

FRPA Review Office Newsletter

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Updates

The FRPA Review Process is almost ready to be piloted and we have four volunteers. Thank you to the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, the Interior Designers of Nova Scotia, and the Public Accounting Board of Nova Scotia. Once these reviews are complete (early June 2013) a report on the outcomes of the pilot will be drafted, necessary changes will be implemented and a review schedule will be prepared.

RPL and Labour Mobility Website content is now in Plain Language. Check out our website at $\underline{www.novascotia.ca/lae/rpllabourmobility}$. Click $\underline{\text{Here}}$ to see a sample of before and after.

Regulatory bodies will be kept up to date on any changes the Review Office undergoes or any other pertinent information via e-mail. Please let me know if my email distribution list needs to be updated.

Annual Data Requirements

A guide to the annual data requirements has been developed and is almost ready for distribution. Regulators should work with the Review Officer to map out how their organization will meets these requirements. Contact Vanessa Margueratt at 424-8081.

Guides and Resources

The **Plain Language Webinar** is almost complete. Instructions to view will be emailed once editing is complete.

The **Plain Language Guide for Regulatory Bodies** will be complete by the end of March. Distribution will follow.

The **Annual Data Reporting Guide** has been drafted and will be finalized by the end of March. Distribution will follow.

The **FRPA Review Process Guide** is under development and will be finalized by the end of March. Distribution will follow.

Using LINKS

It is important that the users of our websites know where to get information in just a couple of clicks – especially those coming from another country. Please consider adding these to your site home page.....

If you are in Nova Scotia go here: www.isisns.ca

If you are outside of Canada go here: www.careers.novascotia.ca

Breakfast Meetings

Thank you to Ian Miller, Jan Sheppard-Kutcher, Alison Tracy and Diane Gordon for their presentations and updates at the Feb. 4th, 2013 Breakfast Meeting.

Topics for the the April 2nd meeting will include:

- Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia talk about improvements to their website
- Jackie Mullenger, Nova Scotia Barristers Society will talk about writing decisions
- Allain Lauzon will be here from Citizenship and Immigration Canada's Foreign Credentials Referral Office to speak to us about the International Qualifications Network (IQN).

Please <u>RSVP</u> for the April 2nd meeting by Friday March 22nd, 2013 with the <u>Review Officer</u> as space is limited.

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Upcoming Events

Mar. 14th-16th 2013 – 15th National Metropolis Conference

April 2nd 2013 – Breakfast Meeting

June 4th 2013 – Breakfast Meeting

Links

<u>Department of Labour and Advanced</u> Education

RPL and Labour Mobility Unit

<u>Immigration Settlement and</u> <u>Immigration Services</u>

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ISIS recently launched the Career Pathway Loan Fund, a community-based partnership that assists internationally trained immigrants with microloans to overcome financial barriers in becoming licensed to practice and entering the workforce in their occupations or related fields. For more information visit http://www.isisns.ca/



CONGRATULATIONS to the ION Awards Honorable Mention Recipients!!

<u>Workplace Performance against Competencies Project</u> (ISIS/Engineers NS/Engineers Canada/local employers) Funded by LAE. Workforce Integration category.

<u>Video on the International Pharmacy Graduates bridging program</u> (ISIS) Funded by NSOI. Workforce Integration category.

Multi-stakeholder Work Group Project (ISIS) Funded by LAE. Engagement category.