# Northwest Territories

### **LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **New Laws**

Feb 6: The federal government announced that it's investing over \$13.9 million to support 4 transportation improvement projects in the Northwest Territories, including Liard Access Road Rehabilitation project, purchase of a wheelchair accessible passenger vehicle in Fort Providence, construction of a 2-km multipurpose path system around Little "Ma" MacDonald Park, and Airport Road flood upgrades in Hay River.

## **Transportation Safety**

Feb 3: The GNWT published Snowmobile Safety tips, including always wear a helmet, slow down to prevent rollovers and collisions, inspect your snowmobile before heading out, pack an emergency kit, tell somebody your route, and stay sober.

Action Point: Find out how to implement an effective Winter Driving Safety & Compliance Game Plan for your workers.

#### **New Laws**

Jan 16: Individuals with high school diplomas may now enter the Northwest Territories trades, thus creating a fourth pathway in addition to: 1. Scoring at least 70% on the trades entrance exam; 2. Meeting the Secondary School course requirements; and 3. Passing all 5 of the High School Equivalency Credentials (General Education Diploma or Canadian Adult Education Credential).

#### **New Laws**

Jan 16: The GNWT delayed its scheduled re-opening of the Northwest Territories Nominee Program (NTNP) upon learning that its nominee allotment for 2025 will be slashed by 50% to 150, as opposed to 300 in 2024. The government said it needs more time to reassess the program to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of NWT residents.

## **New Laws**

Feb 4: The GNWT inked a new deal with the federal government under which it will receive \$5.3 million over 5 years to bolster the recruitment and retention of vital personal support workers (PSWs) across the territories.



# **Workers' Comp**

Feb 28: February 28<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for employers in the Northwest Territories to submit their 2024 workers' comp Annual Payroll Report to the WSCC. You should receive a mailed package from the agency well in advance of the deadline. Contact your assessment representative immediately if you haven't received the APR package.

