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Manitoba Education and Training is committed to implementing the principles of regulatory accountability as set out in The Regulatory Accountability Act. The department works to achieve balance with regulatory requirements, identify the best options for them, assess their impact and incorporate them in department activities, programs and in the development of all regulatory instruments.

A regulatory requirement is a requirement in a regulatory instrument for a person to take an action in order to:

- access a program or service offered by the government or a government agency;
- carry on business;
- participate in a regulated activity.

Regulatory accountability provides a framework to create a transparent, efficient and effective regulatory system. Red tape reduction aims to remove the regulatory requirements that are unclear, overly prescriptive, poorly designed, redundant, contradictory or antiquated. Not all regulatory requirements create red tape.

Regulatory Requirements

	Baseline (April 1, 2016)	2016/17 (March 31, 2017)	2017/18 (March 31, 2018)
Total number of regulatory requirements	122,461	122,103	121,942

	2016/17 from baseline	2017/18 from baseline
Net change in total number of regulatory requirements	(358)	(519)
% change	(0.3)%	(0.4)%

Note: The information in the tables above includes that of any Special Operating Agencies (SOAs) or other agencies that report to the Minister.

Achievements

Since April of 2016, the department's achievements in reducing regulatory requirements and eliminating red tape included:

- Through The Red Tape Reduction and Government Efficiency Act, 2018, the department will be reducing/avoiding 5 regulatory requirements resulting in a one-time savings/cost-avoidance of \$166.0 and an on-going annual savings/cost-avoidance to government of \$42.2.
- The department conducted a value-stream mapping exercise to maximize the efficiency of the program approval process for Private Vocational Institutions, which led to the elimination of a review committee and a reduction in processing time from 6-12 months down to 2 months. The department continues to explore further enhancements to this process.
- Streamlining of regulatory instruments associated with Private Vocational Institutions has led to a reduction of 199 regulatory requirements since April 2016. Additionally, all forms are being converted into e-forms to provide easier access for applicants.
- Through The Boards, Committees, Councils and Commissions Streamlining Act, the department will rationalize the size of the Provincial Healthy Child Advisory Committee and has dissolved several other committees that were no longer necessary.
- In 2016/17 the Healthy Child Manitoba Office reviewed program forms and policies, which led to repeals and amendments that reduced the requirements associated with their programs by over 200 regulatory requirements.