

Board Selection Criteria

Agency, Board or Commission		Nova Scotia Association of Social Workers, Board of Examiners
1	Statute	C. 19 of Acts 2001, the Social Workers Act
2	Purpose	To register persons to practice social work in Nova Scotia who meet the criteria for practice under the Social Worker's Act. To investigate complaints of malpractice, incompetence and/or breaches of the Association's Code of Ethics. To discipline members who are found guilty upon the investigation of the complaint.
3	Functions	Examine persons seeking to be registered as social workers or social worker candidates and social workers seeking to engage in private practice; maintain a registry of social workers approved by the board for registration.
4	Composition	Board consists of 12 members: 9 social workers appointed by the Council who represent the diversity of various fields of social work practice and who reflect the sex, racial and ethnic composition of the Association, one of whom is teaching at an approved school of social work; 3 persons appointed by the Governor in Council who are neither social workers nor social worker candidates.
5	Formal Qualifications	Preference is given to those who have a legal background/practising lawyers.
6	Work & Experience Requirements	A lawyer is preferred or someone who has a legal background. Familiarity with administrative law. Previous experience as chair or member of a tribunal or other regulatory body.
7	Skills Required	Demonstrate good common sense, good problem solving skills and should have the ability to devote the time and effort required to deal with a high volume of work which the Board will be required to address. An interest in the profession of social work and in participating in its accountability to the public for competent practice; to be able to bring critical thinking to the Board of Examiners to carry out its role of policy-making and decision-making with respect to its regulatory functions; members with legal background and preferably with experience in administrative law.

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9	Term of Appointment	2 year term; May not be reappointed to a fourth consecutive term.
10	Remuneration	Such remuneration as the Council determines + travel expenses.
11	Anticipated Time Commitments	Meet once a month or more frequently as required; 5 hour duration; Meeting location: Halifax, or as determined by Chair
12	Other Notes	There is established a Complaints Committee composed of 3 members of the Board (1 is the person appointed by the Governor in Council to the Board of Examiners)

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