



Election 2025 Priority: Modernize Aviation Regulations

Air travel is heavily regulated by the federal government; yet many regulations have not kept up with technological or other advances. For instance, while many other countries have adopted advanced technologies to speed up the boarding process, in Canada, regulations require manual validation. This is compounded by the absence of a national biometrics strategy – putting Canada at a competitive disadvantage compared to other countries with biometrics strategies in place.

A 2025 Statistics Canada study demonstrated that regulatory burdens on Canadian businesses increased

37% between 2006 and 2021, resulting in GDP and employment loss of 1.7% and 1.3% respectively. Aviation is no exemption.

Although aviation will never compromise on safety, Canada's regulatory regime is in need of modernization, with an eye to reducing obsolete regulations, modernizing regulations to reflect current technological and operational realities, and amending regulations that unnecessarily add hundreds of millions in new costs to the Canadian aviation system.

