

Northwest Territories

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

Jan 16: Individuals with high school diplomas may now enter the Northwest Territories trades, thus creating a fourth pathway in addition to: 1. Scoring at least 70% on the trades entrance exam; 2. Meeting the Secondary School course requirements; and 3. Passing all 5 of the High School Equivalency Credentials (General Education Diploma or Canadian Adult Education Credential).

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Jan 20: The GNWT released a [What We Heard Report](#) summarizing the feedback it received in the recent public consultations on proposed changes to regulations governing the dental hygienist profession, including removal of the dentist supervision requirement, a general and expanded scope category for registration and a less restrictive general scope of practice for dental hygienists.

Immigration

Jan 16: The GNWT delayed its scheduled re-opening of the Northwest Territories Nominee Program upon learning that its nominee allotment for 2025 will be slashed by 50% to 150, as opposed to 300 in 2024. The government said it needs more time to reassess the program to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of NWT residents.

Action Point: Find out about the 10 things employers [need to know about hiring temporary foreign workers](#).

Workers' Comp

Feb 28: That's the final day for employers in the Northwest Territories to submit their 2024 workers' comp Annual Payroll Report to the WSCC. You should receive a mailed package from the agency well in advance of the deadline. Contact your assessment representative immediately if you haven't received the APR package.