

MARCH 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

Northwest Territories

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minimum Wage

Jan 3: The GNWT began [annual surveying](#) on minimum wage adjustments. In 2022, the government began using a formula based on the percentage change in the CPI for Yellowknife and percentage change in the average hourly wage in the territories for the previous calendar year to calculate minimum wage changes taking effect on Sept. 1 of each year.

Immigration

Jan 17: From now through Feb. 9, the GNWT will be seeking [public feedback](#) on extending its current [Immigration Strategy](#) to 2025 and identifying new priorities and actions for improvement.

New Laws

Jan 29: The GNWT pushed back the launch date of the new [Extended Health Benefits Policy](#) to Sept. 1, 2024. Changes to the Policy include: i. a new income assessment process to determine eligibility for benefits, except for seniors; and ii. elimination of the requirement to have a specified disease to access benefits.

Workers Comp

Feb. 29: That's the deadline for employers in the Northwest Territories to submit their Annual Payroll Report listing their actual workers comp payroll costs from 2023 and projected costs for 2024 to the WSCC to avoid potential late fees, interest and penalties.

Action Point: Look up the [2024 workers comp rates](#) in each part of Canada