

Northern Alberta WINTER 2023

PSAC EDUCATION IN THE PRAIRIE REGION

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New PSAC Member's Orientation

Pan Prairie Virtual

Wednesday, **January 18th, 2023**

AB: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (MST)

SK + MB: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (CST)

Registration Link:

<https://prairies.psac.com/courses/new-psac-members-orientation-virtual-2/>

Registration Deadline: Thursday, January 12th, 2023

Have you just joined your workplace and become aware you are now a union member? What does that mean? Let us introduce you to your union and your rights as a worker. There are benefits to being a PSAC member! Join us for a 3-hr orientation.

Talking Union Basics

Virtual – Open to all Northern Alberta members

Saturday, January 21, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 22, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Deadline to Register: January 9, 2023

Link to Register: <https://prairies.psac.com/courses/virtual-talking-union-basics/>

This course is the union's key "introductory" education event. If you have wondered what it means to be a union member, how PSAC works, and what happens to your dues' dollars, then Talking Union Basics provides answers to these questions. The course also introduces the collective agreement, your employee rights and your rights as a member of the PSAC. You will learn about the many opportunities to be active in the union and ways you can make a contribution to building strong locals in the Prairie region. The Talking Union Basics Course is the pre-requisite course for all advanced PSAC courses.

Digging Deeper into Politics in the Prairies, from a Union Member's Perspective

Pan Prairie Virtual

Saturday, **February 4th, 2023**

AB: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (MST)

SK + MB: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CST)

Registration Link:

<https://prairies.psac.com/courses/digging-deeper-into-politics-in-the-prairies-from-a-union-members-perspective-virtual/>

Registration Deadline: Monday, January 23rd, 2023

In October we discussed what the implications of politics are for unionized workers, on a day-to-day basis. We looked at municipal, provincial, and federal governance. Let's take the discussion further and chat about why and how unionized workers become politically engaged. This course is an opportunity to reflect on governments that work for Workers and discuss the kind of society we want to build together.

Let's have some great discussions.

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Grievance Handling Course

Virtual – Open to Northern Alberta members

Saturday, February 4, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 5, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 6, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Deadline to Register: January 23, 2023

Link to Register: <https://prairies.psic.com/courses/virtual-grievance-handling/>

This three-day course gives new stewards essential knowledge for handling Level 1 grievances. Participants gain a better understanding of how to work with members at the initial stages of the grievance procedure, and how to mobilize members around workplace problems.

We recommend having access to a computer with a camera and reliable internet to make the education experience more interactive and enjoyable. Loss of salary will be provided if required

Talking Union Basics course is the pre-requisite for all advanced PSAC courses.

Preparing for Convention

Pan Prairie Virtual

Saturday, **February 11th, 2023**

AB: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SK + MB: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Registration Link:

<https://prairies.psic.com/courses/preparing-for-convention-virtual/>

Registration Deadline: Monday, January 30th, 2023

This 1-day course will prepare new delegates to increase their participation at union conventions. Participants will learn about convention committees, the roles and responsibilities of delegates, and the rules of order. The course includes a mock meeting where participants will practice their convention skills.

Getting to know your Collective Agreement

Pan Prairie Virtual

Wednesday, **February 22, 2023**

AB: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (MST)

SK + MB: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (CST)

Registration Link:

<https://prairies.psic.com/courses/getting-to-know-your-collective-agreement-virtual/>

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 8, 2023

This 3-hr workshop explores key provisions in members' collective agreements and introduces an easy four-step framework for interpreting the contract. Understanding your collective agreement will help you discover clauses that benefit you!



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A Woman's Place is in her Union **Pan Prairie Virtual**

Saturday, **March 4th, 2023**

AB: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (MST)

MB/SK: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm (CST)

Registration Link:

<https://prairies.psic.com/courses/a-womans-place-is-in-her-union-virtual/>

Registration Deadline: Monday, February 20th, 2023

During this one-day workshop participants will:
Discuss the history of women's work + the labour movement. Learn about the history and achievements of PSAC women, past and present, and women activists around the world. Create allies and build solidarity!

***This course is highly recommended for women who would like to participate in the upcoming PSAC National Women's Conference. ***

Congress of Union Retirees of Canada's - Pre-retirement course **Pan Prairie Virtual**

Date and Time TBD

Registration Link to express interest:

<https://prairies.psic.com/courses/congress-of-union-retirees-of-canadas-pre-retirement-course-virtual/>

This course is for small groups of about 20 people who want to learn more about retirement. This course is based on group discussion lead by people who are retired. It is not an expert model, where people may want to sell you their services. Rather, it is a chance to look the issues that you should consider. The course is held over two days. The course will include discussion on the following aspects of retirement: Retirement Goals, Housing, Legal planning, Relationships, Activities, Things we must do, Workplace pension plans, and Net worth.

The Duty to Accommodate for Members with Mental Health Disabilities **Pan Prairie Virtual**

Wednesday March 15th

AB: 5 pm to 8 pm

SASK + MB: 6 pm to 9 pm

Registration Deadline: March 1st

Registration Link: <https://prairies.psic.com/courses/the-duty-to-accommodate-for-members-with-mental-health-disabilities-virtual/>

In this 3-hr interactive workshop we will outline the obligations of all parties when accommodating members with mental health disabilities, how to work with members in a sensitive and responsive manner and apply practical ways of working with members and management on workplace accommodations.

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Economics for Workers

Pan Prairie Virtual

Saturday, **March 18th, 2023**

AB: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (MST)

SK + MB: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CST)

Registration Link:

<https://prairies.psa.com/courses/economics-for-workers-virtual/>

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 3rd, 2023

The economy is a daily topic – inflation, prices rising, unemployment is high. Who makes the decisions that affect us at the grocery store, at the gas pump, and at tax time? Who benefits from those decisions? Do unionized workers have a say in those decisions? We will look at economics from several perspectives and discuss the link between politics and economics.

New PSAC Member's Orientation

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Thursday, **March 23rd, 2023**

AB: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (MST)

SK + MB: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (CST)

Registration Link:

<https://prairies.psa.com/courses/new-psac-members-orientation-virtual/>

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 10th, 2023

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Getting to know your Collective Agreement

Pan Prairie Virtual

Wednesday, **April 5th, 2023**

AB: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (MST)

SK + MB: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (CST)

Registration Link:

<https://prairies.psa.com/courses/getting-to-know-your-collective-agreement-virtual-2/>

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 24th, 2023

This 3-hr workshop explores key provisions in members' collective agreements and introduces an easy four-step framework for interpreting the contract. Understanding your collective agreement will help you discover clauses that benefit you!