

OCTOBER 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

# Prince Edward Island

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Leaves of Absence

Oct 1: Employees in PEI, according to the Employment Standards Act, are now entitled to paid sick leave of 1 day per year after 12 months, 2 days after 24 months, and 3 days after 36 months of continuous employment. Employees must be paid their standard wages for the hours they would have worked had they not taken leave.

**Action Point:** Find out about the [current paid sick leave rules across Canada](#).

### Minimum Wage

Oct 1: PEI increased its general minimum wage for the second time this year. After last April's 40-cent increase, the minimum wage went up another 60 cents to \$16.00 per hour.

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

### Immigration

Sep 19: [Public comments](#) closed on newly proposed [regulations](#) that require employment agencies in Prince Edward Island to be licensed to recruit temporary foreign workers.

**Action Point:** Find out the 10 things you need to know if you hire [temporary foreign workers](#).

### **New Laws**

Oct 21: That's the deadline for PEI entrepreneurs [to apply](#) to Innovation PEI for Ignition Fund assistance of up to \$25,000 to support the launch of a new business or expansion of an existing one. This is the second and final Ignition Fund intake of 2024.

### **New Laws**

Sep 1: The PEI Insulin Pump Program has been expanded to cover all medically eligible residents with type 1 diabetes, regardless of age. Previously, the program was open only to residents ages 25 or younger.