

Prince Edward Island

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minimum Wage

Oct 1: That's when PEI's general minimum wage will increase from \$16.00 to \$16.50 per hour, tied with Nova Scotia for the highest rate in the Maritimes. Another 50-cent increase will take the minimum wage to \$17.00 per hour on April 1, 2026.

Discrimination

Sep 24: That's the deadline for PEI organizations for Gender, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Community Enhancement Program grants to support projects to prevent gender-based violence prevention and promote community DEI events and celebrations across the Island.

Action Point: Find out [how to protect your employees](#) from the risk of workplace domestic violence.

New Laws

Aug 7: PEI renewed its 2-year funding agreement with Women's Network PEI for a program to help diversify the province's workforce in the trades and technology fields. The Trades HERizons program focuses on introducing participants to opportunities in trades and technology, while building essential skills, fostering personal growth, and guiding meaningful career development.

New Laws

Sep 1: PEI added 18 new cancer medications and expanded indications to its Provincial Pharmacare Formulary and Health PEI's Cancer Treatment Centre Formulary in early September. The new medications assist in treating 6 different types of cancer as well as cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, skin disorders, and other illnesses.

Health & Safety

Aug 14: The PEI WCB issued a new [Hazard Alert](#) warning of the dangers of cardboard baler machines used to compress cardboard into compact bales. The Alert comes a month after a worker suffered amputating injuries to both legs while trying to release a jam in the feed chute of a baler machine that should have been but wasn't de-energized.

Action Point: Find out [how to prepare for and manage OHS and other government inspections](#) at your workplace.