

Adjudicative Board Selection Criteria

ADJUDICATIVE BOARD		Farm Registration Appeal Committee
1	Statute	<i>Farm Registration Act</i>
2	Purpose	Responsible for determining whether an organization meets the criteria for a general farm organization and designates any organization meeting that criteria as a general farm organization for the purposes of the Act. Registration facilitates access to government programs and assistance as well as creating a stable funding base for general farm organizations in the province. The Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture is the only designated general farm organization at this time.
3	Functions	Determines whether an organization meets the legislative criteria for a general farm organization. If the organization meets the criteria, the Committee will designate, by order, that organization. The Committee also hears appeals of decisions made under the Act.
4	Composition	The Committee is composed of an employee of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, appointed by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, who acts as Chair, a registered farm business operator appointed by each general farm organization and, at the discretion of the Minister, another person appointed by the Minister.
5	Formal Qualifications	None
6	Work & Experience Requirements	Members should have experience in community or industry related activities, ie. service on boards or involvement in industry organizations or businesses.
7	Skills Required	Members must have: broad understanding of the primary agriculture industry; understanding of the roles and functions of the farm registration system; good decision making and problem-solving abilities; ability to think objectively and impartially; ability to deal professionally with confidential/sensitive information; possess a high degree of integrity; a favourable reputation among their peers.
8	Statutory Nomination Requirements	Any general farm organization appointment must be a farm business operator and must be appointed by the general farm organization.

9	Traditional Nomination Requirements	None
10	Remuneration	Reasonable/necessary expenses for non public service members.
11	Anticipated Time Commitments	Meetings are infrequent and time commitment is minimal.
12	Other Notes	Members appointed for a term not to exceed three years.