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## INTRODUCING OUR NEW EMPLOYER ADVISOR

The Office of the Employer Advisor is happy to welcome Mr. Erinn G. Moore as the new temporary Employer Advisor. Erinn will be working in this role while Patricia McPhail is working in a temporary role with the Department of Justice and Public Safety. Erinn graduated from UPEI before studying law at UNB. As an article clerk, he worked with the PEI Attorney General's Office as well as with the PEI Supreme Court. He has credentials in legislative drafting as well as considerable advocacy experience both in Prince Edward Island and more recently in Nova Scotia.

Erinn can be reached at 902-368-6132, or [egmoore@gov.pe.ca](mailto:egmoore@gov.pe.ca)

## WCB GRANT PROGRAM

Program applicants may include employers, business associations, community organizations, non-profit organizations, unions and labour organizations who are implementing Safety Programs and/or Return to Work Programs in their organizations. Eligible projects may receive funding support to a maximum of \$75,000, and must be completed within 12 months of the start date.

***Second Intake (subject to WGP funding availability) - applications must be received by the WCB no later than March 15, 2019.***

For further information and application to the WCB Grant Program, please visit the following link:

<http://www.wcb.pe.ca/Information/GrantProgram>

## WCB POLICY UPDATES

The WCB Board of Directors has approved amendments to the **Funding Policy (POL-136)**. A summary of the changes can be found in the History section of the policy.

As a result of these amendments, the policy, **Amortization of Investment Returns (POL-122)**, has been rescinded as it no longer applies.

The WCB thanks all stakeholders who participated in the consultation process.

The WCB works with Island workers and employers to administer the Acts and their regulations, and they welcome feedback on ways the legislation can be improved. For further information, please visit the following link:

<http://www.wcb.pe.ca/Information/LegislativeReview>

## CANNABIS

The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health (CCOHS) and Safety has developed workplace strategies regarding the risk of impairment from Cannabis.

For further information, please visit the following link:

<https://www.ccohs.ca/products/publications/cannabis/>

Jan Chappel, Senior Technical Specialist at the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) explains what should be covered in an impairment policy and how employers should respond if they suspect someone is impaired in their workplace. The podcast titled "*Elements of a Workplace Impairment Policy*" is available on their website as follows:

<https://www.ccohs.ca/products/podcasts/>

Islanders should know the facts – and avoid the fiction -- when it comes to the federal government's legalization of recreational cannabis. The provincial government's new public awareness campaign "Just the Facts" will bring Islanders information on the laws around cannabis, health risks, responsible use, how to talk to youth, and dangers of driving impaired.

For further information, please visit the following website:

<https://www.justthefactspei.ca/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October is Healthy Workplace Month. For further information, please visit the following website:

<http://healthyworkplacemonth.ca/en>