

Yukon

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minimum Wage

Apr 1: Yukon increased its general minimum wage by 2.0%, from \$17.59 to \$17.94 per hour. That's the second highest rate in all of Canada, behind only Nunavut at \$19.00 per hour.

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

Leaves of Absence

Feb 27: Yukon announced that it's extending the Paid Sick Leave Rebate Program for another year, until March 31, 2026. The Program covers the cost of up to 40 hours of paid sick leave per 12-month period for eligible workers at no cost to their employer.

New Laws

Mar 4: Yukon rolled out new measures in response to U.S. tariffs, including ordering the Yukon Liquor Corporation to stop ordering U.S.-made alcohol and remove U.S.-made products from all stores, limiting U.S. business' access to government procurement and allocating \$1 million to develop an assistance program to complement federal support programs.

Immigration

Apr 2: That's the deadline for foreign nationals with expiring work permits to [request](#) a temporary measure letter of support allowing them to apply for a new work permit from Immigrations, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). The new work permit will be Yukon-specific and valid for up to 2 years.

New Laws

Mar 20: Yukon signed a new 4-year pharmacare agreement with the federal government that will provide the territory up to \$9.5 million so that it can offer residents universal access to contraceptive and diabetes medications at little to no cost. Coverage expansions will begin no later than January 2026.

New Laws

Mar 13: The Governments of Canada and Yukon signed a new bilateral agreement under which the territory will receive more than \$8.5 million over 3 years to improve residents' access to selected new drugs for rare disease as well as existing drugs, early diagnosis and screening. In phase one, the money will be used to provide access to Yescarta, a drug used to treat relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphomas, follicular lymphoma, large B-cell lymphoma (LBCL), diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), and high-grade B-cell lymphoma (HGBL).

Drugs & Alcohol

Mar 7: The new landmark \$32.5 billion tobacco litigation settlement with the tobacco companies earmarks approximately \$101 million for Yukon, with approximately \$24 million to be received in the 2025–26 fiscal year.

Action Point: Find out how to comply with [workplace smoking laws](#).

Discrimination

May 10: That's the deadline to fill out a short [online survey](#) about what changes Yukon should make to improve its *Human Rights Act* and make it more consistent with similar laws in other provinces and territories.