



# THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

## PEI UPSE Educationals

### *Steward Level I, II and Welcome to UPSE*

Getting involved in your union is easy, fun and rewarding. A great way to get started is to sign up for one of our educationals. They are free of charge and informative. Perhaps you are interested in getting involved with the union but do not know where to start?

The **Welcome to PEI UPSE** course is the first step to getting involved. As a PEI UPSE member you will learn about your union, including its history and evolution on Prince Edward Island, its structure and how it works, and its important role in the workplace and in society.

**April 26, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. (full day) at the PEI UPSE office.**

Our **Steward Level I** course is designed for members who have an interest in becoming a Steward or have been elected to the position. You will learn about the important role Stewards play in the union, what makes unions strong, and what tools are required to carry out your role effectively.

*Prerequisite: Welcome to UPSE*

**March 29, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. (full day) at the PEI UPSE office.**

For those Stewards with the Level I course under their belt, there is an informative follow-up called **Steward Level II**. Learners will focus on representation issues including knowing your membership, working with your union executive, grievance preparation, problem solving and conflict resolution.

*Prerequisite: Welcome to UPSE and Steward Level I*

**April 12, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. (full day) at the PEI UPSE office.**

Please contact the PEI UPSE office to register for the Welcome to UPSE, Steward Level I or II course at **(902) 892-5335** or toll free at **1-800-897-8773**. You can also use the application form on the PEI UPSE website at [www.peiupse.ca](http://www.peiupse.ca).

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# Travel insurance now available for PEI UPSE members through NUPGE

*PEI UPSE is a member of the National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE) which has 340,000 members across Canada.*

The National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE) has launched a new service that PEI UPSE members should be aware of. PEI UPSE members can now access travel insurance at affordable rates for individual and family coverage through MEDOC®, offered through Johnson Inc.



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## National Labour Code

*February 17, 1944*

Pressure from the Canadian labour movement results in Canada's first national labour code. Unions win legal recognition and compulsory collective bargaining. The federal law provides for legally recognized certification procedures, prohibitions against unfair practices by employers, regulation of strikes and lockouts and legally-sanctioned systems of grievance arbitrations.

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