

# New Brunswick

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Transportation Safety

Jun 6: [Bill 11](#) amending the *Motor Vehicle Act* to allow non-standard logging trucks to operate on certain segments of Crown land roads in New Brunswick, provided that the operator gets a special permit from the Minister of Natural Resources, received Royal Assent. New permits will cost \$1,202 per year when the legislation is proclaimed effective.

### New Laws

Jun 6: [Bill 14](#) amending the *Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Act* to make it easier for skilled workers and professionals who are registered or licensed in another province from to get their credentials recognized so they can ply their trade in New Brunswick received Royal Assent.

### Young Workers

May 30: With schools letting out for summer, New Brunswick reminded employers that children under age 14 aren't allowed to work in forestry, construction, industrial undertakings, automotive services, hospitality (hotels or restaurants), theatres, or dance halls. Children under 16 may not work over 6 hours per day or overnight, between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

**Action Point:** Planning to hire students this summer? Find out how to implement a legally sound and effective [New and Young Workers Safety and Compliance Game Plan](#).

### Workers' Comp

Jun 6: Royal Assent for [Bill 13](#), which expands firefighters' benefits under the *Firefighters' Compensation Act* by changing the definition of "average earnings" on which injury benefits are based to "the daily, weekly, monthly or other regular remuneration" that a firefighter was getting at the time of disablement, loss of earnings or death that the WorkSafeNB believes "best represents" those earnings unless it's proven that based on the firefighter's age and ongoing occupational, trade, technical or professional training, those earnings would have probably increased.

### Workers' Comp

Jul 1: Effective today, new surviving spouses in New Brunswick will receive 90% of the deceased worker's net earnings, with no family income test. Existing survivors will also get increases to their current benefit levels, along with higher annuity contributions.

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Jul 1: Effective today, workers who can't purchase a retirement annuity due to small amounts will now receive a lump sum payout if their set-aside savings are less than

60% of the New Brunswick Industrial Aggregate Earnings (approx. \$30,770 in 2024).