

Prince Edward Island

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Employment Standards

May 27: From now through July 21, PEI will hold public consultations on the new *Temporary Foreign Worker Protection Act* [employer registry requirements and administrative penalty regulations](#). The first phase of the Act's implementation occurred on April 1, 2025, when new protections for temporary foreign workers and a licensing requirement for recruiters took effect.

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

New Laws

May 15: Prince Edward Island passed [Bill 15](#), the *Interprovincial Trade and Mobility Act* authorizing the government to enter into bilateral reciprocal free trade and labour mobility agreements with other provinces. PEI is one of several provinces that has adopted reciprocal trade agreement legislation in response to the Trump tariffs.

Health & Safety

May 23: With respiratory illness season coming to a close, Health PEI lifted the mandatory masking policy at all of its facilities. Staff will, of course, continue to follow hand hygiene, patient care equipment cleaning, and other sanitation and protective protocols.

Action Point: Find out how to implement a [legally sound face masks policy](#) at your workplace.

Health & Safety

Apr 30: PEI began using a new system for its Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Registry Program that uses an online and app-based tool with an interactive map that connects people who witness a sudden cardiac arrest with nearby AEDs so they can get immediate help for the victim.

Drugs & Alcohol

May 9: PEI is increasing the tax it charges consumers for purchasing tobacco at retail from 29.52 cents to 30.00 cents per cigarette or tobacco stick.