

Tax Credits

FILMING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

For detailed information on the following:
www.bcfilm.bc.ca or www.bcfilmcommission.com

TAX CREDITS

- Tax credits are applied to accredited qualified labour costs.
- Tax credits may be combined.
- Each Tax Credit Program has specific criteria that must be met in order to qualify.

Foreign Film & Television Production

Canadian Film or Video Production Services Tax Credit	16%
BC Film or Video Production Services Tax Credit	
• Basic	18%
• Regional production	6%
• Digital animation or visual effects	15%

TAX CREDIT	MAXIMUM VALUE	POSSIBLE COMBINATIONS			
Film Incentive BC (Domestic)					
• Basic	30%	•		•	
• Digital animation or visual effects	15%	•		•	
• Regional production	12.5%	•		•	
• Training	3%	•		•	
Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit	25%	•	•		
BC Production Services Tax Credits					
• Basic	18%		•		•
• Digital animation or visual effects	15%		•		•
• Regional production	6%		•		•
Canadian Film or Video Production Services Tax Credit	16%		•	•	

For information on Canadian PSTC contact:

Vancouver Tax Services Office

Film Services Unit
 Post Office Building
 757 West Hastings St., 3rd Floor
 Vancouver, BC, Canada V6C 1A1
 tel 604-666-7911
 fax 604-666-7436
www.cra.gc.ca/taxcredit/ftc-e.html

For information on British Columbia PSTC and Film Incentive BC contact:

British Columbia Film

2225 West Broadway
 Vancouver, BC, Canada V6K 2E4
 tel 604-736-7997
 fax 604-736-7290
bcf@bcfilm.bc.ca
www.bcfilm.bc.ca

REGIONAL TAX CREDIT 6%

Labour Rebate for "Service" Productions

Feature Films & TV Series – Service Production Tax Credits

There is a Regional Tax Credit of 6% on labour for a TV series or mini-series, and feature film productions that qualify as a "Service Production."

Once the production company acquires an Accreditation Certificate from British Columbia Film, then, when the production company files corporate taxes, the Canada Revenue Agency will refund the credited amount.

Tax credits can be combined.

The Regional Tax Credit of 6% can be added onto the Production Services Tax Credit of 18% (based on British Columbian labour) and the Canadian Film or Video Production Services Tax Credit of 16% (based on Canadian labour) **for a total of 40% in tax credits.**

Also, the Digital Animation or Visual Effects Tax Credit (D.A.V.E.) of 15% can be added regardless if editing in the regions or in Vancouver, and regardless if production is filmed in BC or Canada.

Criteria – TV Series or Mini-Series

- Labour Tax Credits of 6% are pro-rated for regional days of filming only;
- All labour qualifies regardless if from Vancouver or local hire;
- To qualify, there must be a minimum of 5 days of principle photography per episode shot in the regions of British Columbia (outside the Vancouver studio zone); and
- More than 50% of number of total principle photography days per episode in British Columbia;
 - For example, for one episode, 9/16 days must be filmed in the regions;
 - For example, for one episode, if filming 2 days in Alberta and 16 days in British Columbia, then 9/16 days must be shot in the regions to qualify.

Criteria – Feature Film

- Labour Tax Credits of 6% are pro-rated for regional days of filming only;
- All labour qualifies regardless if from Vancouver or local hire;
- To qualify, there must be a minimum of 5 days of principle photography shot in the regions of British Columbia (outside the Vancouver studio zone); and
- More than 50% of number of total principle photography days in British Columbia;
 - For example, 21/40 principle photography days must be filmed in the regions;
 - For example, if filming 2 days in Alberta and 16 days in British Columbia, then 9/16 principle photography days must be shot in the regions to qualify.

REGIONAL TAX CREDIT 12.5%

Labour Rebate for "BC Domestic" Productions

Same criteria as above except tax credit is 12.5%.

For more information, contact:

Manager, Tax Credits	Business Analyst, Tax Credits
British Columbia Film	British Columbia Film
tel 604-736-7997 x104	tel 604-736-7997 x111

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INTERNATIONAL CO-PRODUCTIONS TREATIES

Telefilm Canada

440 Cambie Street, Suite 310
 Vancouver, BC, Canada V5B 2N5
 tel 604-666-1566
 fax 604-666-7754
 info@telefilm.gc.ca
 www.telefilm.gc.ca

WORK PERMITS

There are two stages in the process of applying for a work permit in Canada.

Three weeks lead-time is required.

- a) "Confirmation for Job" – approved by Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC); must have in order to apply for a "Work Permit".

Human Resources Development Canada

Employer Services, Foreign Worker Unit,
 Regional Shared Services
 Pox Box 4950, Station Terminal,
 Vancouver, BC V6B 4A6
 tel 604-687-7803
 toll free 1-888-246-7712 Canada Only
 fax 604-666-7731

- b) "Work Permit"

Can be applied for, provided you have a "Confirmation for Job", at a Canadian Consulate, Embassy or High Commission, or, in the case of U.S. residents only, in Canada at a Port of Entry.

Note: HRDC will send a Confirmation Number to the Port of Entry you provide. If this should change, the Foreign Worker may experience delays or refusal by Immigration Officials. Work Permit costs \$150.00 (January 2004).

IMPORTATION OF GOODS FOR FILM PRODUCTION – TEMPORARY

Goods entering Canada temporarily for use on a film production will qualify for duty-free entry and can enter temporarily for up to 18 months. Goods imported temporarily for use in the film industry may be:

- 1) Entitled to partial relief of the 6% Goods & Services Tax (GST) at a 1/60th rate; OR
- 2) The GST may be fully relieved; OR
- 3) Subject to the GST.

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA)

Customs, Client Services Division
 Duties Relief, Remissions Department
 333 Dunsmuir St.
 Vancouver, BC V6B 5R4
 fax 604-666-7027
 www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca

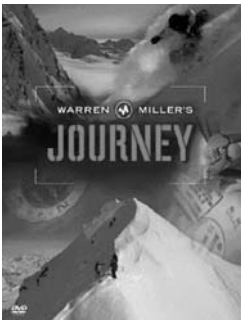
Trade Services Officers

- Trade Officers
 tel 604-666-0863 or 604-666-6769

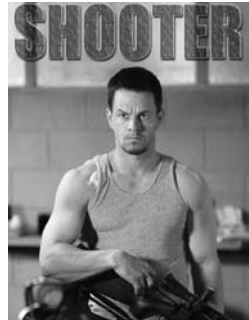
For more government agencies and information, please refer to GOVERNMENT, UNIONS & ASSOCIATIONS section.

This document regarding tax credits is intended as a general overview. It is not exhaustive and should not be relied upon to determine eligibility or the final amount of an anticipated tax credit. In case of any discrepancy between this document and the legislation and regulations, the legislation and regulations shall prevail.

TAX CREDITS



Warren Miller annually films extreme skiing movies at Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing Resort in Blue River



Shooter
 Filmed in Ashcroft area
 To be released in 2007