

MARCH 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Manitoba

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OHS Enforcement

Jan 22: Since April 1, 2022, Manitoba has carried out 4,796 WSH inspections, resulting in the issuance of 240 Stop Work Orders and 7,805 Improvement Orders. There were also 7 reported OHS work refusals and 56 alleged reprisals.

Action Point: Implement an [OHS inspections policy](#) in case inspectors show up at your door

New Laws

Jan 25: Following a strategy that has worked for other provinces, Manitoba is planning to send a delegation to the Philippines to recruit qualified internationally educated nurses (IENs). Prime target: IENs who've completed an internationally recognized English language test and have at least 2 years of experience working in hospital or long-term care settings.

Accessibility

Mar 10: That's the deadline for organizations and businesses [to apply](#) for Manitoba Accessibility Fund (MAF) of up to \$50,000 to carry out projects to remove barriers to print, in person or electronic information and communications for persons with disabilities.

Action Point: [Find out more](#) about how accessibility requirements affect your OHS program

Workers Comp

Jan 1: The Manitoba WCB reduced the reimbursement rate for travel expenses to appeal hearings during the first quarter of 2023 from \$0.51 to \$0.49 per kilometre. However, meal allowances for the first 6 months of the year are increasing:

- Breakfast: \$12.45 (up \$1.00)
- Lunch: \$17.05 (up \$1.40)
- Dinner: \$33.30 (up \$ 2.70)
- Full day: \$62.80 (up \$5.10).

Workers Comp

Feb 28: That's the last day for Manitoba employers to submit their actual 2022 workers comp payroll figures to the WCB.

Environmental

Jan 26: Manitoba launched a new \$200 million Carbon Tax Relief Fund to help residents with net family income of \$175,000 deal with rising food, fuel and other winter-related costs.