

OCTOBER 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

# Prince Edward Island

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Minimum Wage

Oct 1: For the second time this year, Prince Edward Island raised its general minimum wage, by 50 cents to \$15.00 per hour. Maximum deductions remain \$61.60 per week for board and lodging, \$49.50 per week for board only, \$27.50 per week for lodging only and \$4.25 for single meals.

**Action Point:** Find out more about the latest round of [minimum wage increases](#) taking effect across Canada

### New Laws

Sep 27: Less than 2 weeks after Hurricane Lee left town, the federal and provincial governments announced that they will provide \$1.7 million in additional support to PEI fruit tree sector producers who suffered extraordinary losses as a result of Hurricane Fiona in 2022 to cover the costs of replacing trellis infrastructure, clearing trees and mulching ground fruit.

### Health & Safety

Aug 23: A newly published PEI WCB [Hazard Alert](#) warns of the dangers of compressed oxygen cylinders. Earlier this month, a worker preparing to use a plasma table at a manufacturing plant suffered injuries when the valve attached to an oxygen cylinder exploded. Luckily, the gas pack was properly stored on a skid secured to a metal frame or the incident would have been much worse.