



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) and Recognition Calendar (2026)

January

- Tamil Heritage Month
- Alzheimer's Awareness Month
- New Year's Day - January 1
- Shogatsu/Gantan-sai – January 1 (Japanese New Year)
- National Braille Day – January 4
- Orthodox Christmas Day – January 7
- National Maintenance Worker Day – January 18
- World Religion Day – January 18
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 19
- Blue Monday – January 19
- Bell Let's Talk Day - January 21
- International Day to Commemorate Memory of Victims of Holocaust – January 27
- Nation Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack & Action Against Islamophobia – January 29

February

- Black History Month
- Recreation Therapy Month
- Heart Month
- Phlebotomist Week – February 9 – 13
- Cardiac Rehab Week - February 8-14
- Ramadan – February 17 – March 18-19
- World Cancer Day - February 4
- Lunar (Chinese) New Year - February 17
- World Day of the Sick - February 11
- Valentine's Day - February 14
- Lunar New Year Starts – February 17
- Random Act of Kindness Day – February 17
- Pink Shirt Day (anti-bullying) - February 25

March

- Pharmacy Appreciation Month
- National Social Work Month
- Colorectal Awareness Month
- Liver Health Month
- Nutrition Month
- Patient Safety Awareness Week - March 8-14
- Healthcare HR Week - March 16-20
- Poison Prevention Week – March 15-21
- International Women's Day - March 8
- Rangwali Holi - March 4
- Hola Mohalla – March 4-6
- Dietitian's Day - March 11
- St. Patrick's Day - March 17
- International Francophonie Day – March 20
- International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination – March 21
- Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness – March 26
- Eid Al-Fitr – March 20-21

- Hindu New Year – March 19
- International Transgender Day of Visibility – March 31

April

- World Autism Month
- Sikh Heritage Month
- Be A Donor Month
- National Medical Laboratory Week - April 19-25
- NSWOCC Week – April 24-28
- National Organ and Tissue Awareness Week - April 19-25
- Health Information Professionals' Week - April 18-24
- National Volunteer Week - April 19-25
- World Autism Awareness Day – April 2
- World Health Day - April 7
- Trillium Gift of Life (TGLN) Green Shirt Day - April 7
- Advanced Care Planning Day – April 16
- Good Friday – April 3
- Earth Day – April 22
- Administrative Professionals' Day - April 22
- National Day of Mourning - April 28

May

- National Physiotherapy Month
- Critical Care Awareness and Recognition Month
- National Speech and Hearing Month
- Asian Heritage Month
- Jewish Heritage Month
- Stroke Awareness Month
- Occupational Health and Safety Week - May 3-9
- National Police Week – May 10-16
- National Hospital Week - May 10-16
- National Nursing Week - May 11-17
- Mental Health Week - May 4-10
- EMS Week – May 17-23
- National Accessibility Week – May 31- June 6
- National Physicians' Day - May 1
- Cinco de Mayo - May 5
- Red Dress Day – May 5
- Child and Youth MH Day – May 7
- World Ovarian Cancer Day – May 8
- Mother's Day- May 10
- Canada Health Day - May 12
- Global Accessibility Awareness – May 21
- Victoria Day - May 18
- Eid al-Adha – May 26-27
- World Hunger Day – May 28
- World No Tobacco Day - May 31

June

- National Indigenous History Month
 - Pride Month
 - Stroke Awareness Month
 - Seniors Month
 - Men's Health Week – June 15-21
 - Canadian Armed Forces Day - June 7
 - Father's Day - June 21
 - World Elder Abuse Awareness – June 15
 - National Indigenous People's Day – June 21
 - Canadian Multiculturalism Day – June 27
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July

- Canada Day - July 1
 - International Self-Care Day – July 24
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August

- Emancipation Day – August 1
 - Civic Holiday - August 3
 - International Day of the World's Indigenous People – August 9
 - Overdose Awareness Day – August 31
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September

- Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
 - World Alzheimer's Month
 - Mennonite Heritage Week September 7-13
 - Environmental Services and Housekeeper Appreciation Week - September 13-19
 - Labour Day - September 7
 - World Suicide Prevention – September 10
 - World First Aid Day – September 12
 - National IT Professionals' Day - September 15
 - HR Professional Day – September 26
 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day - September 30
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October

- Occupational Therapy Month
 - Breast Cancer Awareness Month
 - Women's History Month
 - Fire Prevention Month
 - Senior's Day – October 1
 - Yom Kippur - October 1-2
 - National Day of Action for MMIWG2S – October 4
 - Thanksgiving - October 12
 - Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day – October 15
 - International Pronouns Day – October 21
 - Diwali – October 20
 - Rosh Hashanah - October 22-24
 - Halloween - October 31
 - Healthcare Supply Chain Week - October 4-10
 - Healthcare Food Service Workers' Week - October 4-10
 - Sterile Processing (MDR) Week - October 11-17
 - International Infection Prevention Week - October 18-24
 - Spiritual Care Week - October 18-24
 - Respiratory Therapy Week - October 18-24
 - Invisible Disabilities Week – October 18-24
 - Pharmacy Week – October 19-25
 - Canadian Patient Safety Week - October 28 – November 1
 - Sonography Week
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November

- Fall Prevention Month
- Domestic Violence Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- Allied Health Professional Week- November 8-14
- Medical Radiation Technologist (MRT) Week - November 8-14
- Treaties Recognition Week – November 1-7
- Nurse Practitioner Week – November 8-14
- Transgender Awareness Week – November 13-19
- National Indigenous Veteran’s Day – November 8
- Remembrance Day - November 11
- World Diabetes Day – November 14
- International Men's Day - November 19
- World Child Day - November 20
- International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – November 25

December

- International Day of Persons with Disabilities – December 3
- National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women – December 6
- International Human Rights Day – December 10
- Christmas - December 25
- Hanukkah - December 4 – December 12
- Kwanzaa - December 26 - Jan 1
- Boxing Day - December 26