

Helping Businesses and Communities Succeed

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PEI Vax Pass: Financial help to buy Tablets

Is your business or workplace required to implement the vaccine passport system? Check out the newly released [Vax Pass Implementation Fund](#) to assist NGOs & businesses with this transition. Open to applications **November 4, 2021**, the fund provides up to 75 per cent of the eligible cost to purchase a tablet to a maximum of \$525. If multiple tablets are required, the fund covers up to \$2,100, for a maximum of four tablets. If you have questions about the PEI Vax Pass, we invite you to read the [PEI Vax Pass Program FAQs for Businesses, Services and Events](#).

Federal Government COVID supports extended

The federal government has announced changes to COVID 19 supports for businesses, employees, and individuals. A summary of changes can be found here: [Federal Program Updates – Oct 2021](#). The **Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit** and the **Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit** are extended until May 7, 2022. For more details check [Backgrounder: Targeting COVID-19 Support Measures](#)



PEI Broadband Fund for Residents

Island residents can apply to have an Internet Service Provider (ISP) complete projects so they can receive internet service or improve the internet service at their primary residence. Eligible project costs can be covered up to 100 per cent, to a maximum value of \$5,000. Work beginning after April 1, 2021 is eligible. While there is no deadline to apply, applications must be submitted no later than **six months after the ISP invoice date**. For full details and to apply [CHECK HERE](#).

Client Success Story: Shylah Sheehan, The Gel Bar

Before opening her business, [Shylah Sheehan, owner and operator of The Gel Bar](#) in Souris, says she had a lot of questions about how to get started. Her first step was to contact the [Rural Action Centre in Montague](#). She was encouraged to sign up for a free course that helps people write a business plan. It proved to be a turning point for her. Beyond the business plan course, Shylah always felt like the staff at the Rural Action Centre were there to support her.

“They were always there if I had any questions,” she says. “I could just shoot off questions and get the help that way, and I didn’t feel like I was totally lost.”

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