

## JANUARY 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

# Manitoba

## **LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Minimum Wage**

Dec 1: As expected, Manitoba passed [Bill 4](#) establishing the \$15 minimum wage in 2 stages: an increase from \$13.50 to \$14.15 per hour on April 1, and another increase of 85 cents to \$15.00 per hour on Oct. 1, 2023.

### **Labour Standards**

Jan 31: As of that date, Manitoba's Employment Standards office will accept only the [new version](#) of the Employer Registration Application form for certification to recruit foreign workers.

### **Drugs & Alcohol**

Dec 16: Manitoba is expanding a program to help residents quit smoking via use of a Tobacco Quit Card and Counseling (TQCC) card that can be redeemed for \$300 worth of nicotine replacement medications (patches, gum, lozenges, inhaler and oral mist) at any pharmacy in the province, as well as counselling sessions with a health professional.