

Message from the Minister

In 2008, the Premier gave me a new mandate for the ministry of Employment and Immigration. This mandate will allow us to build on the past year's achievements while also taking on some new challenges.

We will place a greater emphasis on building a skilled workforce to improve the long-term sustainability of Alberta's economy. We will also continue to help Alberta's workplaces be productive, fair and safe. To offset ongoing labour shortages and sustain our economic growth we will maximize the skills and talents of Albertans. In particular, we will work to increase labour force participation among Aboriginal Peoples.



We will continue to look beyond our borders to attract workers from other parts of Canada and the world. Our programs for newcomers will ensure that workers integrate easily and become contributing members of our economy and communities. We will work with the federal government to ensure immigration programs form part of Alberta's foundation for a strong labour force in the future.

The work of this ministry is geared to improving the lives of Albertans so we all can share in our province's growth and resulting prosperity. Many of our programs and initiatives will help to address some of the challenges Albertans face in our economy. We will continue to deliver services to Albertans who most need our support whether through income support or employment training to find and keep jobs.

Also, joining this ministry is the Francophone Secretariat – they will continue their important role in working with Alberta's francophone community.

I look forward to a challenging and rewarding year, working with our community and industry partners and staff to meet the needs and support the many aspirations of Albertans.

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