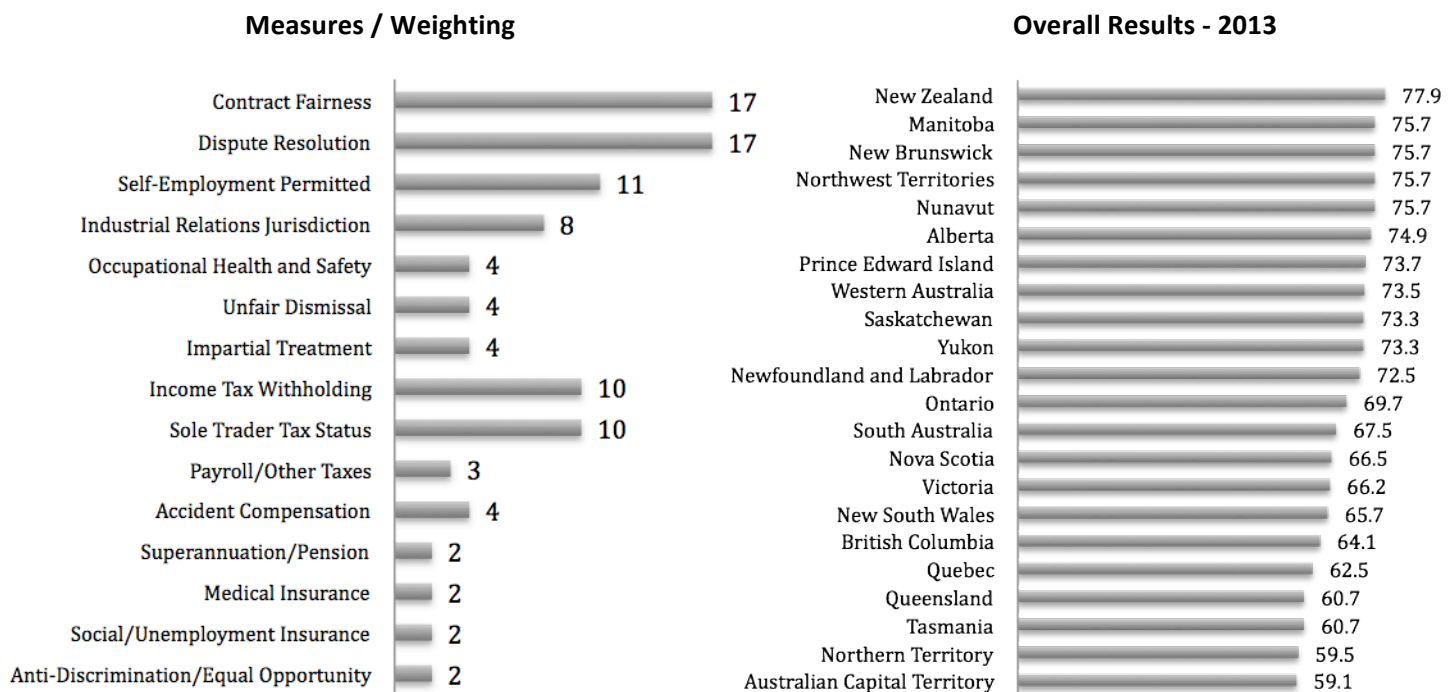


Entrepreneurial Index – 2013

The Entrepreneurial Index assesses the impact of government laws, regulations and their administration on the ability of people to be self-employed and hence entrepreneurial.

How government impacts on the ability of people to be self-employed entrepreneurs needs to be measured. The aim of the Entrepreneurial Index is to identify specific areas of policy where improvement could be made to further enable entrepreneurship.

This first edition of the Index covers all of the provinces and territories of Canada, the states and territories of Australia, and New Zealand and 15 different measures were assessed and weighted for importance to give an overall score out of 100.



The Entrepreneurial Index operates on the proposition that self-employed people are the core base of entrepreneurs in any society. It is these people who collectively are the major contributors to wealth creation and broad wealth distribution in societies.

In developed economies self-employed people make up between 15 and 25 percent of the workforce. In addition, as the owners and operators of small businesses, self-employed people operate some 95 percent plus of all businesses and employ between 45 to 65 percent of the workforce. These figures demonstrate the importance of understanding the needs of self-employed business people.

To view the full scorecards for each jurisdiction, for comparisons between regions for each assessed measure, or to read more about the methodology used in allocating scores, please visit the Entrepreneurial Index website.