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Small Business Week 2026: Free Legal Risk Training for Entrepreneurs



Small Business Week is October 19 to 23, 2026 and will feature practical learning opportunities for entrepreneurs and small business owners across Prince Edward Island. The Rural Action Centres are partnering with subject-matter experts to deliver business-focused information sessions and workshops to help entrepreneurs start, grow, and protect their businesses.

Our featured training event is **Legal Risk Essentials for Small Business**, a free half-day workshop presented by well known business trainer, [Ron Robichaud](#) and lawyers from [Cox & Palmer](#). The Wellington workshop will be delivered in **French**.

This session will help entrepreneurs understand and reduce risk related to business structure, contracts, financial practices, intellectual property, and human resource management. Participants will learn:

Legal Risk Essentials for Small Business is a free practical three-hour Small Business Week session with Cox & Palmer and Ron Robichaud of C&R Care & Consulting Ltd.

**Wellington**
October 20 9AM – 12PM
Register with Marthe Ngombi
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902-854-3439

**Montague**
October 21 9AM – 12PM
Register with Emma Gamble
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**Alberton**
October 22 9AM – 12PM
Register with Barb MacDonald
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- Strategies for reducing financial and legal risk
- Best practices for contracts and agreements
- How to protect intellectual property and business assets
- Employment obligations and workplace risk management
- Practical tools for preventing legal issues before they arise

Our Rural Action Centres have a full week of information sessions and workshops scheduled during Small Business Week 2026. Check out our [Training Calendar](#) and call your local Client Information Officer to reserve your spot.

Tariff Relief for PEI Businesses

If your business is affected by U.S. tariffs, supply chain disruptions, or export market uncertainty, support is available. [ACOA's Regional Tariff Response Initiative](#) offers funding to help businesses manage cash flow challenges, improve productivity, and diversify markets. [Innovation PEI's](#) Prince Edward Island **Tariff Impact Relief Fund** supports market diversification, supply chain improvements, automation, and other adaptation projects. The program is expected to remain open until **March 31, 2027**, subject to available funding.

Need help exploring your options? Contact your local Rural Action Centre. We can connect you with funding programs, business advisors and export development resources.

Ignition Fund – Information Sessions

The Fall application round is now open for [Innovation PEI's](#) Ignition Fund. Aspiring entrepreneurs – who have an innovative product or service they want to bring to market – may wish to apply to the [Ignition Fund](#). They will compete against other applicants for up to \$25000 in seed capital. Information Sessions will be held at the Rural Action Centres and other locations in early October. Please eligibility, how to apply and the information schedule [HERE](#).

Board Member Training for Not-for-Profit Organizations

There are still some spaces available for the upcoming Board Member Training sessions with Holland College Customized Training. With cohorts in both Summerside & Charlottetown for easier access. For more info or to register, visit <https://hollandcolleget.com/board-member-training-in.../>

October Training Workshops & Information Sessions

October 6	PAROConnex Women’s Enterprise	Montague
October 7 & 14	Unlocking AI: ChatGPT Skills Series	Online
October 7	Ignition Fund Info Session	Montague
October 8 & 9	Standard First Aid & CPR/AED	Montague
October 9	WCB Young & Vulnerable Workers	Alberton
Oct 13 - Nov 3	Successful Business Plan Workshop (4-part series)	Montague
October 19	Workshop of the Use of AI (French) virtual	Wellington
October 20	Legal Risks for Small Business (French)	Wellington
October 21	Legal Risks for Small Business	Montague
October 22	Legal Risks for Small Business	Alberton
October 22	WCB Claims	Montague
Oct 22 & Nov 3	Business Plan Workshop (2-part series)	Alberton
October 27	Employment Standards Info Session	Montague
October 29	Employment Standards Info Session	Alberton