

MARCH 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Manitoba

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minimum Wage

Feb 24: From now through March 17, Manitoba will be running an [online survey](#) on regulating wage rates for apprentices as part of its plan to increase the general minimum wage to \$15 per hour by Oct. 2023.

Immigration

Feb 14: The Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program issued 6,367 nominations in 2022, the most in any single year since the Program began in 1998. Top occupations: transport truck drivers, food-service supervisors, food-counter attendants, cooks and industrial butchers and meat cutters.

New Laws

Feb 17: Manitoba is investing over \$123 million in 9 initiatives to recruit and retain nurses. New incentives include hourly premium for weekend work hours, reimbursement of professional licensing fees costs, annual payments to nurses of retirement age who keep on working and wellness incentives.

Accessibility

Feb 16: The government tabbed veteran lawyer and former Human Rights Commission in-house counsel Sarah Lugtig to carry out the full review of the *Accessibility for Manitobans Act* required by the law, starting in March. Ms. Lugtig is expected to publish her report before the end of 2023.

Accessibility

Mar 10: That's the deadline for organizations and businesses [to apply](#) for Manitoba Accessibility Fund (MAF) of up to \$50,000 to carry out projects to remove barriers to print, in person or electronic information and communications for persons with disabilities.

Action Point: Find out more about [accessibility laws across Canada](#)