

Saskatchewan

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

Jan 10: Saskatchewan and the federal government signed a new agreement that will provide over \$40 million over 3 years to improve access to drugs, early diagnosis and screening for rare diseases in the province. Under the agreement, Saskatchewan will offer residents 3 new drugs for rare diseases: Poteligeo for relapsed or refractory mycosis fungoides or Sézary syndrome, Oxlumo for primary hyperoxaluria type 1, and Epkinly for relapsed or refractory large B-cell lymphoma.

Action Point: Find out how to create a legally and clinically sound workplace infectious illness [exposure control plan](#).

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Jan 10: Building permits issued in Saskatchewan from November 2023 to November 2024 increased 26.2%, the highest of any province except Prince Edward Island. The value of building permits issued also increased 15.3% on a month-to-month basis.

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Jan 29: Saskatchewan and Ottawa will invest \$6.9 million to support livestock and forage-related scientific research in the province in 2025, including projects to manufacture vaccines to control infectious diseases, evaluate the use of fire and post-fire herbicide applications to control woody plants in rangelands, and investigate how trace-mineral supplementation could help feeder calves respond better to vaccines.

Workers' Comp

Jan 1: Under newly effective legislation, corporate directors who receive wages reported on a T4 no longer count as "workers" under the *Workers' Compensation Act*. As a result, directors will no longer have automatic workers' comp coverage, although companies can still purchase [optional personal coverage](#) for them from the WCB.

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Feb 28: That's the final day for Saskatchewan employers to file their Employer's Payroll Statement (EPS) listing their actual payroll expenses in 2024 and estimated payroll expenses for 2025. Remember that under new rules, corporate directors are no longer automatically covered by workers' comp and shouldn't be listed in the company's workers' assessable payroll totals.