

Newfoundland

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Employment Benefits

Aug 15: Newfoundland asked the federal government to extend Employment Insurance and speed up claims processing for workers displaced by the recent wildfires disasters. It also wants the government to provide the province's workers a one-time credit of 300 insurable hours the way it did for workers affected by the wildfires in Manitoba and Alberta in 2024.

New Laws

Aug 21: The federal government announced that it will match every dollar donated to the Canadian Red Cross 2025 [Newfoundland & Labrador Wildfires Appeal](#) to support wildfire disaster relief efforts across the province. Donation matching will be open for 30 days, retroactive to when the appeal first opened on August 14. The funds raised will be used to assist relief efforts in response to those impacted by the wildfires in Newfoundland and Labrador, including those who've evacuated their homes.

Labour Standards

Aug 6: The Newfoundland Ministry of Labour launched a new campaign to raise workers' awareness of their rights under the *Labour Standards Act* and other employment laws. Although aimed at all employers and workers, the Your Rights at Work campaign will especially focus on young and non-unionized employees.

Action Point: Find out how to implement a [Game Plan](#) to comply with special labour standards and OHS rules protecting young employees.

New Laws

Aug 7: Newfoundland launched a new \$3.5 million project to help women apprentices gain the hands-on experience they need to achieve Red Seal certification. The 3-year Exploring Social Enterprise as a Pathway Through Apprenticeship project will create an all-female renovation crew operating under a social enterprise to deliver services to vulnerable populations, including survivors of domestic violence, seniors and persons with disabilities.

New Laws

Aug 7: Newfoundland launched a new [Online Journeyperson and Apprentice Registry](#) enabling employers, apprentices, journeypersons and apprenticeship authorities to quickly confirm certification status online using a simple search requiring only the individual's first and last name and certificate or apprenticeship number. Requests will be processed within 2 business days.