




# 2015 Election Policy Comparisons

*This list will be updated as new platform positions are released*

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Political Party	Infrastructure Spending	Getting Best Value as Preferred Client	Building our future workforce through education	Immigration
	<p>Move towards a five year budget cycle in order to facilitate effective long term planning and decision making. The budget will need to be updated as economic conditions change, but the intent is to make it easier for provincially funded groups to engage in long-term planning by providing them with more certainty on future funding. (2015)</p>	<p>Decentralizing decision-making with regard to the construction, operation and disposition of school facilities. (2015)</p>	<p>Support expanding industry-based job training and apprenticeship programs to address shortages of trained workers in specific industries and workers in need of retraining. (2015)</p> <p>Explore the potential for free on-line certificate programs in various disciplines in order to spread a culture of learning and provide of self-improvement of Albertans. (2015)</p>	<p>Endeavour to reduce labour shortages by working with the federal government to increase regional immigration and increase resources for the provincial nominee program by addressing outdated immigration programs.</p> <p>This includes ensuring that the credentials of immigrants are being recognized locally; working with disenfranchised groups to achieve greater employment, and working with municipalities to build communities that attract and retain the people that are needed to power our economy into the future. (2015)</p>
<h1>Liberal</h1>			<p>Registered apprenticeship programs give high school students the chance to learn a trade, make money, and graduate. Their expansion will increase graduation rates and</p>	<p>The Government of Alberta should work with the federal government to reform the Temporary Foreign Worker program in order to ensure Canadian</p>

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opportunities for our children.  
(2012)

jobs are protected, enable temporary foreign workers who already in Alberta to get placed on the pathway to citizenship should they chose to remain in Canada, and to develop new policies and programs that will lead to the increase of permanent immigration in Alberta. (2014)

Get serious on foreign credentials. For far too long the goal to increase the recognition of foreign credentials has stalled out. The government needs to work with professional groups to create streamlined paths forward so new Albertans can have their training recognized. We need to provide resources to give the additional education and work experience they need. (2012)



Raise personal and corporate taxes to help offset boom and bust cycle. (2012)

Work with trade unions to increase apprenticeship training. (2012)



Lead Alberta's capital planning process and establish a five year capital plan to prioritize

Work has already started to re-engineer our contracting policies and procedures. This is an

Added apprentices to the student loan program and created more grants for them

The Government of Alberta will negotiate with the Government of Canada relating to Temporary

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<p>Alberta's infrastructure needs.</p>	<p>important step to standardizing government contracts that will modernize government's procurement process.</p>	<p>to access. (2015 Budget)</p>	<p>Foreign Workers and related challenges of securing workers able to succeed in Alberta's growing economy. (2014 Mandate letter)</p>
<p>Develop and deliver semi-annually a report card on Alberta's infrastructure build and 25 year capital plan. (2014 Mandate letter)</p>	<p>There will be more changes coming to ensure more effective</p>		
<p>We will invest \$5 billion over five years in education infrastructure (both modernization and in new schools) and report our progress to parents and communities online. (2015 Campaign platform)</p>	<p>monitoring, faster decision-making and above all, increased accountability. These changes will start early in the New Year as we focus on the business of the Ministry – delivering physical infrastructure. (2014) – letter to the ACA from the Minister.</p>		
<p>We must invest as we grow. We will invest \$3.4 billion over five years to expand capacity and build new health facilities. (2015 Campaign platform)</p>	<p>Complete the development of the strategic partnership office as a centralized source of procurement knowledge, expertise and practical experiences. (2014 Mandate letter)</p>		
<p>Keep Alberta Moving We will invest \$6.7 billion over five years in roads, bridges and highways. (2015 Campaign platform)</p>			

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We will triple the budget for provincial infrastructure maintenance and renewal over the next five years.  
(2015 Campaign platform)



Contractors are seeking sustainability and consistency and they have also commonly voiced concerns over the instability in the government's 3-year Capital Plans. Management of risk and addressing the 'stop and start' nature of projects and contracts are common themes of complaint. Our priority list and stabilized funding will immediately instill consistency in an area where predictability in itself means more value for dollars. (2014)

We will ensure this is addressed by having Canadian Construction Documents Committee (CCDC) documents as part of our framework.

We must foster a culture where the most qualified people are making the important decisions or directly informing the decision-makers and where they are a voice in the process for its entirety. Having all the best qualified people centralized in Alberta Infrastructure to deal with construction procurement of all provincial vertical infrastructure will maximize value to taxpayers.(2014)

Work with our trade schools to co-locate additional campus sites and high schools on the same site, allowing students to receive joint credit toward both a high school diploma and a certificate in the trades simultaneously

Provide increased training and information to career counsellors at high school and post-secondary institutions to better instruct and counsel students on career and educational opportunities in the trades and other vocations with high levels of provincial skilled labour shortage

Provide high schools with more flexibility and resources to provide specialized courses, curriculum and dual credit programs in the trades

In cooperation with post-secondary institutions and

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Work with industry, post-secondary institutions, and self-governing organizations to safely expedite the recognition of foreign credentials (2015 Election platform)

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industry, permit trades  
students to select a written or  
verbal examination to  
complete their trade  
certification  
Collaborate with other  
provinces to create  
standardized trades training  
and recognition across  
jurisdictional boundaries.  
(2014)

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