

FRPA Review Office Newsletter



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Updates

As you know the FRPA pilots are underway with the final close-out meetings happening on August $1^{\rm st}$. FRPA Review Reports will be published on our website following that. In addition to the FRPA Review Reports, a report on the outcomes of the pilot will be drafted. As a result of pilot outcomes and recommendations, necessary changes to the process, guides and web tool will be implemented and following that a review schedule will be prepared. It is anticipated the schedule will be developed and reviews will begin late Fall.

Regulator Skill Building and Information Sessions

We are currently organizing a 'Regulator Skill Building and Information Sessions' gathering to be held in the Fall.

Some topics we are considering include:

- Competency Based Occupational Standards Development
- Standardized Board Training
- Cultural Competence Training
- Updates on immigration changes by Citizenship and Immigration Canada

We want to hear from you. If you have suggestions for topics you would like to learn more about please email the <u>Review Officer</u>.

Competency Assessor Training

The 2nd pilot for the NSCC Competency Assessor Training is taking place this Fall. This certificate program is designed to prepare individuals to design and undertake a competency based assessment approach to gaining certification or recognition. For more information contact; Diane Gordon gordon.cd@gov.ns.ca 902-424-8786

FRPA Review Schedule

In order to facilitate the development of a mutually agreeable schedule, please email the reviewofficer@qov.ns.ca and indicate your organization's preferred time of year for the 10 week process, and /or those times that will not work for your organization.

Please supply this information no later than August 31st

A schedule will be developed to both accommodate your organization and allow for all reviews to be completed within two years.

Breakfast Meetings

Thank you to Ann Mann (LPNNS), Bev Zwicker (NSCP), Kris Dove (EngineersNS) and Alison Tracy (LAE) for their presentations and updates at the June 4th, 2013 Breakfast Meeting.

Breakfast meetings will re-commence starting in October. Since we were unable to accommodate everyone on Tuesdays we will be holding the meetings on Wednesdays. The meetings will continue to be held at the Chocolate Lake Best Western, 20 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Halifax.

Alternative Careers Report

As part of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Foreign Qualification Recognition research was conducted on Alternative Careers.

This work included input from national associations, settlement agencies and immigrants to develop a common understanding of alternative careers, identify work already occurring and develop recommendations for moving forward.

Click here to review the report.

Guides and Resources

<u>Introduction to Plain Language</u> <u>Webinar</u> under News and Events

Plain Language Guide for Regulatory
Bodies – for hard copies contact the
Review Officer

The **Annual Data Reporting Guide** has been drafted. Layout and design work is complete and drafts will be finalized following the pilot review.

The **FRPA Review Process Guide** has been drafted. Layout and design work is complete and drafts will be finalized following the pilot review.

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Upcoming Events

2013 Breakfast Meetings

Wednesday October 2nd

Wednesday December 4th

Training

Competency Assessor Training, Fall 2013

Regulator Skill Building and Information Sessions, Fall 2013

FRPA Reviews May/June 2013

College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

Interior Designers of Nova Scotia

Public Accounting Board of Nova Scotia

Links

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

RPL and Labour Mobility Unit

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

Nova Scotia Start

Careers Nova Scotia

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CLEAR Webinars – The Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation recently held a webinar entitled 'Do Regulatory Bodies Have a Role in Promoting Diversity Within a Profession?' Email reviewofficer@qov.ns.ca to obtain a copy of the presentation. If you wish to participate in these webinars CLICK HERE. It indicates that registration for the webinars is (US)\$60 for members and (US)\$75 for non-members. However, many are free such as Efficiency and Cost-Saving Measures (a.k.a. Doing More with Less) happening on July 23rd.