

Nova Scotia

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

Sep 16: That's the deadline [to respond](#) to a Nova Scotia government request for supplier qualification targeting qualified consultants to carry out a feasibility study of constructing a light rail system in Halifax Regional Municipality and passenger rail system in the broader region.

Industry Challenges

Sep 2: After detecting the aquatic animal diseases MSX and Dermo in local oyster samples, the federal government declared the waters of eastern Canada including Nova Scotia to be under the Domestic Movement Control Program permitting rules.

Result: Oysters that have been grown to commercial size and processed for human consumption may still be exported and sold but oysters not ready for the commercial market and still growing may not be moved outside the declared areas.

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Aug 27: It's literally a gold mine! After 7 years of consultation and review, Nova Scotia officially approved a new gold mine in Guysborough County that's expected to create 735 new jobs and contribute \$2.1 billion to the province's GDP. Work on the Goldboro gold mine, which is owned by NexGold Mining Corp., is expected to start in 2026.

Return To Work

Aug 13: The Nova Scotia WCB launched an initiative to help injured workers return to work sooner. The new Work-Connected Recovery Program will seek to improve what the WCB acknowledged are "some of Canada's worst statistics in time loss from work" by knitting together the current patchwork of more than 500 providers within the workers' compensation system into a more efficient province-wide network of providers. Under the new system, workers will also receive up to 12 months of follow-up - more than twice the industry standard - to support recovery and reduce injury.

Action Point: Find out how to implement a legally sound [Return to Work Compliance Game Plan](#) for injured workers.

Workers' Comp

Aug 29: Nova Scotia employers can now access their 2026 assessment rate and full experience rating statement using the *Forms & Letters* tab on [MyAccount](#). The WCB confirmed last month that it's keeping the average employer assessment rate at \$2.65 per \$100.