



Saskatchewan's Initiatives Supporting
Military Families and Veterans



HEALTH

Education

- Educating physicians on unique demands/stressors facing military families

Matching

- Matching military families with family physicians and specialist

Waitlist

- Addressing waitlist times for family physician and specialist referrals

SPOUSAL EMPLOYMENT

Education

- Educating employers on the value proposition of employing military spouses and families, removing barriers and bias impacting spousal/family employment
- Facilitating education for military spouses

Matching

- Matching military spouses with employment opportunities - public, private, entrepreneurial
Professional designations
- Facilitating transfer of Professional licenses, certifications and qualifications.
- Equivalence/upgrades/fast tracking

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Education

- Educating educators on unique demands/stressors facing military families

Matching

- Matching military dependents with the education systems and supports that meet their needs

Equivalency process

- Collaborating to minimize the negative impacts of curriculum interruptions/disruptions

Health - Priorities



- **Timely access to health care services**
We have seen increases of 900 more doctors and 3,700 more nurses.
- **Reducing Emergency wait times**
 - **Opened Community Health Centers**
 - These provide specialized care services that focus on patients with multiple chronic conditions, mental health issues, medication-related problems and other complex care needs.
 - **Saskatoon Community Health Centre**
 - More than 80 full-time equivalent staff including physicians, nurses, paramedics, a pharmacist, mental health nurses, and a recreational, occupational, and physical therapist will help serve a neighborhood that has the highest proportion of seniors in Saskatchewan.
 - **Acute Care Beds**
 - We have added 204 acute care beds in Saskatchewan's 7 largest hospitals. We have also added four accountability care units, which have reduced the time waiting for an inpatient bed in our two major centers by 30% in Regina, and 9% in Saskatoon.

Health - Virtual and Telemedicine



- **Remote-Presence Technology**

- Dr. Ivan Mendez, a researcher at the University of Saskatchewan, is a world-renowned researcher in remote-presence technology.
- There are two types of products - a non-portable robot (RP-7i) and a portable, hand-held device ("Doc- in-a-Box"). Both types have high resolution camera and video and can connect to available peripheral medical equipment, such as stethoscopes, electrocardiograph or ultrasound equipment.

- **TeleHealth**

- Telehealth Saskatchewan operates from more than 345 sites in 134 communities across the province.
- Patients can see the following specialties using Telehealth:
 - Mental health, Genetics, Oncology, Surgery, Nephrology, Respiriology, Neurosurgery, Rehabilitation Services, Group Patient Education, and Neurology

Health - Physician Registry



The College of Physicians and Surgeons is responsible for licensing properly qualified medical practitioners, developing and ensuring standards of practice in all fields of medicine, and investigating and disciplining of all doctors whose standards of medical care, ethical, or professional conduct are questioned.

The SHA and Ministry of Health have tools on their website for finding the nearest physician or specialist.

<https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/Services-Locations/Pages/Home.aspx>

<http://specialists.health.gov.sk.ca/>

Health - Military Families

- In 2013, our government waived the 90-day waiting period for spouses and dependents of the Canadian Armed Forces to access basic health coverage.
- Military families returning to Saskatchewan from overseas have always been eligible for immediate provincial health coverage.
- September 2018, the Saskatchewan Health Authority and Veteran Affairs Canada opened a new Operational Stress Injury Satellite Service Site in Saskatoon. OSI Clinics and Satellite Service Sites provide specialized, evidence-based assessment, treatment and support services for operational stress injuries. Services are provided to Canadian Veterans, members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), current and former members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and their families. Staff at these sites are trained in treating a range of mental health conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, insomnia and depression.

Spousal Employment



- Labour Mobility under the CFTA allows certified workers in regulated occupations to work in other provinces and territories (PTs) without any additional significant requirements.
- Canada's Labour Market Ministers are responsible for the implementation of the Labour Mobility chapter (chapter seven) of the CFTA. In Saskatchewan, this is Honourable Jeremy Harrison, Minister of Immigration and Career Training.
- Occupational standards, including licensing, are mostly set by PTs. This means that workers in regulated occupations will need to apply to have their certification recognized when moving from one PT to another.

Children's Education



Council of Ministers of Education Canada

- Each year, thousands of secondary school students in Canada transfer from one province or territory to another. One of the major concerns associated with such transfers is the seamless continuity of a student's education. As secondary school students move from one jurisdiction to another, it is important that they are able to be placed in the appropriate level in the new system with minimal gaps and repetitions.
- To facilitate this process, between 2004 and 2009, CMEC developed and maintained the student transfer guide. The guide was discontinued in 2010 as part of CMEC budget cutbacks.
- The *Secondary Education in Canada: A Student Transfer Guide* is a tool that provides useful curricular information from Canada's provinces and territories, and supports a seamless student mobility by providing education officers with information to better map courses and curriculum from one P/T to another.

Overview of Saskatchewan Programs

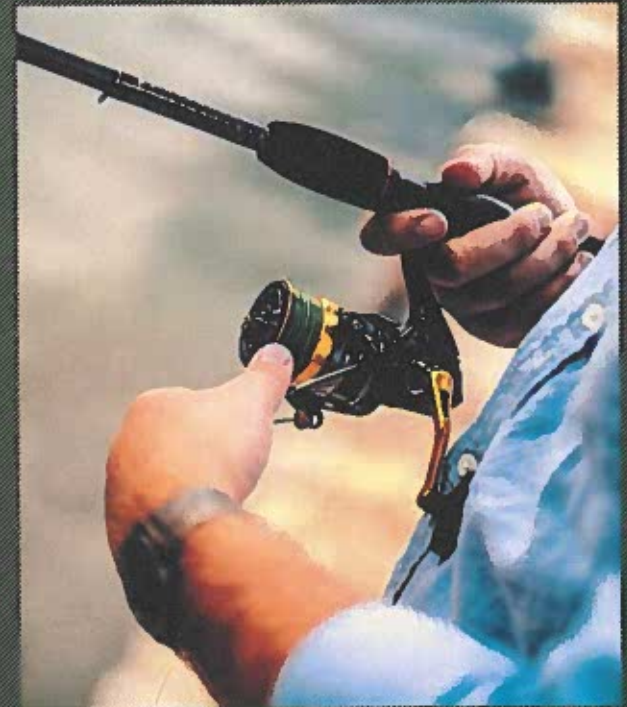


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Military Granted Resident Status for Fishing



- Regular members of the Canadian Armed Forces who were Saskatchewan residents at the time of their recruitment or deployment from the province will now be considered Saskatchewan residents when fishing in the province.



Free Fishing and Hunting Licence



- All Canadian veterans will be eligible to receive free fishing and hunting licenses.



Lieutenant Governor's Military Service Pin



- The Lieutenant Governor's Military Service Pin symbolizes the gratitude of the Crown and the people of Saskatchewan for those who have served with honour and valour.
- The pin is intended to be worn on civilian clothing, so that we might recognize those who serve when they are not in uniform.

Highway of Heroes



- Highway 1 between Moose Jaw and Regina has been named "Saskatchewan's Highway of Heroes" as a permanent tribute to Canadian Forces personnel from Saskatchewan who have lost their lives in service to our country.

Support our Troops Decal



- All vehicles in the government fleet display decals that read "Support our Troops," a reminder that Canadian soldiers serve selflessly in missions around the world.



Residence Recognition to Voters Serving in the Military



- The act also makes Saskatchewan the first jurisdiction in Canada to provide special residence recognition to voters serving in the Canadian Armed Forces.
- Active members of the military from Saskatchewan will retain their Saskatchewan residency while serving outside the province. Members of the Armed Forces coming from outside the province to serve in Saskatchewan will immediately be able to vote in provincial elections.



Saskatchewan Scholarship of Honour



- The scholarship honours returning soldiers as well as the spouses and children of injured or fallen members of Canada's Armed Forces. The scholarship provides a one-time award of \$5,000 towards post-secondary education.
- Since the scholarship was started in 2009, 206 scholarships have been awarded, totalling \$1,030,000. Twenty-five of these recipients are family members of injured or fallen Canadian Armed Forces Members.

Military Families Camping Program



- The Military Families Camping Program is an initiative at Buffalo Pound Provincial Park. It began as a request by 15 Wing Moose Jaw to allow members of the Military to reintegrate with family members in a healthy, relaxing, natural setting upon return from deployment.
- This program was an enormous success and the program expanded to a second site across from the original site. The program also has expanded to include swimming, and the military has provided bikes and canoes to further enhance the park experience.

Commemorative License Plates for recipients of the Memorial Cross



- Memorial Cross recipients may request a Saskatchewan Memorial Cross licence plate by contacting SGI. There is no additional fee to the customer for this commemorative licence plate.



First-time registered vehicle inspection exemption



- Military personnel and their families will now have an easier time moving to Saskatchewan
- Members of the Military and their immediate family members will be eligible for an exemption for a first-time registered vehicle inspection for a vehicle brought to Saskatchewan from another jurisdiction.

Prince's Operation Entrepreneur



- Prince's Operation Entrepreneur Boot Camp (POE) is a week-long business and entrepreneurship boot camp that helps to integrate retired military personnel into the business world. Throughout the week, 20 participants are taught the essentials of running a business, get the opportunity to network with local business professionals, and prepare a formal business plan alongside students at the Paul J. Hill School of Business.
- In 2018, POE Regina saw its 120th graduate from the program
- The POE Regina-based boot camp is organized with the support of Enactus Regina in collaboration with the Paul J. Hill School of Business.