

## Department of Environment Adjudicative Board Selection Criteria

ADJUDICATIVE BOARD		Environmental Assessment Board
1	<b>Statute</b>	<i>Environment Act</i> Environmental Assessment Regulations Environmental Assessment Board Regulations Environment Act and Regulations Fees Regulations
2	<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose of the Nova Scotia Environmental Assessment Board is to conduct independent reviews or public hearings on environmental assessment reports or other matters referred to the Board by the Minister of Environment and Labour and provide report and recommendations to the Minister. The Minister is the decision-maker in all cases.
3	<b>Functions</b>	The functions of the Nova Scotia Environmental Assessment Board are: to conduct public hearings or reviews of an environmental assessment report and prepare report and recommendations to advise the Minister on the approval or rejection of an undertaking, or conditions that ought to be imposed upon an undertaking if it proceeds; and at the request of the Minister, conduct an investigation or a study; carry out any activity related to alternate dispute resolution; review environmental legislation and regulations; administer the environmental awards program; and perform such functions and exercise such powers as may be assigned by the Minister or the Governor in Council.
4	<b>Composition</b>	The Board is composed of 3 to 5 regular members, and may have equal number of temporary members. The Chair is designated by the Minister from the regular members.
5	<b>Formal Qualifications</b>	None.
6	<b>Work &amp; Experience Requirements</b>	Members must have knowledge or expertise in environmental, economic, industrial, business, social, cultural, heritage, or human health matters. The Chair should (but not required) have experience appearing before or acting on administrative boards or tribunals.
7	<b>Skills Required</b>	All Members must have a good knowledge of the <i>Environment Act</i> , Environmental Assessment Regulations and Environmental Assessment Board Regulations and have a practical understanding of environmental assessment in Nova Scotia. In addition all members must have good oral and written communication skills, and an ability to make reasoned and balanced recommendations.  An individual interested in the position as Chair should also have excellent leadership abilities with experience appearing before or acting on boards or tribunals and proven accomplishments in negotiation, problem solving and leading groups to bring about consensus decisions.

8	<b>Statutory Nomination Requirements</b>	Governor in Council appointments.
9	<b>Traditional Nomination Requirements</b>	None
10	<b>Remuneration</b>	<p><b>The Chair</b> is remunerated at a rate of \$400 per day plus any expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of a Chair's duties.</p> <p><b>Members</b> are remunerated at the rate of \$150 per day plus any expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.</p>
11	<b>Anticipated Time Commitments</b>	<p>These are part time positions and the time commitment will vary depending on the number of environmental assessments and the complexity of issues before the Board. Hearings and meetings are usually conducted during business hours, but maybe held during evenings and weekends. During a Board review or hearing members are required to be available to complete the hearing/review process which includes pre-hearing conferences, hearing days and participate in the decision making involved in preparing their report and recommendations to the Minister.</p> <p>Members may be expected to travel for short periods throughout the Province and to attend training sessions at least once per year. Designation of members to sit on a Panel hearing any particular case is done on an ad hoc basis. Hearings usually last one to three days, but may be of a longer duration.</p>
12	<b>Other Notes</b>	None.