

Board Selection Criteria

Agency, Board or Commission		Disabled Persons Commission
1	Statute	C. 130, RSNS, the Disabled Persons Commission Act
2	Purpose	To provide for the participation of persons with disabilities in the development of Governor policies and programs relating to or affecting persons with disabilities; establish a central mechanism to ensure that the concerns of persons with disabilities respecting policy and program development and delivery are conveyed to the appropriate Government departments; ensure that the concerns of disabled persons will be promoted in and considered by the Government, especially in matters of policy and where the concerns affect several Government departments.
3	Functions	Assist the Co-ordinating Committee of Ministers in understanding and advise the Co-ordinating Committee on the needs and abilities of disabled persons; assist public to become aware of needs and abilities of disabled persons; assist disabled persons and public to become aware of government programs that serve the disabled; assist the public to become aware of what it can do to facilitate the integration of disabled persons into the social and economic life of the community.
4	Composition	Board consists of 12 Governor in Council appointments, 7 of which are persons who have a disability or are advocates for persons with disabilities or who are representatives of organizations representing persons with disabilities; 5 are chosen from among persons nominated by the departments of the Government providing services to persons with disabilities.
5	Formal Qualifications	Community members must be persons who have a disability or are advocates for persons with disabilities or who are representatives of organizations representing persons with disabilities.
6	Work & Experience Requirements	Community members must demonstrate an understanding of the needs and abilities of persons with disabilities; demonstrate a commitment to the full equality and social integration of persons with disabilities; and demonstrate an involvement in the local disability community.
7	Skills Required	Must have an understanding and have the ability to represent the needs of all disabilities.

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8	Statutory Nomination Requirements	Community members must be representative of the various regions of the Province. Each member of the Commission is an independent representative to the Commission and does not represent only the concerns of one disability; and Government members must be recommended by their Department.
9	Term of Appointment	2 years; may be reappointed
10	Remuneration	Chair: \$97.00 per meeting (honorarium) Member: \$48.50 per meeting (honorarium)
11	Anticipated Time Commitments	10 meetings/year; daytime; Location: Halifax, however, may meet outside of Halifax.
12	Other Notes	