

Prince Edward Island

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

Aug 10: The federal government is offering oyster harvesters in Prince Edward Island a one-time payment of \$40,000 for voluntarily agreeing to the permanent retirement of their wild oyster licences and permits. The new Oyster Licence Retirement Grant Program is designed to ease pressure on wild oyster stocks diminished by the spread of MSX and Dermo diseases.

New Laws

Jul 23: Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen regional electricity planning. The three provinces will work with Natural Resources Canada to identify opportunities to strengthen regional electricity infrastructure, improve system reliability, and support growing electricity demand across Atlantic Canada.

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Jul 23: The federal government awarded PEI Energy Corporation \$5.9 million to support the Prince Edward Island–New Brunswick Interconnection Expansion Project. The money will be used for engineering studies, marine surveys, environmental assessments, stakeholder and Indigenous engagement, regulatory work, and preliminary transmission route and substation design—laying the groundwork for construction by 2028.

New Laws

Aug 11: The federal Minister of Fisheries announced the launch of Phase 2 of a major reconstruction project at Red Head Harbour in Prince Edward Island (PEI). Under this phase of the multi-year, multi-million dollar project, reconstruction of the western wharf will be completed to ensure continued use of the harbour to support the local fishing industry.

Training

Aug 14: With hurricane season approaching its normally expected peak, PEI announced that more than 30 provincial civil servants have received enhanced training to help operate reception centres during extreme weather and other emergencies. The training included reception centre operations, emergency management, and psychological first aid.

Health & Safety

Aug 14: The back was the part of the body that resulted in the most time loss injury claims in the province in 2025, the Workers' Compensation Board of PEI reported. While back injuries can happen in many ways, manual lifting was one of the common cause of claims.

Action Point: Find out [how to create a vibrant safety culture](#) to prevent back and other injuries that can result in workers' compensation claims.

Accessibility

Jul 24: Prince Edward Island signed the new nationwide memorandum of understanding under which the federal government, provinces, and territories promise to work together to boost accessibility and align accessibility standards for new building construction across Canada.

Action Point: Does your company's website meet accessibility standards? Find out how to implement a legally sound [Website Accessibility Policy](#).

Drugs & Alcohol

Jul 21: Prince Edward Island signed a landmark agreement with eight other provinces—Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland and Labrador—allowing DTC sales of alcoholic beverages across their boundaries. Québec and Yukon are working to develop the necessary infrastructure to implement DTC in their own jurisdictions, with the aim of signing on to the Agreement in the near future.

Action Point: Find out how to implement an effective [fitness for duty policy to control substance abuse](#) at your workplace.