

Annual Report to the Minister of Public Safety in response to the reporting requirement of the 'Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act'

Entity Name: The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)

Fiscal Year: April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026

Structure: The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) is incorporated under the Canada not for profit Corporations Act and is also a registered charity. CNIB's mission is to change what it is to be blind through innovative programs and powerful advocacy that enable Canadians impacted by blindness to live the lives they choose. CNIB has a national presence and operates across Canada. It has 444 employees located across Canada. Effective April 1, 2018, CNIB transferred certain operations, representing government funded rehabilitation and Deafblind programs, to two newly incorporated entities: Vision Loss Rehabilitation Canada ("VLRC") and CNIB Deafblind Community Services ("DBCS"). These entities do not meet the reporting requirements for Bill S-211, however CNIB has control over the entities.

VLRC is the leading national provider of rehabilitation services; children and family services; and career and employment services for people who are blind or who have experienced significant vision loss.



DBCS is one of the leading providers of specialized support and emergency services for people who are Deafblind. DBCS is committed to community-based services by providing intervenor services enabling people who are Deafblind to live as independently as possible, and educational programs in literacy, life skills and technology.

Both VLRC and DBCS are located in Canada.

Activities: CNIB provides various programs to its community as well as products and services that help improve the lives of those living with blindness and/or vision loss. In order to do this work, CNIB purchases some goods from outside of Canada. Some examples are for the guide dog program which purchases dogs from Australia, CNIB SmartLife Stores whereby some products for sale to the community are purchased from other parts of the world such as the United States and the United Kingdom. The Come to Work program uses iPads, tech devices and accessibility devices in their programming and some of these may be purchased from outside of Canada. CNIB Access Labs is a social enterprise supporting businesses, organizations, and educational institutions to ensure all Canadians with disabilities can benefit from barrier-free communities and workplaces. In addition to the programs CNIB provides, some goods are purchased while doing business, such as IT procurement, property services and CNIB branded goods.

Supply chains: CNIB's activities are largely service based with about 92% of purchases made from vendors located in Canada. Of the total goods and services purchased in the fiscal year of 2025-2026, a little over 2% were specifically goods. Approximately 60% of these goods were purchased from the United States and about 22% were purchased from Australia. The purchases from the US were mainly adaptive devices used by people who are impacted by blindness or low vision and the goods from Australia are guide dogs as mentioned above. CNIB does not currently have policies and due diligence processes in relation to forced labour and child labour in its supply chains and has not yet done an assessment of the risk of forced labour and child labour in its supply chains. This is an area for improvement, and these concerns will be addressed soon. As an organization, we feel the risk of forced labour and child labour being part of our supply chain is quite low given the nature of the products being sourced outside of Canada. However, CNIB is committed to incorporating ways of assessing these factors in supply chains in the near future, as well as implementing measures to assess the effectiveness in ensuring that forced labour and child labour are not being used in business and supply chains.

Approval and attestation:

In accordance with the requirements of the Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act (Act), and in particular section 11 thereof, I, in the capacity of Chief Financial Officer, attest that I have reviewed the information contained in the report on behalf of the governing body of the entity listed above. Based on my knowledge, and having exercised reasonable diligence, I attest that the information in the report is true, accurate and complete in all material respects for the purposes of the Act, for the reporting year listed within this report.



Full name: Craig Anderson

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 28, 2026

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