

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS BULLETIN



GASOLINE PRICES

Canada's retail gasoline market is governed by the federal *Competition Act*.

Under the *Competition Act*, it is illegal for gasoline retailers to:

- Agree to fix prices or enter into other anti-competitive agreements;
- Try to influence another retailer's prices by agreement, threat or promise;
- Persuade wholesalers to cut off gasoline supplies to discount retailers because of the discounter's low prices.

Competing gas stations often charge similar or identical prices and there are a number of factors that can affect the final price of gas at the pumps across Canada.

Different taxes on gasoline from each province and territory can lead to higher prices, and it can cost more to transport gasoline to the pumps in certain regions of Canada like remote areas further from major cities.

High or identical prices are not evidence of illegal activity, but if there is evidence of price-fixing or other anti-competitive activity in the gasoline sector, you can contact the Competition Bureau at 1-800-348-5358

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