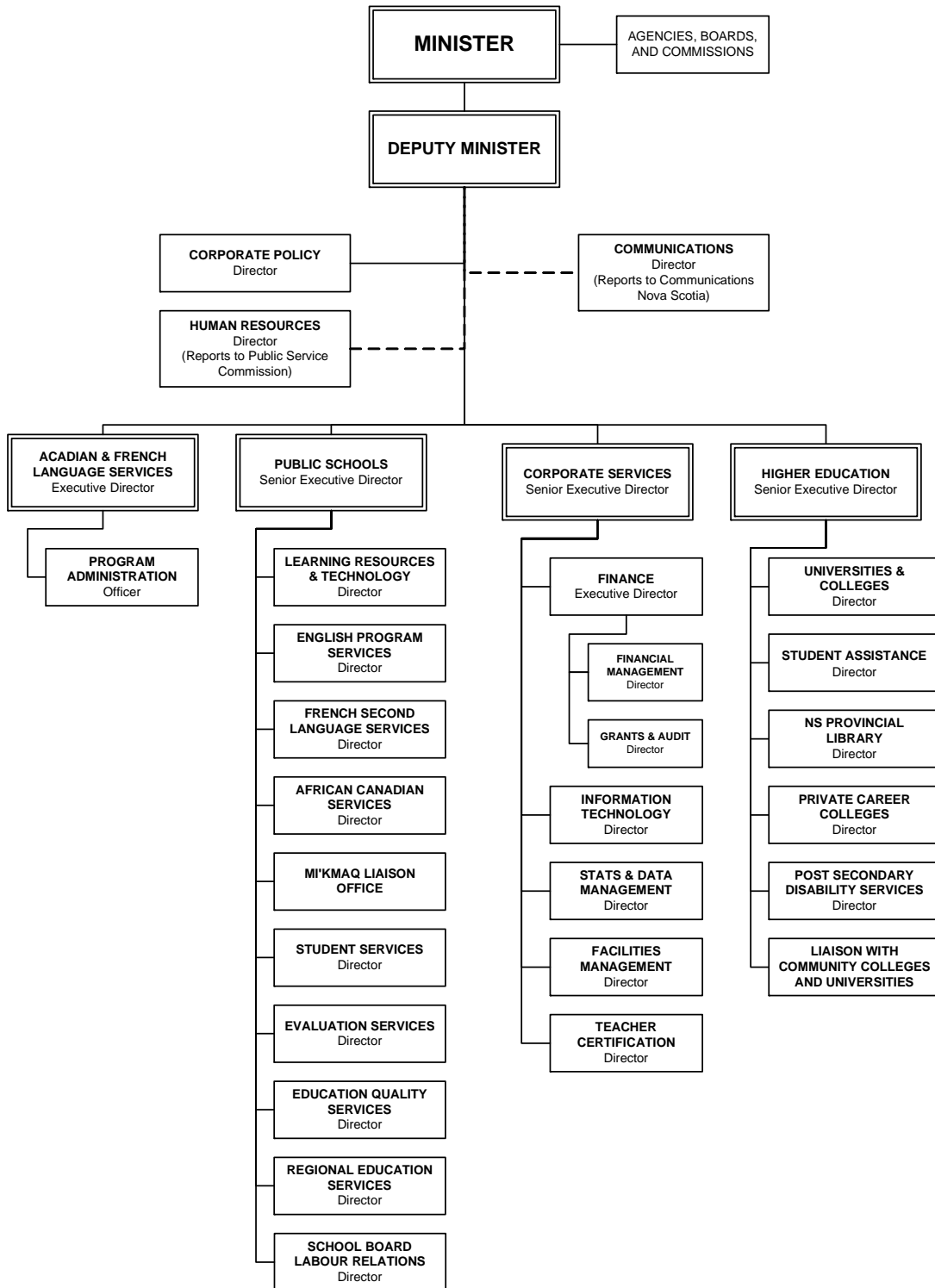


Department of Education



Responsibilities

PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH

This branch comprises African Canadian Services, Education Quality Services, English Program Services, Evaluation Services, French Second Language Program Services, Learning Resources and Technology Services, Mi'kmaq Liaison Office, Regional Education Services, School Board Labour Relations, and Student Services. It is responsible for all educational programs and services for the English language public school system, assessment and evaluation, educational technology, and school board liaison.

ACADIAN AND FRENCH LANGUAGE SERVICES BRANCH

The Acadian and French Language Services Branch monitors and approves curriculum development for French first language education. The branch negotiates and co-ordinates activities related to federal-provincial funding agreements for French first and second language education in Nova Scotia, and co-ordinates and manages implementation of national official languages programs for Nova Scotia. This branch is responsible for liaison with the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial and all community and representative groups as they relate to French first language education. The branch is responsible for the coordination of all French language services as they relate to the *French Language Services Act/Loi sur les services en français* and its regulations, including implementing priorities identified in the Departmental French Language Services Plan.

HIGHER EDUCATION BRANCH

This branch comprises Universities and the Nova Scotia Community College, Student Financial Assistance, Private Career Colleges, Post-Secondary Disability Services, and the Provincial Library. This branch promotes equitable and affordable access to quality higher education and knowledge for Nova Scotians in partnership with post-secondary institutions and public libraries.

CORPORATE POLICY BRANCH

This branch comprises Policy and Planning and Information Management. It is responsible for providing advice and support in policy, planning, legislation, research, coordination, information and publishing services to all areas of the department. Corporate Policy also coordinates department accountability processes including the department business plan and support to school board planning processes. This

branch also includes the following responsibilities: the departmental library, records management, co-ordination of appointments to agencies, boards and commissions, and administration and advice on the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CORPORATE SERVICES BRANCH

This branch comprises Financial Management, Education Funding and Accountability, Facilities Management, Information Technology Services, Nova Scotia School Book Bureau, Statistics and Data Management and Teacher Certification. It is responsible for the delivery of business and support services to the Department of Education, including the provision of facilities planning and capital projects, financial management and comptrollership responsibilities, information technology, the province-wide delivery of data communications, the management of educational related data and statistics, and for providing selected services to school boards including co-ordination of pupil transportation with school boards.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

Communications provides communication support for government and Department of Education programs, policies and initiatives. This includes communications planning, issues management, media relations, special events, stakeholder communications, and promotion/marketing.

Active Agencies, Boards, and Commissions

Acadia University Board of Governors
Acadia University Foundation
African-Canadian Education, Council on
Agricultural College Foundation, NS
Appeal, Board of - *Education Act* *
Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority, Board of Directors
Barbers Act, Board of Examiners
Cape Breton University Board of Governors
Cape Breton University Foundation
College of Art & Design, Board of Governors
Community College, Nova Scotia - Board of Governors
Cosmetology, Provincial Examining and Licensing Committee
Dalhousie University Board of Governors
Dalhousie University Foundation
Johnstone (Dr. P.Anthony) Memorial Fund Entrance Scholarship

Library Board, Annapolis Valley Regional
Library Board, Cape Breton Regional
Library Board, Colchester-East Hants Regional
Library Board, Cumberland Regional
Library Board, Eastern Counties Regional
Library Board, Halifax Regional
Library Board, Pictou-Antigonish
Library Board, South Shore Regional
Library Board, Western Counties Regional
Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission
Mi'kmaq Education, Council on
Mount Saint Vincent University Board of Governors
Private Career Colleges Board *
Saint Francis Xavier University Foundation
Saint Mary's University Board of Governors
Saint Mary's University Foundation
Student Aid Higher Appeal Board *
Teachers' Certification Appeal Committee *
Teachers College Foundation Board of Governors
Tuition Appeal Board *
Tuition Support Review *
Université Sainte-Anne, Board of Directors
Working Committee for the Training Completion Fund
Women in Engineering Scholarship Selection Committee
Youth Advisory Council

* Adjudicative Board

Acts Administered

- *Acadia University Act*
- *Agriculture and Marketing Act*
- *Atlantic Institute of Education Act*
- *Atlantic School of Theology Act*
- *Cape Breton University Act*
- *Community Colleges Act*

- Part I – Collège de l'Acadie
- Part II – Nova Scotia Community College
- *Cosmetology Act*
- *Dalhousie College and University Act*
- *Dalhousie-Technical University Amalgamation Act*
- *Degree Granting Act*
- *Education Act*
- *Education Amendments (1994) Act*
- *Education Assistance Act*
- *Educational Communication Agency Act*
- *Handicapped Persons' Education Act*
- *Hospital Education Assistance Act*
- *Libraries Act*
- *Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission Act*
- *Mi'kmaq Education Act*
- *Mount Saint Vincent University Act*
- *Nova Scotia College of Art and Design Act*
- *Nova Scotia School Boards Association Act*
- *Nova Scotia Teachers College Foundation Act*
- *Pre-Primary Education Act*
- *Private Career Colleges Regulations Act*
- *Registered Barbers Act*
- *St. Francis Xavier University Act*
- *Saint Mary's University Act*
- *School Loan Fund Act*
- *Southwestern Nova Scotia Community College Act*
- *Student Aid Act*
- *Teachers' Collective Bargaining Act*
- *Teaching Profession Act*
- *Universities Assistance Act*
- *Université Sainte-Anne Act - Collège de l'Acadie Act*
- *University Foundations Act*
- *University of Kings College Act*
- *Youth Secretariat Act*

