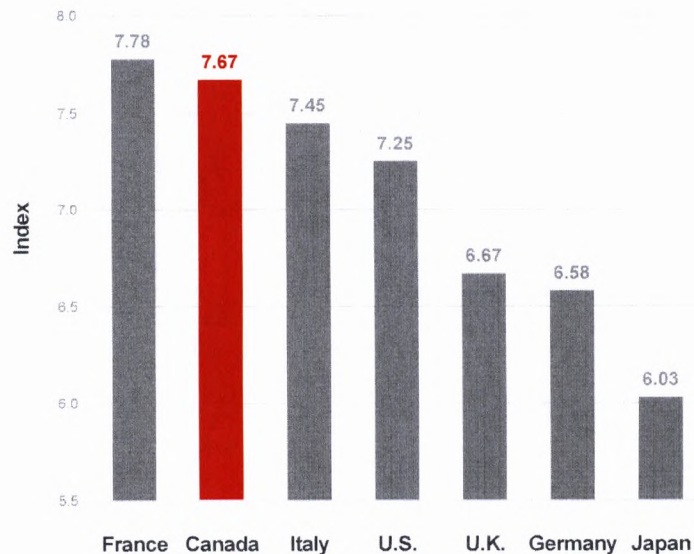


...and a readily available army of qualified engineers.



Qualified Engineers Availability Index*

- The availability of qualified engineers in the labour force in Canada is greater than in any other G7 country except France, according to a Institute for Management Development (IMD) survey.



Source: IMD. * Rank among G3 economies considered in the World Competitiveness Yearbook 2017

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Canada is also a world leader in academic performance among youth...



- Among the three subject areas (reading, science and mathematics) surveyed in the OECD Program for International Student Assessment (PISA), Canadian schoolchildren rank first in the G7 in reading and second in each of science and mathematics.
- Among the 72 countries and economies that participated in PISA 2015, Canadian schoolchildren ranked 3rd in reading, 9th in science and 10th in mathematics. The rankings compare to 9th, 10th and 13th, respectively, in 2012.
- The annual PISA survey involves a total of over 540,000 pupils in 72 countries and evaluates the capacity of 15-year olds to understand and solve academic problems.

PISA Score (Points – Standing Among G7 Countries)

Country	Reading
Canada	527
Japan	516
Germany	509
France	499
United Kingdom	498
United States	497
Italy	485

Country	Science
Japan	538
Canada	528
United Kingdom	509
Germany	509
United States	496
France	495
Italy	481

Country	Mathematics
Japan	532
Canada	516
Germany	506
France	493
United Kingdom	492
Italy	490
United States	470

Source: OECD Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2015 – Released December 6, 2016

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