

AUGUST 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

# Prince Edward Island

## **LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Work Refusals**

Jun 23: New [guidance](#) from the PEI WCB outlines the duties of workers, employers, supervisors, JHSCs and union representatives when workers exercise their OHS right to refuse unsafe work.

**Action Point:** Go to the [OHSI Work Refusals compliance centre](#) for resources you can use to properly handle work refusals at your site

### **New Laws**

Jul 1: Effective today, households in PEI will no longer have to meet the 6.5% out-of-pocket spending cap for medications to be eligible for Catastrophic Drug Program medication benefits. Reducing the spending cap is expected to save eligible residents \$430,000 per year.

### **New Laws**

Jun 14: With nurses in short supply, PEI will now reimburse nurses for test fees in passing an English language proficiency test necessary to meet College of Registered Nurses and Midwives of Prince Edward Island (CRNMPEI) or College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Prince Edward Island (CLPNPEI) language proficiency requirements.

## **Environmental**

Jun 27: The federal government will invest up to \$48.7 million in Canada Low Carbon Economy Fund funding to support PEI's efforts to cut energy costs and achieve its climate change goals, including: i. \$16.8 million to help low-income households switch from oil to cleaner and more cost-effective heating fuels; and ii. \$31.9 million for greenhouse gas reduction initiatives.