

Northwest Territories

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minimum Wage

Jul 19: The GNWT announced that it will increase the general minimum wage from \$16.70 to \$16.95 per hour on Sept. 1. This is the third consecutive year that Northwest Territories will implement an annual minimum wage increase based on the Consumer Price Index and the average hourly wage from the previous calendar year.

Action Point: Find out [how to avoid common payroll errors](#) when adjusting to minimum wage increases.

Accessibility

Jul 3: The Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission issued a [brochure](#) calling on employers and care providers to ensure that their emergency response plans account for the mobility-impaired, elderly, disabled and other disadvantaged groups that may need special help in evacuating during a flood, fire, or other emergency.

Action Point: Find out how to make your own [emergency response plan accessible](#).

New Laws

Jul 2: The federal government announced new Low Carbon Economy Fund support for a pair of projects in the Northwest Territories, including \$2.3 million to improve energy efficiency and low carbon heating at Denendeh Manor in Yellowknife, and \$4.6 million for ground-mounted solar installation kits to Inuvialuit-owned cabins in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Health & Safety

Sep 8: That's the deadline [to apply](#) for the WSCC's OHS Funding Program supporting non-profit and for-profit companies that offer services to help employers in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut improve workplace safety and comply with OHS laws. Applicants can request funding of \$5,000 to \$250,000 per project.