

Saskatchewan Provincial Ministry Descriptions

Advanced Education

The Ministry of Advanced Education is responsible for higher education in Saskatchewan. This includes providing Saskatchewanians with the skills and education to fill the needs of the province. The ministry oversees degree-granting institutions (like universities), career colleges, Aboriginal education and student financial support.

Agriculture

The Ministry of Agriculture is responsible for the province's agribusiness, farmers, and ranchers. Crown lands, farm safety and the growth of the agricultural sector (through international trade, best practices and marketing the industry as a career for young people) are also in the ministry's mandate.

Central Services

The Ministry of Central Services provides internal government services like human resources, records management, property management, transportation and IT services to over 12,000 government employees. The ministry also organizes SaskTenders (for businesses that want to work with the government) and the government's career centre.

Economy

The ministry is responsible for economic growth and generating wealth in the province. More specifically, the ministry is responsible for advancing and regulating resource development and developing, attracting and retaining skilled workers.

Education

The Ministry of Education is responsible for K-12 schooling in the province as well as setting course curriculum, accrediting teachers and overseeing provincial examinations and student services.

Environment

Saskatchewan's Ministry of Environment is responsible for sustaining growth while meeting the environmental challenges that come with economic growth. The ministry has a focus on bettering the quality of life for those in Saskatchewan through monitoring environmental impact.

Finance

The Ministry of Finance deals with the provincial budget and manages provincial taxes, economic forecasting, government banking and investment, as well as the provincial debt.

Government Relations

The Ministry of Government Relations handles the relationship between the provincial government and other orders of government including municipal governments and First Nations, Métis and northern affairs broadly.

Health

The Ministry of Health is responsible for the provincial health care system including surgery, medical imaging, immunizations and eHealth (electronic medical records).

Highways

The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure manages the system of highways throughout the province as well as travel infrastructure. Major highway projects like the Regina Bypass and the twinning of Highway 7 are under the ministry's mandate.

Justice

The Ministry of Justice oversees the justice system in Saskatchewan. Policing, community safety and corrections are all under their mandate as well as other facets of the legal system including wills and estates, landlord-tenant issues and marriage licenses.

Labour Relations and Workplace Safety

The Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety works to ensure that workplaces are safe and equitable in the province of Saskatchewan. The ministry sets employment standards, regulates occupational health and safety and administers the Office of the Workers' Advocate.

Parks, Culture and Sport

The Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport oversees sport in the province, offering tax benefits and supporting sports initiatives in Saskatchewan. The ministry also administers parks and fosters cultural initiatives. The Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation and the registration of heritage properties is also under this ministry's mandate.

Social Services

The Ministry of Social Services works to assist Saskatchewanians with income support, affordable housing, supports for individuals with disabilities and child and family services.