

JANUARY 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Saskatchewan

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Immigration

Dec 9: Newly published [regulations](#) reduce barriers to recognizing out of province and international credentials of professionals that want to ply their trade in Saskatchewan. Regulatory agencies now have just 50 days to assess and internationally trained applicant's training, experience and qualifications and determine if they're qualified to work in the province.

New Laws

Dec 19: The government says it's making progress in its ambitious plan to recruit, train and retain desperately needed healthcare workers, citing as an example the 161 job offers made to Filipino nurses and lab assistants during a targeted recruitment mission to the Philippines.

Workplace Violence

Dec 6: Newly tabled [Private Member Bill 612](#) would ban harassment and intimidation of abortion workers and patients in protective zones around the entrance of facilities.

Action Point: Find out about the 10 things you must do to [prevent workplace violence](#)

Workers Comp

Nov 22: The committee reviewing the *Workers Compensation Act* issued 34

[recommendations](#), including amending the definition of “workers” covered by the Act to include students and exclude executive officers, creating a new death benefit, increasing benefits for permanent functional impairment and clarifying the rules for coverage of psychological injuries.

Workers Comp

Dec 12: After cutting employers slack for COVID in the past 2 years, the Saskatchewan WCB increased 2023 average workers comp premiums 5 cents (4.1%) to \$1.28 per \$100 assessable payroll. Approximately 65% of employers will have higher premiums next year. The agency cited rising claims costs and payroll as the primary drivers of the increase.

Action Point: Look up the [2023 workers comp rates](#) in each part of Canada