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Reminders

Feedback on Proposed Amendments to the Workers' Compensation Act, 2013

The Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety invites you to provide your feedback on the legislative recommendations of the Workers' Compensation Act Committee of Review.

The committee's report which was released on November 22, 2022, contains 34 recommendations for improvements to the workers' compensation system, Twelve of these recommendations would require amendments to The Workers' Compensation Act, 2013 to implement. The ministry is asking that you focus on the following 12 recommendations at this time:

- Amending the definition of a worker to include students while in their work-based learning program and excluding executive officers. Instead, executive officers would be eligible for voluntary coverage (recommendations one and eight).
- Increasing the minimum and maximum awards payable for permanent functional impairment (recommendation two).
- Arranging for and covering the costs associated with transporting a deceased worker's body back to the home location (recommendation three).
- Creating a new death benefit to the estate of a deceased worker who has no dependents (recommendation four).
- Providing equitable compensation to a worker's dependent children or other dependents regardless of if the injured worker had received benefits for less or more than 24 months before the worker passed away from a non-work-related injury (recommendation five).
- Amending the privacy provisions to mirror *The Health Information Protection Act* and to provide for administrative penalties if breach of privacy occurs (recommendations 10, 11 and 12).
- Improving the medical review panel process by simplifying requirements in the Act (recommendation 27).
- Clarifying the psychological injury provision to provide quicker supports (recommendation 16).
- Create a requirement for all decisions to include reasons similar to other tribunals (recommendation 33).

To access the full report, please [click here](#).

Please submit all written responses **no later than January 31, 2023** to:

Workers' Compensation Review Corporate Services Division
Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety
300 - 1870 Albert Street
REGINA SK S4P 4W1

Or by email to: legislation.labour@gov.sk.ca




Women in Agriculture: The Data and Beyond

Who does what in agriculture is not always easy to understand based on official statistics. On November 23rd, **Statistics Canada released a report** exploring what the Census of Agriculture says about the role females play in agriculture and food, but the statistics only tell part of the story.

Join CAPI for a webinar where they look at the data and beyond to consider what those changing demographics mean and their policy implications. The webinar will include a presentation on Statistics Canada's **recent report** followed by a lively panel discussion.

Date: December 7th

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET



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Looking Ahead: Reflecting on 2022 and What Will Drive Ag Policy in 2023

2022 saw agriculture and food dominate the headlines in ways not seen in recent history. The Russian invasion of Ukraine, food inflation, rising interest rates, supply chain disruptions and the federal fertilizer emission reduction target have all impacted agriculture and food policy in Canada.

While it was a year full of disruption, it is unclear what that disruption means for the future of agriculture and food policy. The webinar will explore what changed in 2022, what may change in 2023 and what won't.

Date: December 13th

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET

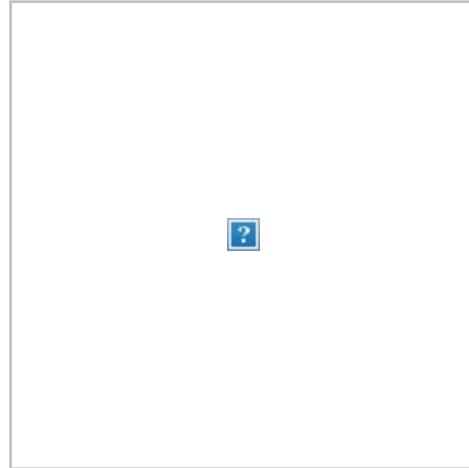
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Canadian Grain Commission Extends Harvest Sample Program Deadline

Due to delayed seeding and the late harvest across much of the Prairies this year, the Canadian Grain Commission has received significantly fewer samples for its Harvest Sample Program than normal. As this program is an important source of quality information for both producers and Canada's international customers, they have extended the deadline to provide producers more time to sign up and send in their samples.

There are several reasons to participate in the Harvest Sample Program. It provides producers with grade and quality information for their crop and can help inform marketing decisions.

Harvest samples are also used to generate crop quality data that marketers use to promote the sale of Canadian grain across the world.



This quality information confirms Canada's ability to deliver consistent, high-quality grain from year to year.

Producers' harvest samples also help us advance grain science by conducting end-use functionality research and establishing science-based grading standards.

Producers who are not currently registered for the Harvest Sample Program but who would like to take part for the 2022 harvest have **until December 12, 2022** to register online at

[**www.grainscanada.gc.ca/hsp**](http://www.grainscanada.gc.ca/hsp).

There is no charge to participate. All registered participants have **until December 30, 2022** to send in samples taken from their crops. Producers should disregard the November 30 deadline that's currently printed on the Harvest Sample Program envelopes and on our brochure.

Register Now

Pest Monitoring Program Sign-Up

Insects, diseases and weeds can hurt yields and quality. To understand the risks and potential damage associated with these pests, the Ministry of Agriculture and its partners monitor the presence, abundance and impact of important crop pests in Saskatchewan. The ministry also employs the assistance of contractors and volunteers to conduct this work.



The Ministry of Agriculture is adopting a permission-based survey system. This means that they need the help of growers to get this important work done. The ministry is requesting that you sign up to allow them access to your land so that they can conduct this monitoring.

Please fill in your name, email, the best phone number to reach you during the day, and your rural municipality through the survey linked below.

[Sign Up](#)

Information

Legislation Introduced to Modernize Saskatchewan's Liquor Laws

The Government of Saskatchewan has introduced legislation to amend the *Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act, 1997* in order to continue to modernize liquor regulations.

Among the changes:

- Providing municipalities and park authorities with the discretion to designate outdoor public places such as parks for consumption of beverage alcohol by individuals of legal drinking age;
- Simplifying the recorking provisions for permittees;
- Allowing homemade beer, wine and cider to be served at family events that are permitted with a special occasion permit including products manufactured at a U-Brew/U-Vin facility; and,
- Removing the requirement that applicants publish their intentions to obtain a liquor permit in local newspapers.

The changes are being made following discussions with stakeholders. The Bill amending the legislation is expected to pass in spring 2023.

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Province Introduces the Saskatchewan Firearms Act to Protect Law-Abiding Firearms Owners

[On December 1, 2022], the government introduced *The Saskatchewan Firearms Act* to protect the rights of lawful firearms owners.

The Act will:

- With respect to recent changes by the federal government that impact lawful firearms owners:
 - establish licensing requirements for businesses or individuals involved in firearms expropriation;
 - require and oversee fair compensation for any firearms being seized; and
 - require forensic and ballistic testing of seized firearms.
- Establish a provincial firearms regulatory system that will promote the safe and responsible use of firearms.

This legislation will be primarily administered by the Saskatchewan Firearms Office (SFO). The Office will also take on an expanded role in prosecuting non-violent regulatory firearms offenses.

The government has dedicated approximately \$3.2 million this fiscal year to begin development of several firearms initiatives, including:

- establishing a Saskatchewan Firearms Ballistics Lab to support police services and provide timely access to Saskatchewan-based ballistics and firearms expertise;
- establishing a Firearms Compensation Committee to determine the fair market value of any firearms, ammunition and related accessories being expropriated by the federal government;
- enhancing training and education regarding safe storage and firearms licensing; and,
- launching a made-in-Saskatchewan marketing campaign to promote firearm safety and best practices.

Additional firearms officers are being employed with the SFO in a continued effort to support the law-abiding firearms community, while also investigating incidents associated with mental health, domestic violence and illegal activities involving firearms.

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Resources



Invitation to the 27th Annual Fields on Wheels

The Transport Institute, Asper School of Business, and the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences at the University of Manitoba are inviting you to attend the **27th Annual Fields on Wheels Conference**. The event will be held virtually and attendance is free.

The conference will bring together industry leaders from the agricultural and supply chain industry to discuss the risk of supply chain disruptions that have been accentuated by the pandemic, including congestion in the ports and surface transportation.

Date: December 15, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. CST

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Proposed Regulatory Amendments to the Pest Control Products Regulations Information Session

Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) will be publishing a stakeholder consultation document for the regulatory initiative: **Regulations Amending the Pest Control Products Regulations (Research)** in the coming weeks.

Additionally, PMRA will be holding a webinar that will provide an overview of proposed amendments. The session will provide simultaneous interpretation in English and French.

Date: December 16, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST

Registration: Email bradley.tink@hc-sc.gc.ca before **December 15, 2022** providing your name, organization and email address.

The agenda, link for the meeting, and other information will be sent to you in advance of the session.

If you have any questions, contact pmra.regulatory.affairs-affaires.reglementaires.arla@hc-sc.gc.ca.

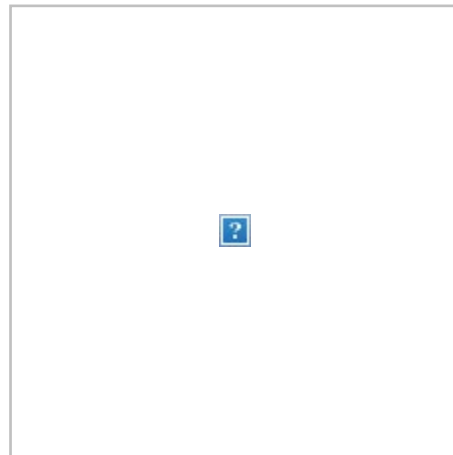
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Planning for Nuclear Power Virtual Open House

Register today for SaskPower's first-ever virtual open house on Planning for Nuclear Power! There will be door prizes, breakout rooms and opportunities to speak to experts! It's just like an in-person open house, but you can take part from your couch.

Nuclear power is one of SaskPower's future supply options. That's why SaskPower tailored the sessions and speakers to match what they know you want to hear about most. Along with SaskPower's project team, they've invited their partners, other jurisdictions and experts in the nuclear field. They'll delve into the safety, waste management and technology behind small modular reactors.

Attend for a chance to win 1 of 2 \$500 Visa cards and a selection of beautiful



handmade items by Saskatchewan makers.

There are 2 open house time slots available:

Date: December 7, 2022
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Date: December 7, 2022
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Attention Hunters: Get Your Animals Tested for Chronic Wasting Disease

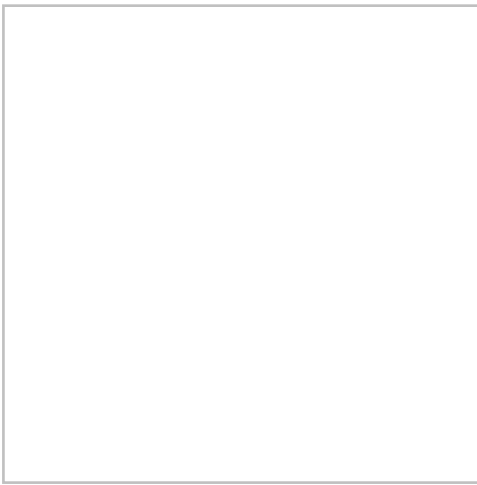
As your hunting season begins to wind down, please remember to drop off your animal heads for chronic wasting disease (CWD) testing.

Testing is easy and free of charge. It is available for deer, elk, moose and caribou from any zone in the province, but the priority is for heads collected along the boreal fringe and the eastern border. This includes wildlife management zones 2W, 9, 10, 35, 37, 50 and 55, which are specifically targeted due to a risk of the disease spreading in these areas.

CWD is a fatal and infectious central nervous system disease in cervid species that has no known cure. Last year, 644 submitted heads tested positive - two moose, 16 elk, 167 white-tailed deer and 459 mule deer. The Government of Saskatchewan is providing funding towards research and development of a vaccine for chronic wasting disease (CWD) over the next five years in partnership with the Government of Alberta and the Alberta Conservation Association.

Heads will be accepted for testing until Jan. 21, 2023. For more information, a complete list of drop-off sites and how to submit a sample for testing, visit: saskatchewan.ca/cwd. Although no human case of CWD has been documented, it is recommended that you avoid eating or distributing the meat from animals that are known to be CWD positive. If your animal tests positive, the meat should be disposed of in an approved landfill and meat may be double-bagged and disposed of with household garbage in limited quantities.

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Eligibility Expanded for Rural and Remote Recruitment Incentive

Eligibility has been expanded for Saskatchewan's Rural and Remote Recruitment Incentive of up to \$50,000 to provide more opportunities for health care professionals. This incentive is available to new employees in nine high priority positions in rural and remote areas.

The Rural and Remote Recruitment Incentive has been expanded to include:

- Individuals who have completed an education program in one of nine high priority classifications while working for the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) or an affiliate.
- Former employees of the SHA/Affiliate who left their employment prior to September 7, 2022 and are now returning into one of the nine high priority classifications and eligible locations.
- Employees of the SHA/Affiliate who are awaiting their required license to practice in one of the high priority classifications. Awards will be dispersed upon proof of licensure.
- Health care workers who received and signed letters of offer prior to September 7, 2022 and began employment on or after September 7, 2022.
- Health care workers who have a work permit and are legally entitled to work in Canada for the term of the return in service.

Applications are now open and will close on **March 1, 2023** or while funds last.

First launched in October 2022, the Rural and Remote Recruitment Incentive provides between \$30,000 to \$50,000 over three years for a three year return-of-service agreement.

Find out more about ***eligibility criteria and the application process.***

To see available employment opportunities and apply for health care positions in Saskatchewan visit ***HealthCareersInSask - Opportunities***.

Details on other health care opportunities, how to access them and more information on province's Health Human Resources Action Plan are available at ***saskatchewan.ca/HHR***.

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