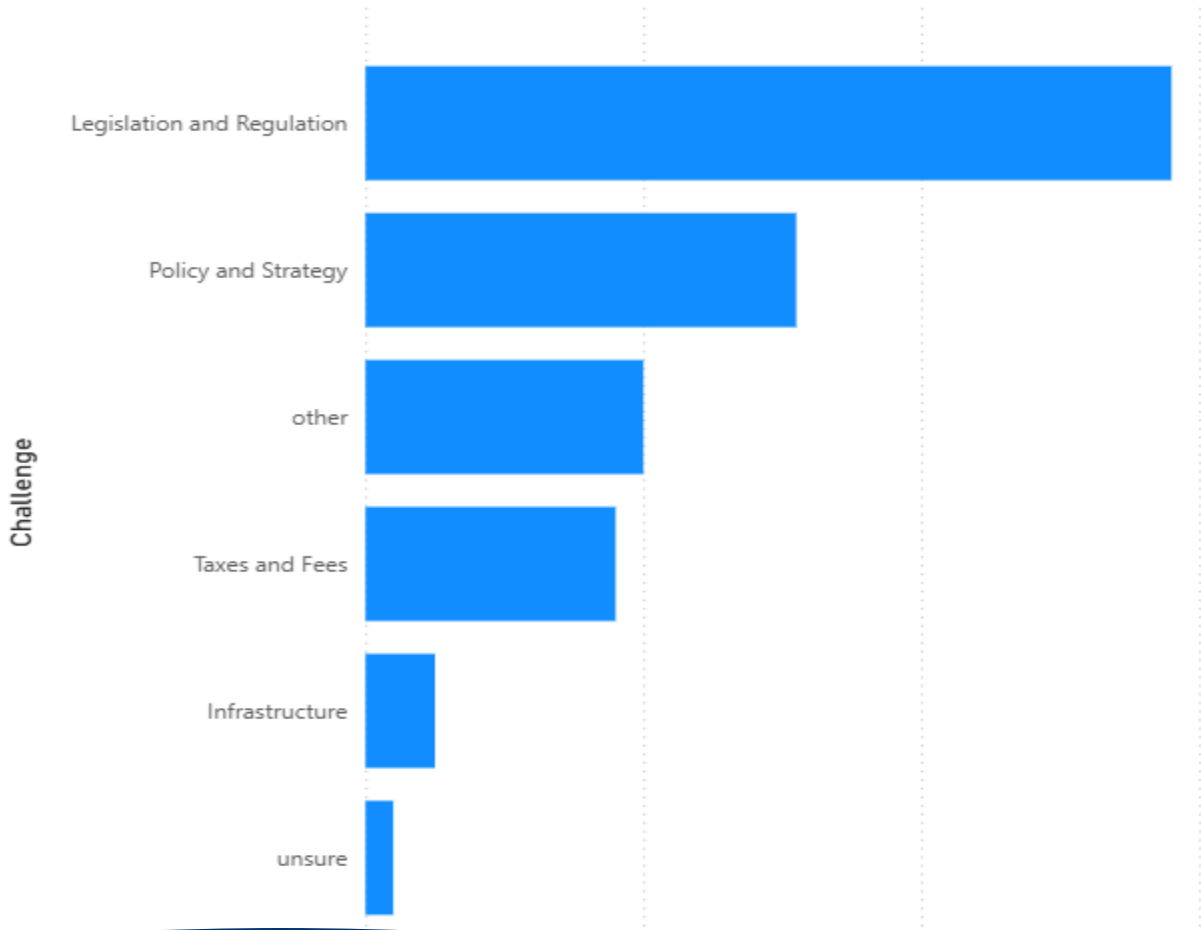


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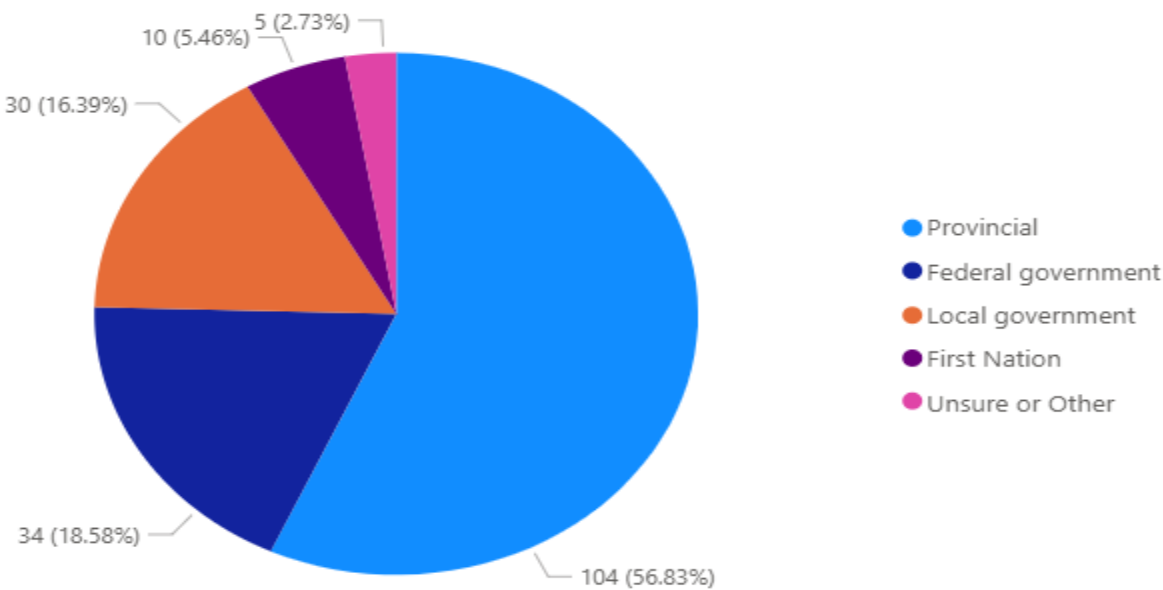


EaseBiz BC Submissions

Challenge Types



Government Authority



Areas of Local or Shared Local/Provincial Jurisdiction

- **Local**

- Business licencing improvements
- Reduction of parking fees in municipal centres to attract citizens

- **Shared Local/Provincial**

- Streamlining permitting and approvals processes
- Land use planning measures
- Housing affordability improvements
- Construction disruption supports

Ease of Doing Business Actions:

- July 24, 2025: New funding through the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program
- July 8, 2025: BC Hydro slashes power connection costs and timelines

**Funding and
Infrastructure
That Fuel
Business
Activity**

**Legislation
and
Regulation
That Work
for You**

- July 15, 2025: More support for builders will unlock more new homes in Metro Vancouver
- July 2, 2025: New flexible payment options and expanded use of surety bonds will reduce financial barriers

**Policy and
Strategy That
Drive Growth**

**Taxes and
Fee Relief
That Keep
Costs
Competitive**

- July 22, 2025: Premier signs internal trade agreements
- May 30, 2025: The opening of Blackwater Mine

- July 7, 2025: Interactive digital media tax credit jumps to 25%



Next Steps

- A whole of government approach to engage internally with ministries for discussion of feedback. Ministries will be responsible for making policy or legislative changes where feasible.
- Ongoing engagement with the business community in person and virtually.
- Continue compiling challenges and solutions we receive from businesses, through the EaseBiz BC Submission Form, and other engagements.
- Report out on actions taken and consider performance measurements in relation to the ease of doing business.

Thank you

DISCUSSION

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