

Prince Edward Island

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

Mar 5: PEI launched 2 new initiatives to support businesses impacted by the Trump tariffs, including Export Enhancement and Diversification Assistance Program assistance covering up to 60% of costs (to a maximum of \$32,000) for promotion, marketing, and exploration of new global export opportunities, and The Tariff Working Capital Assistance Program assistance of up to \$500,000 over 6 years at a fixed 4% rate, with principal payments deferred for 12 months.

Industry Challenges

Mar 11: The Governments of Canada and PEI are redirecting Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership programming funds into existing programs to support farmers and agri-businesses impacted by U.S. tariffs, including in [The Product and Market Development Program](#), [Strategic Industry Growth Initiative](#), and [Business Development Program](#). SCAP is a 5-year, \$3.5-billion investment by the federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen competitiveness, innovation, and resiliency of Canada's agriculture, agri-food, and agri-based products sectors.

Industry Challenges

Mar 7: The federal government will provide Amalgamated Dairies Limited (ADL) up to \$12 million to help the PEI dairy farmer-owned cooperative modernize its milk receiving and processing operations and invest in new automated cheesemaking equipment.

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Feb 22: PEI published *Temporary Foreign Workers Protection Act* [regulations](#) implementing licensing requirements for individuals recruiting foreign workers. Effective April 1: To qualify for licences, individuals must pay a \$100 application fee, post a \$10,000 security deposit and be either a registered immigration consultant or member of a law society or the Chambre des notaries du Québec.

Action Point: Find out more about your [OHS duties to protect temporary workers](#).

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Feb 19: PEI reported that it's made inroads into satisfying residents' ever-growing demand for primary care services by hiring 41 new physicians in 2024, including 13 specializing in family medicine. In addition, 2 new physicians have been hired in 2025 so far.