

Manitoba

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

Oct 16: Under newly tabled [Bill 50](#), any provincial legislation invoking Section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, commonly known as the notwithstanding clause, would go right to Manitoba's highest court for an opinion on whether the law violates charter rights within 90 days. The idea is to prevent the government from using Section 33, which allows for enactment of laws "notwithstanding" certain charter provisions, as a loophole to adopt laws that violate fundamental charter rights and freedoms.

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Oct 17: During the 2025-26 fiscal year, Manitoba will receive more than \$82.3 million from the Canada Community-Building Fund to support 136 high-priority infrastructure and housing development projects across the province.

Immigration

Oct 14: Manitoba invited 328 temporary foreign workers in the healthcare industry to apply to the Provincial Nominee Program so they can remain in the province and continue serving local communities. The latest draw includes 187 health-care aides, 21 physicians, 11 registered nurses and other key professionals supporting patient care.

Action Point: Find out what companies and their HR directors need to know to [navigate the immigration law maze](#).

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Oct 6: Manitoba published an ambitious new ["Path to Net Zero" plan](#) for building a low-carbon economy and achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. Key initiatives include partnering with Indigenous nations on clean energy, transitioning Manitoba's electricity grid to net zero by 2035, expanding renewable energy generation and smart grid technology, building EV charging infrastructure across the province, supporting low-emission building practices and retrofits and advancing sustainable agriculture programs and waste diversion strategies.

Drugs & Alcohol

Oct 27: It's on to Committee for [Bill 48](#) giving the police authority to detain an intoxicated person in a public place who poses a danger or causes a disturbance for up to 72 hours, the length of a meth psychosis, for their own protection. Individuals who are still intoxicated after 24 hours of detention in a protective care centre must be assessed by a healthcare professional.

Workers' Comp

Sep 29: Manitoba appointed 4 individuals to the *Workers' Compensation Act* legislative review committee, which is legally required to conduct a comprehensive

review of the legislation at least every 10 years. The review is expected to take approximately 16 months, with the report to be delivered by Dec. 31, 2026.