



It's Provincial Budget Time

It was a busy end to the month of March for Québec and Ontario as both provinces tabled their budgets for 2018.

Both Québec and Ontario are in election years — therefore the realization of items promised in each budget will depend on which way the vote goes.

Québec Budget

Of interest to the aftermarket industry in the Quebec budget:

- Tax relief for small and medium sized businesses
- Investment in a national workforce strategy to manage low-unemployment and an increasing number of retirees
- Funding for new mobility including self-service cars and carpooling.
- Funding for the Drive Electric Program to get more people into electric vehicles

Further Reading on the Québec Budget:

- [Budget Québec 2018 \(EN\)](#)
- [Budget Québec 2018 \(FR\)](#)
- [Québec Budget: Business groups welcome tax cuts, focus on labour shortage \(EN\)](#)

Ontario Budget

Of interest to the aftermarket in the Ontario budget:

- Expansion of the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program
- Investment in free pre-school child care (an approach to support women in the workplace)
- Reduction in financial barriers for students from low- and middle-income families so they can pursue postsecondary education

Further Reading on the Ontario Budget:

- [5 Things to Know About the Ontario 2018 Budget \(EN\)](#)
- [Ontario Budget 2018 \(EN\)](#)
- [Ontario Budget 2018 \(FR\)](#)

