

# Yukon

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Minimum Wage

Apr 1: Yukon increased its general minimum wage from \$17.94 to \$18.51 per hour in accordance with the 3.2% increase to the Consumer Price Index for Whitehorse in 2025. The same 3.2% increase applies to the separate wage rates for workers on Government of Yukon public works contracts listed in the [2026 Fair Wage Schedule](#).

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

### Payroll

Mar 13: New [regulations](#) establish a minimum amount of income that can be exempt from garnishment for collecting child and spousal support payments in Yukon. The new rules line up with federal child support guidelines for Yukon, which courts consider when issuing support orders. The lowest amount of income set out in those guidelines is currently \$16,000 per year.

**Action Point:** Find out how to comply with garnishment rules and [what to do when you get an order garnishing one of your employee's wages](#).

### New Laws

Mar 12: Yukon launched a new Student Training and Employment Program for trades offering wage subsidies for hiring high school students for summer jobs enabling them to gain hands-on experience and practical skills in high-demand jobs. Students will earn at least \$18.51 per hour from the employer, with \$7.20 per hour subsidized by the government. Hours worked will count towards credits for high school graduation as well as apprenticeship if students become a registered apprentice in an applicable trade. Deadline [to apply](#): April 24.

### New Laws

Mar 2: Yukon is restructuring the Mineral Resources Branch of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources to ease implementation of the recommendations of the Board reviewing the Eagle mine failure. The new Major Mines and Technical Services branch will oversee mine development projects and the Mineral Tenure and Exploration branch regulate quartz and placer exploration.

### Workers' Compensation

Mar 1: Yukon employers can now apply for workers' comp CHOICES rebates under the WCHSB's [CHOICES Incentive Program](#). CHOICES is a voluntary incentive program that awards employers rebates ranging from 4% to 10% of their annual assessment, up to \$25,000 per year, for investing in workplace health and safety and/or return to work training.