

New Brunswick

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

Oct 21: After 6 years of Progressive Conservative rule, New Brunswickers voted for change by electing a Liberal majority with a turnout of 66%. Seventeen women won MLA seats, setting the stage for Liberal Susan Holt to become the province's first female premier.

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Oct 22: The federal government announced that it will make personal use seal licenses to harvesters in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The new harvest will focus on harp and grey seals, which the Department of Fisheries and Oceans has assessed as being in the healthy zone of its precautionary approach framework.

Drugs & Alcohol

Nov 6: The federal government proposed [regulations](#) that allow New Brunswick to participate in the new national coordinated system of excise taxes on vaping products. This means that New Brunswick will be allowed to impose additional duties on vaping products manufactured in or imported into Canada at the federal rate, starting in 2025.

Action Point: Use the [OHS Insider Substance Abuse Compliance Game Plan](#) to curb drugs and alcohol at your workplace.

Workers' Comp

Oct 29: WorkSafeNB revised [Policy 25-30](#) clarifying that chronic pain is covered only if it's related to a compensable work-related injury, including a: i. Primary compensable injury caused by an accident arising out of employment; ii. Secondary injury that's a direct consequence or complication of a primary compensable injury; or iii. Subsequent injury during rehab.