

# New Brunswick

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PPE

Feb 25: WorkSafeNB issued [new guidance](#) clarifying the conditions that require a retention system (chinstrap) for hard hats. Under CSA Z94.1-15, protective headwear must remain in place when a force of 12N is applied upward. If conditions exist that may cause forces greater than what the suspension system is designed for, a chinstrap is required. Employers must conduct a hazard assessment to determine if a chinstrap is necessary that considers wind, impact of working around machinery, risk of losing footing, including working from a ladder or platform, confined space entry/rescue, rope access work, and other high-risk activities.

**Action Point:** Use the OHSI [PPE Head Protection Compliance Game Plan](#) to prevent head injuries and OHS penalties at your workplace.

### New Laws

Feb 21: The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency announced a federal investment of over \$3 million via the Community Futures Program that will enable 10 Community Business Development Corporations (CBDCs) in New Brunswick to offer essential financial assistance, specialized training, expert guidance, and customized local initiatives to rural businesses, organizations, and communities in the province.

### New Laws

Mar 6: The Governments of Canada and New Brunswick announced over \$13.3 million in Atlantic Fisheries Fund funding for 9 projects to support innovation in the province's fisheries sector.

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Mar 12: New Brunswick announced that the first cohort of 10 internationally trained family physician candidates has gained licensing to practice in the province through the new Practice Ready Assessment program. New Brunswick relies heavily on international physicians with roughly one-third of all licensed physicians in the province holding a medical degree from outside of Canada.

### Fire Safety

Feb 14: A joint investment of over \$40.1 million from the Governments of Canada and New Brunswick will finance the purchase of tanks, pumps, drones, trucks, and heavy equipment to fight wildfires in the province over the next 4 years. The money will be provided under the federal Fighting and Managing Wildfires in a Changing Climate Program (FMWCC).

**Action Point:** Find out how to implement an effective and legally sound [Fire Prevention Compliance Game Plan](#) at your workplace.