FRPA Review Office Newsletter

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Updates

The FRPA pilot reviews wrapped up early August and overall were a success. FRPA Review Reports will be published to our website early September. I am currently drafting a report outlining the pilot program and next steps. As a result of pilot outcomes, necessary changes to the process, guides and web tool are being made. Following the October Breakfast Meeting a review schedule will be developed, focusing first on priority occupations. It is anticipated the reviews will begin late Fall.

Regulator Skill Building and Information Sessions

Tentatively **November 13 & 14, 2013**

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
- Writing decisions
- Conducting an Internal Review

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. **Click Here** for more information or contact Diane Gordon gordoncd@gov.ns.ca 902-424-8786

FRPA Review Schedule

In order to facilitate the development of a mutually agreeable schedule, please email the reviewofficer@gov.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.

A schedule will be developed to both accommodate your organization and facilitate compliance with FRPA.

Conferences – Fall 2013

October 23-25, 2013

Canadian Network of National Associations of Regulators
Le Réseau canadien des associations nationales d'organismes de réglementation

October 3-5, 2013

November 17-19, 2013

Click the logos for more information

Breakfast Meetings

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.

The focus of the meeting on October 2nd will be the pilot reviews and outcomes.

Alternative Careers Funding

The Federal government under the Foreign Credential Recognition Program, is interested in funding Alternative Careers projects. This could include innovative approaches to helping internationally trained individuals navigate towards alternative careers that closely match their qualifications and provide opportunities to apply their skills in the Canadian context. A research report on Alternative Careers was released in March 2013. **Click here** to review the report. **Click here** for more information on the program.

Guides and Resources

Introduction to Plain Language Webinar under News and Events

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

The **Annual Data Reporting Guide** and the **FRPA Review Process Guide** have been drafted. Layout and design work is complete and drafts will be finalized this Fall.

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Upcoming Events

2013 Breakfast Meetings
Wednesday October 2nd

Wednesday December 4th

Training
Competency Assessor Training
October 1 & 2, 2013
October 29 & 30, 2013
November 26 & 27, 2013

Regulator Skill Building and Information Sessions
November 13 & 14, 2013

FRPA Reviews

None currently underway

Links

Department of Labour and Advanced Education

RPL and Labour Mobility Unit

Immigration Settlement and Integration Services

Nova Scotia Start

Careers Nova Scotia

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Gareth Jones, Investigations Training, was commissioned by the Asia Pacific Forum to write an investigation training manual for front line human rights investigators. **Click here** to download the Manual, entitled Undertaking Effective Investigations: A Guide For National Human Rights Institutions was published in August 2013. **Click here** for information on training offered by Gareth, November 25, 2013.