Important Notice to Members: Alberta Ends Seasonal Time Changes on November 1, 2026

Members are encouraged to review and update their business systems before the transition.

Effective November 1, 2026, Alberta will move to a permanent time system, ending the twice-yearly practice of changing clocks in the spring and fall. Under this system, clocks will no longer be moved back one hour in the fall or forward one hour in the spring.

The Government of Alberta refers to the new system as Alberta Time (ABT). This change will affect how time is configured and managed in business software, computer systems, scheduling platforms, and other technology used by organizations across the province.

What Does This Mean for Your Business?

Members should review their business operations and identify any systems, processes, or schedules that may be affected by this transition. We recommend reviewing the following, where applicable:

- **Computer systems and software:** Confirm that operating systems, applications, servers, and databases recognize the new time rules.
- **Scheduling and calendar systems:** Review appointments, staff schedules, automated reminders, and recurring calendar events.
- **Payroll and timekeeping:** Verify that employee hours, shift records, overtime calculations, and payroll processing will continue to function correctly.
- **Financial and accounting systems:** Check transaction timestamps, payment processing, reconciliation schedules, and reporting deadlines.
- **Customer-facing systems:** Review online booking platforms, operating hours, automated notifications, and customer communications.
- **Third-party services and integrations:** Contact software vendors and service providers to confirm that their systems will accommodate Alberta's permanent time system.
- **Operations involving other jurisdictions:** Businesses working with clients, suppliers, or offices outside Alberta should review time differences and adjust meeting schedules, deadlines, and service arrangements as needed.

Important: What If Alberta Time Is Not Available in Your Systems?

Members should check whether their business software and technology platforms offer Alberta Time (ABT) as a time zone option.

If Alberta Time is not available, Saskatchewan time may be used as an alternative, where appropriate, because most of Saskatchewan observes Central Standard Time (UTC−6) year-round.

Before making this change, please consult your IT team or software provider to confirm the correct time zone configuration for your particular system. Time zone labels and settings can vary between platforms, and selecting the wrong setting may affect scheduled activities, timestamps, payroll, and other automated processes.

Members should also confirm that their systems will not automatically apply a seasonal clock change on November 1, 2026.

Action Required: Review Your Systems Before November 1

We encourage all members to take proactive steps to ensure their business systems are ready for this transition. Please consult your IT team, software vendors, payroll providers, and other relevant service providers to confirm that any necessary updates have been completed.

Businesses should review their time zone settings, test critical systems where possible, and ensure that employees responsible for scheduling, payroll, and daily operations understand the change.

Learn More

For official information about Alberta's new time system, please visit the Government of Alberta website:

Alberta's New Time System (ABT):

https://www.alberta.ca/albertas-new-time-system-abt

We encourage all members to review the government's guidance and take the necessary steps to prepare for this transition.