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1. Policy

- 1.1 Correctional Services contributes to the development of law, promotes the rule of law, and ensures public affairs are administered in accordance with the law. Policy and procedures are enabled by legislation. Staff, when performing their duties, are governed by legislation.

2. Enabling and Governing Legislation

- 2.1 Staff are responsible for reviewing and maintaining an understanding of current legislation and the regulations, which impact on their duties.
- 2.2 Federal legislation relevant to Correctional Services includes
- 2.2.1 Criminal Code of Canada
 - 2.2.2 Controlled Drugs and Substances Act
 - 2.2.3 Food and Drugs Act
 - 2.2.4 Prisons and Reformatories Act
 - 2.2.5 Corrections and Conditional Release Act
 - 2.2.6 Youth Criminal Justice Act
 - 2.2.7 Identification of Criminals Act
 - 2.2.8 Canada Evidence Act
 - 2.2.9 Criminal Records Act
 - 2.2.10 International Transfer of Offenders Act
 - 2.2.11 Extradition Act
 - 2.2.12 Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- 2.3 Provincial legislation relevant to Correctional Services includes
- 2.3.1 Correctional Services Act
 - 2.3.2 Summary Proceedings Act
 - 2.3.3 Youth Justice Act
 - 2.3.4 Maintenance and Custody Act
 - 2.3.5 Children and Family Services Act
 - 2.3.6 Family Court Act
 - 2.3.7 Hospitals Act
 - 2.3.8 Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Act
 - 2.3.9 Human Rights Act
 - 2.3.10 Ombudsman Act

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3. Personnel Regulations and the Code of Professional Conduct

- 3.1 The regulations for the Personnel and *Code of Professional Conduct* are established in sections 5 through 20 of the *Correctional Services Regulations*.
- 3.2 These regulations are consistent with the Government of Nova Scotia Code of Conduct for Civil Servants, which was approved by Executive Council and implemented September 1, 2000.
- 3.3 The Personnel regulations and the Code of Professional Conduct are reproduced in a booklet and issued to employees upon commencing employment with Correctional Services, and whenever it is updated. The current booklet is also available on the Correctional Services website.

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