

MARCH 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

# Prince Edward Island

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Ergonomics

Feb 29: The Prince Edward Island WCB published new guidance to help employers and workers prevent sprains, tears, repetitive strain and musculoskeletal injuries, which accounted for 46.8% of all workers comp time-loss claims in 2022.

**Action Point:** Find out how to implement an [Ergonomics and Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention and Compliance Game Plan](#) at your workplace

### New Laws

Mar 31: Changes to *Building Codes Act Regulations* affecting accessibility and energy efficiency, among other things, officially take effect in Prince Edward Island today.

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Mar 7: PEI said it plans to introduce a new provincial attestation letter (PAL) system for post-secondary institutions to use to confirm the eligibility of international students to study in Canada under the federal Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) program. The federal government has allocated PEI 2,000 new student study permits for the period between January 22, 2024, to January 22, 2025.

## New Laws

Mar 11: Effective today, PEI residents can [apply](#) to receive instant permit approval to build decks, sheds and other accessory structures on their property. Permits, which carry a \$100 application fee, are mandatory to ensure that the structure is safely planned, designed and constructed.

## Industry Challenges

Mar 4: From now through August 31, 2024, the PEI Forestry Commission will be carrying out [surveying](#) on key issues related to the forestry industry, including legislation, biomass supply sustainability and readiness for extreme weather.

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Mar 13: PEI revised its [Manure Management Guidelines](#) for local farmers and livestock producers. Key changes include increased storage capacities, adjustments to how the minimum separation distance is calculated between livestock operations and non-agricultural land uses and greater involvement for professional engineers in the design and construction phase.

## New Laws

Feb 20: The Construction Association of PEI is working with the federal government and organizations in the Maritimes to create a recruitment and retention strategy to overcome labour shortages and ensure the province has the skilled tradespeople it needs to meet its new housing construction goals.

## Workers Comp

Mar 12: The PEI WCB released a new [strategic plan](#) for 2024 to 2026 laying out general principles it plans to rely on in running agency business over the next 3 years.