

# Newfoundland

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Training

Sep 12: Newfoundland updated its teacher training and certification regulations. Key changes: i. Removal of reference to Primary/Elementary and/or Secondary Teaching Certificate, thereby broadening areas of specialization acceptable for certification; ii. Educational psychologists renamed school psychologists; and iii. New alternate pathways for speech language pathologists and school psychologists to upgrade their credentials.

### New Laws

Sep 5: The federal government announced that it will provide over \$33.4 million in Canada Community-Building Fund assistance in 2025-2026 to 275 municipalities in Newfoundland and Labrador to support high-priority housing and infrastructure development projects across a wide range of categories.

### New Laws

Sep 9: Newfoundland awarded a \$561.7 million contract to Medavie Health NL to design, manage, and operate the province's new emergency response program that combines road and air ambulance services into a single integrated system. Medavie Provincial Aerospace will serve as Medavie's sole air operator and subcontract any other required aviation services to other providers, including Air Borealis.

### New Laws

Sep 2: After detecting the aquatic animal diseases MSX and Dermo in local oyster samples, the federal government declared the waters of eastern Canada including Newfoundland as areas subject to the Domestic Movement Control Program permitting rules. **Result:** Oysters that have been grown to commercial size and processed for human consumption may still be exported and sold but oysters not ready for the commercial market and still growing may not be moved outside the declared areas.

### New Laws

Sep 15: Newfoundland announced its first grant under the new Job Accelerator and Growth (JAG) Program—\$1.4 million to IT consultant CGI to support the company's expansion into the province, which is expected to result in the creation of up to 60 new jobs over the next 3 years. Under Program rules, new JAG jobs must average at least \$50,000 in salary.

### New Laws

Sep 13: Newfoundland will award one-time honoraria of \$500 to volunteer firefighters and ground search and rescue members and \$10,000 to local fire departments and ground search and rescue teams who deployed volunteers to support wildfire response. These initiatives build on previous supports, including \$100,000 for

[wildland coveralls](#) to volunteer fire departments that supported recent wildfire suppression efforts.

### **Training**

Aug 28: Memorial University's Grenfell Campus received a \$1.1 million grant from the provincial government for a new initiative to provide flexible, non-degree training programs that combine AI education with entrepreneurship development. The Certificate in Entrepreneurship program and Navigate program will be offered through a combination of online and in-person learning delivered in collaboration with a network of post-secondary institutions, innovation hubs, and workforce development organizations.

**Action Point:** Find out how to guard against AI legal and liability risks by implementing a legally sound [workplace artificial intelligence use policy](#).