



BC BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 2018

BC Finance Minister Carole James delivered the BC budget for 2018. The BC government is offering modest relief on housing, child care and medical services plan premiums that will be funded by new tax hikes that target foreign buyers, housing speculators, expensive homes and businesses.

CORPORATE



Employer Health Tax
Effective Jan 1, 2019



Payroll greater than \$1.5 million
Payroll between \$500,000 to \$1.5 million
Payroll less than \$500,000

1.95%
reduced rate
0%

PERSONAL



Medical Services Plan Premiums
Effective Jan 1, 2020
Eliminated



Child Care Fee Reduction
Effective April 1, 2018
Monthly reduction amounts

Group infant/toddler up to \$350
Family infant/toddler up to \$200
Group care aged 3-5 up to \$100
Family care aged 3-5 up to \$60



Affordable Child Care Program
Effective September 2018
Families with pre-tax incomes of \$45,000 or less will receive the full benefit, up to the cost of care. Income up to \$111,000 will receive a reduced amount, scaling to income.



Property Transfer Tax Increase
Effective Feb 21, 2018
homes with fair market value of greater than \$3 million



Foreign Buyer Tax Increase
Effective Feb 21, 2018
15% to 20%
Expanded to include Kamloops, Kelowna, Greater Victoria and the Fraser Valley



Speculation Tax
Effective Feb 21, 2018
residential property at \$5 per \$1,000 of assessed value. In 2019, increase to \$20 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Targets foreign & domestic speculators who don't pay taxes here.

These are just some of the highlights. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact us