

		<b>Review Board</b>
1	<b>Statute</b>	The Review Board is appointed under the <i>Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Act</i> .
2	<b>Purpose &amp; Function</b>	<p>The purpose of the Review Board is to:</p> <p>a) carry out mandatory reviews as outlined in the Act of each person detained under a declaration of involuntary admission; and</p> <p>b) consider applications for review of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a declaration of involuntary admission or declaration of renewal,</li> <li>(ii) a declaration of competency pursuant to subsection 58(1) of the Hospitals Act,</li> <li>(iii) whether a capable informed consent to treatment by a substitute decision -maker has been rendered,</li> <li>(iv) a community treatment order or a renewal of a community treatment order,</li> <li>(v) a certificate of a cancellation of leave.</li> </ul> <p>The Review Board submits an annual report regarding its activities to the Minister of Health.</p>
3	<b>Composition</b>	<p>The Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Act does not specify the number of members of the Review Board. Each review panel that is charged with carrying out the duties of the Board is composed of three members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) one lawyer who is a barrister pursuant to the Barristers' and Solicitors Act and who has expressed an interest in mental health issues.</li> <li>2) one psychiatrist who is a member pursuant to the Medical Act. (If the patient is under the age of 19 years, the psychiatrist shall have specialized training in child and adolescent psychiatry).</li> <li>3) one lay member who has expressed an interest in mental health issues and preferably are or have been a consumer of mental health services.</li> </ul>

4	<b>Formal Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The lawyer and the psychiatrist must be seen as credible representatives of their profession as demonstrated by current membership with their regulatory body and other attributes reflecting recognition by their peers.</li> <li>• Lay members who express an interest in mental health issues and preferably who are or have been a consumer of mental health services.</li> <li>• The Chair must have excellent leadership, negotiation and problem solving skills, excellent communication skills both written and a demonstrated ability to communicate in public forums.</li> </ul>
5	<b>Work &amp; Experience Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The lawyer and psychiatrist must be seen as credible representative of their profession.</li> <li>• Preference of lay members is given consumers (past or present) of the mental health system.</li> </ul>
6	<b>Skills Required</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law degree</li> <li>• Medical degree with specialty in Psychiatry</li> <li>• Consumer of the mental health system</li> <li>• Good communication and problem solving skills</li> <li>• Some familiarity with the responsibilities of the Board</li> <li>• Membership in a community organization, member of a committee associated with mental health planning/service delivery, human rights issues, social action etc would be considered an asset.</li> </ul>
7	<b>Statutory Nomination</b>	<p>The Governor in Council appoints all members and may determine the term during which a member of a review board shall hold office and may re-appoint members of a Review Board for further succeeding terms. The Governor in Council may appoint one of the members to be Chair of the Board. The Chair designates which members of the Board will sit on each review panel. Common practice requires a lawyer to chair the Board.</p>
8	<b>Traditional Nomination Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertisement for Boards &amp; Commissions</li> <li>• Separate and specific advertisements for Review Board.</li> </ul>
9	<b>Remuneration</b>	<p>Lay Members- \$200./day      \$150./½ day  Psychiatrists- \$600./day      \$300./½ day  Board Chair - \$600./day      \$300./½ Day  Lawyers-      \$350./day      \$175./½ day</p>

10	<b>Anticipated Time Commitments</b>	The Chair is able to devote at least one day per week to Board duties when required.
11	<b>Other Notes</b>	The Province of Nova Scotia is committed to affirmative action in making appointments to agencies, boards and commissions 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 appointments are encouraged to identify minority membership.