

# Yukon

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Industry Challenges

Jan 21: Yukon announced that it's taking steps to ensure placer miners have the early spring access they need to mobilize equipment and prepare for operations. The government is also coordinating with the Canada Border Services Agency to align road access with the forecasted opening of the Little Gold Creek Border Crossing.

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Feb 4: Yukon launched a new Forest Sector Fund offering financial support to commercial timber harvesters. The program is now accepting applications for the 2025 to 2026 season repaying expenses spent after November 3, 2025. Deadline [to apply](#): March 20.

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Jan 26: Yukon announced new measures to support the territory's critical mining sector, including initiatives to develop new service standards, increase the transparency of the mining land use approvals and quartz mining licensing processes, and implement the safety recommendations of the Independent Review Board that examined the causes of the Eagle Gold Mine failure.

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Jan 15: Yukon paused new intakes to its micro-generation program indefinitely to conduct studies on ways to restore the stability and enhance the reliability of its electricity grid. The program was originally paused in December 2023 amid concerns about grid impacts and extended in January 2025 to assess necessary system upgrades for reliable integration of more intermittent renewables like solar and wind.

### New Laws

Feb 2: Yukon will soon begin online posting of bid prices for publicly tendered, price-driven construction procurements on government websites. The objective of the new six-month pilot projects is to enhance the transparency and competitiveness of the government procurement process by allowing bid prices to be viewed electronically once submissions are unsealed.

### New Laws

Jan 30: The Yukon Nominee Program Yukon, which received an allocation of 282 for 2026, ended its first intake of the year. Employers may [apply](#) during the second intake from July 6 to 17 by submitting an online form providing basic information about the foreign national they're sponsoring. Submissions will receive points for meeting the Yukon Nominee Program priorities for 2026, which are: i. regulated health care professionals; ii. employers in rural Yukon; and iii. foreign nationals who have lived and worked in the Yukon for at least one year, are Yukon University graduates, are Francophone or French-speaking, or received a Temporary Measure

Letter of Support in 2024 or 2025.

**Action Point:** Expect more of your workforce to speak a language other than English and find out [whether OHS laws require you to provide multilingual safety training](#) to your workers.

### **Workers' Compensation**

Feb 28: February 28 is the deadline for Yukon employers to file their Employer's Payroll Return and Contract Labour Report ([EPR](#)) form listing their actual 2025 workers' compensation assessable payroll numbers and estimates for 2026.

Remember that EPRs must be submitted online since the YWCHSB no longer accepts paper forms.

**Action Point:** Find out how much each province and territory is charging for [workers' compensation premiums in 2026](#).