

# New Brunswick

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Industry Challenges

Mar 2: New Brunswick published a new [Comprehensive Minerals Strategy](#) for sustainable mining of critical minerals in the province. The government also plans to introduce legislation to modernize the *Mining Act* during the upcoming Assembly session.

### New Laws

Feb 24: WorkSafeNB is now accepting applications for new PlaySafeNB grants of up to \$5,000 for youth sports organization projects designed to strengthen physical and psychological safety in sport. A total of \$30,000 in funding is available for 2026. Deadline [to apply](#): April 5.

### New Laws

March 10 is the deadline to comment on proposed [regulations](#) to promote labour mobility. Specifically, the *Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Act* regulations establish new requirements and processes to make it faster and easier for internationally educated individuals seeking to practice in New Brunswick to get provincial recognition of their professional licences and credentials.

### New Laws

Feb 2: ResearchNB announced \$1.5 million in funding for five new research projects that align with the province's priority sectors, including studies of aquatic ecosystems, reform of primary medical care, hardwood management, marine resilience, and subsidized housing.

### Accessibility

Feb 4: New Brunswick signed a new five-year Memorandum of Understanding with the federal government to share information and expertise to improve and advance accessibility standards across their respective jurisdictions. The thinking is that greater consistency in accessibility standards will lead to better service and reduction of barriers.

**Action Point:** Find out how accessibility laws affect your OHS program.

### Environmental

Feb 12: New Brunswick released its first [climate change risk assessment](#) outlining the province's current climate change situation and the challenges that lay ahead. Increased coastal and inland flooding, along with a growing threat from wildfires, pose the most significant dangers to New Brunswickers, according to the report.

### Environmental

Feb 6: New Brunswick updated its [drinking water quality guidelines](#) to align with Health Canada standards. To increase transparency, the government created [a new](#)

[portal](#) that the public can use to access drinking water quality data collected by their local government.

## **CASES**

### **Supervisors: Federal Worker Can't Sue His Ex-Supervisor for Money Damages**

After Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) declined to renew his contract, a parole officer sued his former supervisor for money damages, claiming that she cost him the position. The CSC argued that the officer didn't have a legitimate claim, noting that as the CSC's acting Area Director for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, the supervisor was a "servant of the crown" and couldn't be sued for money damages in small claims court. The New Brunswick court agreed and dismissed the case [[Cunningham v Attorney General of Canada](#), 2026 NBSM 2 (CanLII), February 20, 2026].