

## Updates

The FRPA Review schedule is under development. Priority will be given to those target occupations in the PanCanadian Framework as well as those receiving a large number of international applicants. The review schedule will also take into account those times during the year that the regulatory body may be busy due to applications or renewals and accommodate accordingly. Commencement of FRPA reviews is contingent on the completion of the database upgrades. These should be complete late fall early winter. Additionally, guidance material will be finalized once the database is complete

## FRPA Workshop

**November 13 & 14, 2013**

**Atlantica Hotel Halifax**

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 8am-4:30pm

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm

Topics include:

- FRPA Best Practices
- Writing Decisions
- Internal Reviews
- Cultural Competence
- Principles and methodology for assessment

## Competency Assessor Training

The 2nd pilot for the NSCC Competency Assessor Training is taking place this Fall and Winter. 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](mailto:gordoncd@gov.ns.ca) 902-424-8786

## 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 once database modifications are complete.

## Next Breakfast Meeting

On **Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>**, Nancy Tram, Manager of Labour Mobility Projects with Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials (CICIC – <http://cicic.ca>) will be at our breakfast meeting to give an update on Building Bridges: Consistency, Portability and Capacity of International Academic Credential Assessment in Canada. This session will provide an overview of the work undertaken by the CICIC in the field of international academic credential assessment.

Since 2007, CICIC has been working on a multi-phase project developing a number of reference tools to support assessors in their evaluation of international academic credentials and to facilitate the integration of internationally trained newcomers in the labour market. These include a Pan-Canadian Quality Assurance Framework for the Assessment of International Academic Credentials (QAF), Terminology Guides, and a Competency Profile for an Academic Credential Assessor. All reference tools are available on the project's Web site at: <http://evaluation.cicic.ca>.

The session will focus on the QAF, an important tool to support you in your work assessing the academic credentials of internationally-trained professionals and in meeting obligations under the Fair Registration Practices Act. It will also provide an update on the next phase of the project and the initiatives CICIC is working on.

The meeting is from 8am-10am at the Best Western Chocolate Lake location (20 St. Margaret's Bay Road)

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## Upcoming Events

### 2013 Breakfast Meetings

Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>

### Training

#### [Competency Assessor Training](#)

November 13 & 14, 2013

December 10 & 11, 2014

January 7 & 8, 2014

#### [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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## 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.