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Provinces must accelerate reforms to meet citizen expectations

A new report by Deloitte released today urges provincial governments to accelerate their plans for reform, if citizen expectations are to be met.

The report highlights the significant role of provincial governments in delivering the services that Canadians value most: health care, education, environmental protection, infrastructure, public safety and security. Unfortunately, rising citizen expectations, combined with mounting pressures from demographic, global and domestic trends, are pointing to a widening performance gap. Yet, this does not have to be the case. The need to address these challenges can present opportunities to rethink old ways and embrace change.



Drawing on consultations with senior provincial leaders and a related research project by Deloitte's global research arm, the report presents strategies for reform, showcases examples where alternatives are starting to take hold and provides action steps for accelerating the pace of change. [Provinces in Transition: Tackling Canada's toughest policy and management challenges](#) sets out strategies governments can use as they transition into the 21st century.

The report shows that provinces must search out new ways of conducting business for every aspect of government — from service delivery practices, to organizational structures and financial management capabilities. While acknowledging the complexity of the task, the report concludes that provinces willing to embrace change will reap significant long-term advantages, including:

- addressing the health care funding crisis
- improving citizen interactions
- attracting new talent
- maturing financial management to improve transparency and

- control
- investing in higher education and skills development
- renewing public infrastructure, and
- improving emergency response

The report brings to light the execution imperative by highlighting what has worked and how new challenges can be addressed.

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2007/05/28	CSA	Securities regulators launch XBRL voluntary filing program

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