

Gift Card Legislation Across Canada

Legislation Requirements	Saskatchewan
When does/did the Legislation come into effect?	No date yet established (Fall 08)
How are gift cards defined by the Legislation?	'Prepaid purchase card' means, subject to the regulations, an electronic card, written certificate or other voucher or device with a monetary value, that is issued or sold in exchange for the future purchase or delivery of goods or services, and includes a gift card and gift certificate.
Does the legislation eliminate expiry dates?	Yes
Are expiry dates still allowed in some specific cases?	Yes, to be set out in regulations.
Does the Legislation prohibit gift card fees?	Yes, no person who issues or sells a prepaid purchase card shall: (a) charge an inactivity or dormancy fee in relation to the prepaid purchase card; or (b) except in accordance with the regulations made pursuant to this Part, charge any other fee to the holder of the prepaid purchase card for anything in relation to the card.
Are some fees still allowed in specific cases?	To be set out in regulations
What information are retailers required to provide to consumers?	To be set out in regulations
How is this information to be conveyed to consumers?	To be set out in regulations
Are multi-vendor gift cards treated differently?	To be set out in regulations
Is a mandatory review included in the legislation?	No
What are the penalties for non-compliance?	For a first offence: (i) in the case of an individual, to a fine of not more than \$5,000, to imprisonment for a term of not more than one year or to both; and (ii) in the case of a corporation, to a fine of not more than \$100,000; and For a second or subsequent offence: (i) in the case of an individual, to a fine of not more than \$10,000, to imprisonment for a term of not more than one year or to both; and (ii) in the case of a corporation, to a fine of not more than \$500,000.
More information on the legislation can be found at:	http://www.legassembly.sk.ca/bills/PDFs/Bill-12.pdf