

Agencies, Boards, and Commissions — 132 Opportunities

Agriculture

Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission
Farm Loan Board
Livestock Health Services Board
Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission
Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association Council
Weed Control Advisory Committee

Community Services

Children and Family Services Act Advisory Committee
Disabled Persons Commission
Cape Breton Island Housing Authority
Cobequid Housing Authority
Eastern Mainland Housing Authority
Metropolitan Regional Housing Authority
South Shore Housing Authority
Tri-County Housing Authority
Annapolis Valley Housing Authority
Kings Regional Rehabilitation Centre – Board of Directors
Nova Scotia Association of Social Workers, Board of Examiners
Preston Area Housing Fund
The Round Table on
Early Childhood Development

Economic Development

Film Nova Scotia
Trade Centre Limited
Waterfront Development Corporation

Education

Acadia University Board of Governors
Acadia University Foundation
Council on African-Canadian Education
Nova Scotia Agricultural College Foundation
Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority Board of Governors
Barbers Act, Board of Governors
Cape Breton University Board of Governors
Cape Breton University Foundation
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design Board of Governors
Nova Scotia Community College Board of Governors
Provincial Examining and Licensing Committee in Cosmetology

Dalhousie University Board of Governors
Dalhousie University Foundation
The Dr. P. Anthony Johnstone Scholarship Committee
Annapolis Valley Regional Library Board
Cape Breton Regional Library Board
Colchester-East Hants Public Library Board
Cumberland Regional Library Board
Eastern Counties Regional Library Board
Halifax Public Libraries Board
Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library Board
South Shore Regional Library Board
Western Counties Regional Library Board
Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission
Council on Mi'kmaq Education
Mount Saint Vincent University Board of Governors
St. Francis Xavier University Foundation
Saint Mary's University Board of Governors
Teachers College Foundation
Board of Governors
Université Sainte-Anne Board of Governors
Training Completion Fund Working Committee
Women in Engineering Scholarship Selection Committee
Youth Advisory Council

Energy

Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board

Environment

Round Table on the Environment and Sustainable Prosperity
Resource Recovery Fund Board
Environmental Trust Advisory Board

Finance

Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission
Credit Union Deposit Insurance Corporation
Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation

Fisheries and Aquaculture

Fisheries and Aquaculture Loan Board

Health

Advisory Commission on AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
Board of the Nova Scotia College of Medical Laboratory Technologists
Board of the College of Occupational Therapists of Nova Scotia
Board of the Nova Scotia College of Optometrists
Council of the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia
Board of the Nova Scotia College of Physiotherapists
Council of the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia
Board of the College of the Nova Scotia Chiropractic Association
Crosbie Memorial Addictions Trust Fund Board of Trustees
Denturist Licensing Board
District Health Authorities:
1 South Shore
2 South West Nova
3 Annapolis Valley
4 Colchester East Hants
5 Cumberland
6 Pictou
7 Guysborough Antigonish Strait
8 Cape Breton
9 Capital
Board of Dispensing Opticians
Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology
Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation
IWK Health Centre Board of Directors
Board of the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia
Midwifery Regulatory Council
Nova Scotia Prescription Monitoring Board
Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia

Health Promotion and Protection

Nova Scotia Boxing Authority
Nova Scotia Gaming Foundation

Justice

Law Foundation of Nova Scotia – Board of Governors
Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia
Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission
Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission
Licensed Professional Planners Association of Nova Scotia
Municipal Board of Police Commissioners
RCMP Advisory Board

Labour and Workforce Development

Apprenticeship Board
Arbitration Advisory Committee
Crane Operators Examination Committee
Film Classification
Fire Safety Advisory Council
Fire Services Advisory Committee
Fuel Safety Board of Examination
Minimum Wage Review Committee
Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Council
Power Engineers and Operators Board
Workers' Compensation Board

Natural Resources

Council of the Association of Registered Professional Foresters of Nova Scotia
Board of Examiners under the Scales Act
Shubenacadie Canal Commission
Nova Scotia Species at Risk Working Group

Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation

Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation Board of Directors

Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations

Certified General Accountants Association of Nova Scotia
Board of Directors
Board of Registration of Embalmers and Funeral Directors
Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation
Nova Scotia Real Estate Commission
Public Accountants Board
Real Estate Appraisers Association Board of Directors

Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women

Tourism, Culture and Heritage

Advisory Council on Heritage Property
Art Gallery of Nova Scotia – Board of Governors
Gaelic College Foundation, Board of Governors
Nova Scotia Museum, Board of Governors
Peggy's Cove Commission
Public Archives of Nova Scotia, Board of Trustees
Sherbrooke Restoration Commission

Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

Highway 104 Western Alignment Corporation

Treasury and Policy Board

Voluntary Planning Board

By serving on one of Nova Scotia's non-adjudicative (advisory and decision-making) agencies, boards, and commissions, you can help make democracy work.

We have 132 ways for you to participate.

Want to learn more?

For more information on how to apply, please contact:

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The Province of Nova Scotia is committed to affirmative action to promote equitable participation of aboriginal persons, women, persons with disabilities, and members of racially visible groups where they are under-represented.

Applicants who wish to self-identify as potential affirmative action candidates for appointment are encouraged to do so.

We're Making a Difference – So Can You.

What better way to celebrate Nova Scotia's 250 years of democracy than to participate?

Apply to serve on one of Nova Scotia's agencies, boards, and commissions.



“It’s a chance to use my experience and knowledge to help move Nova Scotia forward.”

— Steven MacPherson,
Minimum Wage Review Committee



Our agencies, boards, and commissions need citizens like you. These ABCs, as we call them, cover a wide range of areas and interests. We have housing boards and health authority boards. Licensing boards and fire safety councils. We deal with life issues from the cradle to the grave. We make decisions that affect all Nova Scotians. We advise our elected representatives.

We help make democracy work.

We need Nova Scotians from every walk of life to participate. We need seniors and we need youth. We need men and we need women. We need anglophones and we need francophones. We need apprentices, boxers, crane operators, and dispensing opticians. We need the whole alphabet—and the full spectrum representing the diversity of the province. Some ABCs are looking for people with specific qualifications, but all need your interest, energy, and commitment.

We need you.

The Province of Nova Scotia needs men and women from all walks of life to serve the public on Nova Scotia's 132 non-adjudicative agencies, boards, and commissions (ABCs). Thirty-seven other boards are adjudicative and need members with specialized expertise.

What are ABCs?

ABCs are provincial organizations established by statute or regulation. Most board members are appointed to ABCs by Ministerial appointment or Order in Council.

What do they do?

These ABCs make financial, regulatory, business, or policy decisions or recommendations to government. These decisions and recommendations have far-reaching implications for Nova Scotians.



“The more I learn (about how Nova Scotia works), the more I can give back.”

— Lou Gannon,
Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission

Who can apply?

All Nova Scotians are invited to apply. You should apply to those boards that you feel your qualifications and experience compliment best.

How do I apply?

Advertising appears twice a year in local newspapers, in spring and fall. You can also view advertisements and the qualifications required for each board at

www.gov.ns.ca/exec_council

Submit a cover letter and your resume to the Executive Council Office. In your letter, list which boards you are applying for and whether you are interested in a particular position on the board, such as chair or vice-chair. Explain how your qualifications and experience match those required for the board you are applying for.

Who sees my application?

Applications are received by the Executive Council Office and then forwarded to the department assigned responsibility for the ABC. From there your application goes to a departmental screening panel. Screening panel members are volunteers selected by ministers based on experience in the area of concern of the department, having regard to expertise, and being representative of the province's diversity.

Screening panels screen for qualifications only. They do not rank candidates relative to each other. The minister chooses the ABC members from the list of qualified candidates. These choices are then submitted to the Executive Council for approval.

Who decides?

Most non-adjudicative board appointments are sent for final approval to the all-party standing committee of the Legislature, the Human Resources Committee, after they are approved by Executive Council.

What if I am not a successful applicant the first time?

Your application is kept on file for two years. After two years you must reapply to ensure your application will be considered as vacancies arise. If you wish to serve another term on a board, you must reapply.

“I want to be part of the solution in Nova Scotia.”

— Holly Meuse,
Council on Mi'kmaq Education

