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Newfoundland and Labrador budget 2021-22

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“This budget sets the course to achieve fiscal stability by ensuring we spend within our means. It reins in and tightens control of the public purse; it ensures a return to fiscal balance within five years; it makes strategic economic investments; it supports those that need a hand up.”

*Newfoundland and Labrador Finance Minister Siobhan Coady
2021-22 budget press release*

On 31 May 2021, Newfoundland and Labrador Finance Minister Siobhan Coady tabled the province’s fiscal 2021-22 budget. The budget contains several tax measures affecting individuals and no changes affecting corporations.

The minister anticipates a deficit of \$826 million for 2021-22 and projects deficits for each of the next four years.

Following is a brief summary of the key tax measures.

Business tax measures

Corporate tax rates

No changes are proposed to the corporate tax rates or the \$500,000 small-business limit.

Newfoundland and Labrador's (NL) 2021 corporate tax rates are summarized in Table A.

Table A - 2021 corporate tax rates

	2021	
	NL	Federal and NL combined
Small-business tax rate*	3.00%	12.00%
General corporate tax rate*	15.00%	30.00%

* Rates represent calendar-year rates unless otherwise indicated.

Personal tax

Personal income tax rates

The minister proposes to increase personal tax rates for individuals earning more than \$135,974 beginning on 1 January 2022. The minister also proposes to add new tax brackets, which will impact individuals that earn in excess of \$250,000. The new rates and tax brackets are outlined in Table B.

Table B - 2021 and 2022 Newfoundland and Labrador personal tax rates

Bracket	Pre-budget rate	Proposed rates	
		2021	2022
\$0 to \$38,081*	8.70%	No change	No change
\$38,082 to \$76,161	14.50%	No change	No change
\$76,162 to \$135,973	15.80%	No change	No change
\$135,974 to \$190,363	17.30%	No change	17.80%
\$190,364 to \$250,000	18.30%	No change	19.80%
\$250,001 to \$500,000	18.30%	No change	20.80%
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	18.30%	No change	21.30%
Above \$1,000,000	18.30%	No change	21.80%

* Individuals resident in Newfoundland and Labrador on 31 December 2021 with taxable income up to \$19,444 pay no provincial income tax as a result of a low-income tax reduction. The low-income tax reduction is clawed back for income in excess of \$20,619 until the reduction is eliminated, resulting in an additional 16% of provincial tax on income between \$20,620 and \$26,007.

Personal tax credits

This budget proposes changes to the following personal credits/amounts:

- ▶ A new Physical Activity Tax Credit, which will provide a refundable tax credit up to \$2,000 (value of up to \$174) per family. No further details were provided.

Other budget measures

- ▶ Provincial tax on tobacco products has increased by 3 cents per cigarette and 6 cents per gram of fine-cut tobacco.
- ▶ A new Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax of 20 cents per litre. This tax is effective 1 April 2022.

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