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N.S. Reg. 81/2025

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Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices

Order dated April 24, 2025
made by the Nova Scotia Energy Board
pursuant to Section 14 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act*
and Sections 16 to 19 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*

[Please note: *Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices* filed with the Office of the Registrar of Regulations on and after January 23, 2023, will no longer be published in the *Royal Gazette Part II*. Publication of the *Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices* has been dispensed with by order of the Attorney General dated January 23, 2023, and published on page 63 of the February 10, 2023, issue of the *Royal Gazette Part II*. Current and historical *Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices* are available for inspection in person at the Office of the Registrar of Regulations and can be viewed on the Nova Scotia Energy Board's website at the following address: <https://nserbt.ca/nseb/mandates/gasoline-diesel-pricing>.]

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Bulk Haulage Regulations—amendment

Order dated April 15, 2025
Amendment to regulations made by the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia
and approved by the Natural Products Marketing Council
pursuant to clause 15(1)(b) of the *Dairy Industry Act*

Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia**Amendment to the *Bulk Haulage Regulations*
made under the *Dairy Industry Act***

I certify that on March 28, 2025, the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia, pursuant to clause 15(1)(b) of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2000, the *Dairy Industry Act*, carried a motion to amend the *Bulk Haulage Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 23/2003, made by the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia on July 17, 2002, and approved by the Natural Products Marketing Council on August 13, 2002, in the manner set forth in the attached Schedule "A", effective on and after May 1, 2025.

Signed at Truro, in the County of Colchester, Nova Scotia on April 15, 2025.

Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia

per: *J Fewer*
Jo Ann Fewer
General Manager

Approved by the Natural Products Marketing Council at Bible Hill, in the County of Colchester, Nova Scotia, on April 9, 2025.

Natural Products Marketing Council

per: *Danielle Dorn Kouwenberg*
Danielle Dorn Kouwenberg
Manager

Schedule “A”

**Amendment to the *Bulk Haulage Regulations*
made by the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia
pursuant to clause 15(1)(b) of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2000,
the *Dairy Industry Act***

Section 7 of the *Bulk Haulage Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 23/2003, made by the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia on July 17, 2002, and approved by the Natural Products Marketing Council on August 13, 2002, is amended by repealing clause (a) and substituting the following clause:

- (a) for farm milk pick-up that occurs on a set schedule of every second day:

Transporter	Maximum Rate/100 L
Fisher Transport Limited	\$3.24
Burghardt Transport Limited	\$3.79

N.S. Reg. 83/2025

Made: April 25, 2025

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Dentistry and Dental Assisting Regulations

Order in Council 2025-125 dated April 25, 2025

Regulations made by the Governor in Council

pursuant to Sections 4, 13 and 14 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Health and Wellness dated March 13, 2025, and pursuant to Sections 4, 13 and 14 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, is pleased to make new regulations respecting dentistry and dental assisting, in the form set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after May 1, 2025.

Schedule “A”

Regulations Respecting Dentistry and Dental Assisting made by the Governor in Council under Sections 4, 13 and 14 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*

Interpretation

Citation

1 These regulations may be cited as the *Dentistry and Dental Assisting Regulations*.

Definitions

2 In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Regulated Health Professions Act*;

“Board” is further defined to mean the board of the Regulator;

“competency framework” means a framework approved by the Board establishing the competencies that registrants are required to possess to practise safely and ethically within the scope of practice of their designation or licensing category;

“Court” means the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia;

“dentistry” means services usually performed by or under the supervision of a dentist and includes the assessment, diagnosis, management, treatment and prevention of diseases, disorders and conditions of the orofacial complex and associated anatomical structures;

“former Act” is further defined to mean Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1992, the *Dental Act*;

“General Regulations” means the *Regulated Health Professions General Regulations* made under the Act;

“inspector” means an inspector appointed under these regulations;

“intra-oral dental services” means services performed within the oral cavity;

“Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia” means the board established under Section 13 of the former Act;

“registration and licensing decision maker” means the registrar, the registration and licensing committee or the registration and licensing review committee, as applicable;

“Regulator” means the Nova Scotia Regulator of Dentistry and Dental Assisting;

“title protection” means the restriction on the use of a title associated with a particular designation or category of licence to persons who are authorized to practise within the scope of that designation or registered and licensed in that category of licence.

Regulator

Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia continued

- 3 The Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia is continued as a regulatory body under the name Nova Scotia Regulator of Dentistry and Dental Assisting with the purpose of regulating the professions of dentistry and dental assisting in accordance with the objects set out in Section 6 of the Act.

Bylaw authorization

- 4 The Regulator is authorized to make bylaws under clauses 12(2)(b), (c), (e), (g), (h), (i), (k), (l) and (m) of the Act, in accordance with the Act and these regulations.

Public representatives on Board

- 5 In addition to the requirement of subsection 7(2) of the Act, the number of public representatives on the Board must be no fewer than 3 and no more than 4.

Composition of registration and licensing panel

- 6 In addition to the requirements of subsection 31(1) of the Act, a registration and licensing committee panel or a registration and licensing review committee panel appointed to review a matter must include at least 1 registrant of the profession that the matter relates to.

Scope of Practice

Scope of practice of dentistry

- 7 (1) The scope of practice of dentistry is the application of specialized and evidence-based dentistry knowledge, skills and judgment that have been taught in an approved education program or are set out in 1 or more of the following approved by the Board:
- (a) competency frameworks;
 - (b) standards of practice;
 - (c) practice guidelines.
- (2) The scope of practice of dentistry as described in subsection (1) includes the performance of any or all of the following activities:
- (a) assessing, diagnosing, managing, treating and preventing diseases, disorders and conditions of the orofacial complex and associated anatomical structures;
 - (b) performing any other services, roles, functions and activities included in the scope of practice of the designations and licensing categories set out in the bylaws.
- (3) The scope of practice of dentistry also includes health promotion, research, education, inter-professional collaboration, consultation, management, administration, advocacy, regulation or system development that is related to the activities and application of specialized and evidence-based dentistry knowledge, skills and judgment described in subsections (1) and (2).

Scope of practice of dental assisting

- 8 (1) The scope of practice of dental assisting is the application of specialized and evidence-based dental assisting knowledge, skills and judgment
- (a) under the supervision of other regulated health professionals as required by these regulations, the bylaws or the standards of practice; and

- (b) that have been taught in an approved education program or are set out in 1 or more of the following approved by the Board:
 - (i) competency frameworks,
 - (ii) standards of practice,
 - (iii) practice guidelines.
- (2) The scope of practice of dental assisting as described in subsection (1) includes the performance of any or all of the following activities:
 - (a) assisting in the provision of intra-oral dental services set out in the bylaws or standards of practice while under the supervision of a licensed dentist or licensed dental hygienist who is physically present within the office premises while the licensed dental assistant engages in the practice of dental assisting;
 - (b) providing oral health and hygiene instruction;
 - (c) providing dietary counselling related to oral health;
 - (d) performing any other services, roles, functions and activities included in the scope of practice of the designations and licensing categories set out in the bylaws.
- (3) The scope of practice of dental assisting also includes health promotion, research, education, inter-professional collaboration, consultation, management, administration, advocacy, regulation or system development that is related to the activities and application of specialized and evidence-based dental assisting knowledge, skills and judgment described in subsections (1) and (2).

Scope of practice of designations and licensing categories

9 Under clauses 12(2)(k) and (l) of the Act, the Regulator may make bylaws setting out all of the following:

- (a) the scope of practice of each designation and licensing category established
 - (i) in these regulations, and
 - (ii) in the bylaws;
- (b) the title protection authorized for each designation and licensing category established in the bylaws.

Registration and Licensing**Practising licence categories**

10 The following are the practising licence categories for dentistry and dental assisting:

- (a) dentist practising licence;
- (b) dental assistant practising licence;
- (c) any other category of practising licence established in the bylaws.

Conditional licence categories

11 The following are the conditional licence categories for dentistry and dental assisting:

- (a) dentist conditional licence;
- (b) dentist academic licence;
- (c) dentist graduate student licence;
- (d) dental assistant conditional licence;
- (e) any other category of conditional licence established in the bylaws.

Application and criteria for registration in practising register

12 (1) An application required by Section 34 of the Act must be completed in the form required by the registrar.

(2) In addition to the completed application, an applicant for registration in a practising register must submit all of the following to the registrar:

- (a) proof satisfactory to the registration and licensing decision maker that the applicant meets all of the following criteria, except if any or all of the criteria are waived under Section 59 of the Act:
 - (i) they are a graduate of 1 of the following:
 - (A) an education program approved for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (B) an education program that, in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, is equivalent to an education program approved for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (C) an education program that, together with the applicant's additional education and experience and in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, provides the applicant with the competencies to practise in the scope of practice of registrants in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (ii) they have successfully completed any examinations required by the Board for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (iii) they have completed a competence assessment, if directed to do so by the registration and licensing decision maker,
 - (iv) they have successfully completed any bridging education required for registration that was determined to be necessary by a competence assessment,
 - (v) they have demonstrated proficiency in the English language, in the manner prescribed by the registrar,
 - (vi) they are a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to live and work in Canada,
 - (vii) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the

practice of the profession in which they seek to be registered without conditions or restrictions,

- (viii) they have no outstanding complaints, prohibitions, conditions, agreements or restrictions originating from the Regulator or any other registration or licensing authority that would preclude registration in a register other than a conditional register,
 - (ix) they are the person named in the documentation submitted in support of the application,
 - (x) under the requirements of the Act, these regulations and the bylaws, they are eligible for a practising licence that corresponds with the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (xi) they meet any additional criteria for registration in a practising register set out in the bylaws;
- (b) the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (3) The processing under Section 36 of the Act of an application and its associated information, documents and fee described in subsections (1) and (2) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (4) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.

Criteria for practising licence

- 13 (1)** In addition to the completed application in a form approved by the registrar required by Section 35 of the Act, an applicant for a practising licence must submit all of the following to the registrar:
- (a) proof satisfactory to the registration and licensing decision maker that the applicant meets all of the following criteria, except if any or all of the criteria are waived under Section 59 of the Act:
 - (i) they meet the registration criteria in subclauses 12(2)(a)(iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii) and (ix),
 - (ii) they are registered in the practising register that corresponds with the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (iii) they have professional liability insurance or another form of malpractice coverage or liability protection in the form and amount set by the Board,
 - (iv) they meet the requirements of the continuing competence program for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (v) they meet the currency of practice requirements for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (vi) they have no outstanding complaints, prohibitions, conditions, agreements or restrictions originating from the Regulator or any other registration or licensing authority that limit their ability to practise,
 - (vii) they have completed any assessments or education required by the Board for the

licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,

- (viii) they meet any additional criteria for issuing a practising licence set out in the bylaws;
 - (b) the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2) The processing under Section 36 of the Act of an application and associated information, documents and fee described in subsection (1) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (3) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.

Criteria for registration in conditional register

14 (1) The registrar must enter the name of a person who meets all of the following in a conditional register:

- (a) for an existing registrant in a practising register, they have
 - (i) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (ii) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process;
 - (b) for an applicant for registration in a register, they meet all of the following requirements:
 - (i) all of the criteria for registration in a practising register, other than the criteria in subclauses 12(2)(a)(vii), (viii), (x) and (xi), and except as provided in subsection (4),
 - (ii) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of the profession in which they seek to be registered with conditions or restrictions,
 - (iii) they have either
 - (A) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (B) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process,
 - (iv) under the requirements of the Act, these regulations and the bylaws, they are eligible for a conditional licence that corresponds with the conditional register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (v) any other requirements for registration in a conditional register set out in the bylaws,
 - (vi) they have paid the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2) The processing of an application under Section 36 of the Act for an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (3) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application made by an

applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.

- (4) An applicant who has not passed the examinations required for registration, but who otherwise meets the requirements of subsection 15(1), may be granted conditional registration by the registration and licensing decision maker pending the passing of the registration examinations.

Criteria for conditional licence

15 (1) The requirements to be met for issuing a conditional licence under Section 43 of the Act are as follows:

- (a) for a person who is an existing registrant holding a practising licence, they have
 - (i) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (ii) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process;
 - (b) for an applicant for a licence, they meet all of the following requirements:
 - (i) all of the criteria for registration in a practising register, other than the criteria in subclauses 12(2)(a)(vii), (viii), (x) and (xi), and except as provided in subsection (4),
 - (ii) they are registered in a conditional register that corresponds with the licensing category for which they are seeking a conditional licence,
 - (iii) the requirements for a practising licence in subclauses 13(1)(a)(iii) and (vii),
 - (iv) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of the profession in which they seek to be licensed with conditions or restrictions,
 - (v) any additional criteria for issuing a conditional licence set out in the bylaws,
 - (vi) they have either
 - (A) agreed to the registration and licensing decision maker's imposition of conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (B) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed by the registration and licensing decision maker or a statutory committee;
 - (c) for all applicants, they have paid the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2) The processing of an application under Section 36 of the Act for an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (3) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application made by an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.
- (4) An applicant who has not passed the examinations required for registration, but who otherwise

meets the requirements of subsection (1), may be issued a conditional licence by the registration and licensing decision maker pending the passing of the registration examinations.

Practice and Title Use Restrictions, Services Not Prohibited and Publication Restrictions

Restriction on practice of dentistry

16 No person may engage or offer to engage in the practice of dentistry or describe their activities as “dentistry” unless they are 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding a dentist practising licence, a dentist conditional licence, a dentist academic licence or a dentist graduate student licence;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise dentistry, in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws;
- (c) exempt from the application of the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Restriction on practice of dental assisting

17 No person may engage or offer to engage in the practice of dental assisting or describe their activities as “dental assisting” unless they are 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding a dental assistant practising licence or a dental assistant conditional licence;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise dental assisting, in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws;
- (c) exempt from the application of the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Restriction on use of “dentist” title, description or designation

18 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), no person may take or use the title, description or designation of “dentist”, “dental surgeon” or “doctor of dental surgery” or any derivation or abbreviation of them either alone or in combination with other words, letters or descriptions unless the person is 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding 1 of the following under these regulations or the bylaws:
 - (i) a dentist practising licence, as permitted by clause 40(a) of the Act,
 - (ii) a dentist conditional licence,
 - (iii) a dentist academic licence;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise as a dentist or to use the relevant title, description or designation in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

(2) A person who meets all of the requirements for registration in the dentist practising register except for passing the registration examinations approved by the Board, and who is in a graduate dentist education program approved by the Board, may practise within their graduate dentist education program and may use the title “graduate student dentist” only.

Restriction on use of “dental assistant” title, description or designation

- 19 (1)** Except as provided in subsection (2), no person may take or use the title, description or designation of “dental assistant”, the abbreviation “DA” or any derivation or abbreviation of them either alone or in combination with other words, letters or descriptions unless the person is 1 of the following:
- (a) a registrant holding 1 of the following under these regulations or the bylaws:
 - (i) a dental assistant practising licence, as permitted by clause 40(a) of the Act,
 - (ii) a dental assistant conditional licence;
 - (b) otherwise authorized to practise as a dental assistant or to use the relevant title, description or designation in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.
- (2)** A person who meets all of the requirements for registration in the dental assistant practising register except for passing the registration examinations approved by the Board, and who has been issued a dental assistant conditional licence pending the passing of the examinations, may use the title “provisional dental assistant” and the abbreviation “provisional DA” only.

Restriction on use of bylaw licensing category title, description or designation

- 20** No person may take or use the title, description or designation of a licensing category established in the bylaws under clause 12(2)(l) of the Act, unless the person is 1 of the following:
- (a) a registrant holding a licence in the category that authorizes the use of that title, description or designation;
 - (b) otherwise authorized to practise within the scope of the designation or to use the title, description or designation of that licensing category, in accordance with the Act, these regulations or the bylaws.

Services not prohibited by Act, regulations or bylaws

- 21** In addition to the services set out in Section 164 of the Act, nothing in the Act, these regulations or the bylaws prohibits the provision of the following services:
- (a) the practice of dental hygiene by a licensed dental hygienist under the *Dental Hygienists Act* or the Act;
 - (b) the practice of denturism by a licensed denturist under the *Denturists Act* or the Act;
 - (c) the practice of dental technology by a licensed dental technologist under the *Dental Technicians Act* or the Act;
 - (d) intra-oral suctioning, if it is performed in the presence of a licensed dentist or licensed dental hygienist and in accordance with the standards of practice.

Restriction on use of title or designation in advertisement or publication

- 22** In any advertisement or publication, including business cards, websites and signage, that refers to activities that fall within the scope of practice of dentistry or dental assisting, the following restrictions apply:
- (a) only a person who is authorized to do so by these regulations may use the following alone or in combination with other words, letters or descriptions:

- (i) the title of “dentist” or “dental assistant” or any other title or designation protected by these regulations or the bylaws,
- (ii) any derivation or abbreviation of the titles or designations described in subclause (i);
- (b) only a person who is authorized to do so under Section 16 may describe their activities as “dentistry”;
- (c) only a person who is authorized to do so under Section 17 may describe their activities as “dental assisting”.

Inspections

Inspector

23 The registrar

- (a) may appoint an inspector; and
- (b) is an inspector.

Authority of inspector

24 (1) An inspector may do all of the following without notice, at any reasonable time and without a court order:

- (a) inspect premises where dentistry is practised, if the premises is under the care and control of a dentist;
 - (b) inspect equipment, materials and anything else with which a person practises dentistry or carries out duties and procedures delegated by a registrant;
 - (c) inspect any of the following types of records:
 - (i) records of a dental practice, including client records,
 - (ii) records of a registrant concerning the registrant’s practice of dentistry,
 - (iii) records located at premises where dentistry is practised,
 - (iv) records of a registrant relating to any of the following reimbursers of the cost of dental services:
 - (A) a federal or Provincial government payment agency,
 - (B) an insurer;
 - (d) observe, inspect or audit the practice of dentistry or the carrying out of duties and procedures in a dental practice, including the carrying out of duties and procedures by or on behalf of a registrant.
- (2)** If a registrant or a person who is delegated duties and procedures by a registrant misleads, obstructs or does not co-operate with an inspector while the inspector is exercising the powers conferred upon them by these regulations, the registrar may suspend the licence of the registrant until the misleading behaviour, obstruction or lack of co-operation ceases.

Report by inspector

- 25** (1) The inspector must make a report setting out
- (a) the findings of an inspection conducted under Section 24; and
 - (b) any recommendations.
- (2) The registrar must provide a copy of the report described in subsection (1) to each registrant whose premises, equipment or records are inspected.

Power of inspector to remove items

- 26** (1) An inspector may do all of the following at any reasonable time and without a court order:
- (a) remove a client record or other record from premises where dentistry is practised for the purpose of copying or photographing the record if it is impractical to make the copy or take the photograph on the premises;
 - (b) remove any of the following from premises where dentistry is practised:
 - (i) a dental model,
 - (ii) a dental prosthesis,
 - (iii) a dental instrument or material,
 - (iv) anything that, in the opinion of the inspector, is evidence of professional misconduct, conduct unbecoming the profession, incompetence, incapacity or a violation of the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.
- (2) If an item is removed from premises where dentistry is practised under clause (1)(b), it may be disposed of as directed by the registrar, complaints committee or professional conduct committee unless the Court orders otherwise.
- (3) An inspector must provide a registrant at premises where dentistry is practised with a receipt listing all items removed from the premises where dentistry is practised under subsection (1).

Fines**Professional conduct fine maximum**

- 27** A fine imposed by the professional conduct committee under clause 110(1)(m) of the Act must not exceed a maximum amount of \$100 000.

Criminal Offences and Withdrawal or Suspension of Privileges**Criminal offence or suspension or withdrawal of privilege of applicant or registrant**

- 28** In addition to the requirements of Section 61 of the Act and Section 60 of the General Regulations, an applicant or registrant who is charged with, pleads guilty to or is convicted of any offence under the *Food and Drugs Act* (Canada) or its regulations or who has privileges under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (Canada) suspended or withdrawn must immediately report the offence, suspension or withdrawal to the registrar.

N.S. Reg. 84/2025

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Dental Hygiene, Dental Technology and Denturism Regulations

Order in Council 2025-126 dated April 25, 2025

Regulations made by the Governor in Council

pursuant to Sections 4, 13, 14 and 177 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Health and Wellness dated March 13, 2025, and pursuant to Sections 4, 13, 14 and 177 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, is pleased to make new regulations respecting dental hygiene, dental technology and denturism in the form set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after May 1, 2025.

Schedule “A”

**Regulations Respecting Dental Hygiene, Dental Technology and Denturism
made by the Governor in Council under Sections 4, 13, 14 and 177
of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023,
the *Regulated Health Professions Act***

Interpretation**Citation**

1 These regulations may be cited as the *Dental Hygiene, Dental Technology and Denturism Regulations*.

Definitions

2 In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Regulated Health Professions Act*;

“Board” is further defined to mean the board of the Regulator;

“College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia” means the college incorporated under Section 4 of Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2007, the *Dental Hygienists Act*;

“competency framework” means a framework approved by the Board establishing the competencies that registrants are required to possess to practise safely and ethically within the scope of practice of their designation or licensing category;

“Council of the College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia” means the council constituted under Section 8 of Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2007, the *Dental Hygienists Act*;

“Court” means the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia;

“*Dental Hygienists Regulations*” means the *Dental Hygienists Regulations* made under the *Dental Hygienists Act*;

“Denturist Licensing Board” means the board continued under Section 5 of Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2000, the *Denturists Act*;

“former Acts” is further defined to mean Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2007, the *Dental Hygienists Act*, Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Dental Technicians Act* and Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2000, the *Denturists Act*;

“General Regulations” means the *Regulated Health Professions General Regulations* made under the Act;

“inspector” means an inspector appointed under these regulations;

“Nova Scotia Dental Technicians Association” means the association continued under Section 3 of Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Dental Technicians Act*;

“registration and licensing decision maker” means the registrar, the registration and licensing committee or the registration and licensing review committee, as applicable;

“Regulator” means the Nova Scotia Regulator of Dental Hygiene, Dental Technology, and Denturism;

“title protection” means the restriction on the use of a title associated with a particular designation or category of licence to persons who are authorized to practise within the scope of that designation or registered and licensed in that category of licence.

Regulator

College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia continued

- 3 The College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia is continued as a regulatory body under the name Nova Scotia Regulator of Dental Hygiene, Dental Technology, and Denturism with the purpose of regulating the professions of dental hygiene, dental technology and denturism in accordance with the objects set out in Section 6 of the Act.

Other existing regulators replaced

- 4 The Regulator replaces
- (a) the Nova Scotia Dental Technicians Association as the regulator of the profession of dental technology; and
 - (b) the Denturist Licensing Board as the regulator of the profession of denturism.

Bylaw authorization

- 5 The Regulator is authorized to make bylaws under clauses 12(2)(b), (c), (d), (e), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l) and (m) of the Act, in accordance with the Act and these regulations.

Public representatives on Board

- 6 In addition to the requirement of subsection 7(2) of the Act, the number of public representatives on the Board must be no fewer than 3 and no more than 5.

Composition of registration and licensing panel

- 7 In addition to the requirements of subsection 31(1) of the Act, a registration and licensing committee panel or a registration and licensing review committee panel appointed to review a matter must include at least 1 registrant of the profession that the matter relates to.

Scope of Practice

Scope of practice of dental hygiene

- 8** (1) The scope of practice of dental hygiene is the application of specialized and evidence-based dental hygiene knowledge, skills and judgment that have been taught in an approved education program or are set out in 1 or more of the following approved by the Board:
- (a) competency frameworks;
 - (b) standards of practice;
 - (c) practice guidelines.
- (2) The scope of practice of dental hygiene as described in subsection (1) includes the performance of any or all of the following activities:
- (a) assessing oral and general health status;
 - (b) applying dental hygiene knowledge to make a dental hygiene diagnosis;
 - (c) planning and implementing dental hygiene interventions and services;
 - (d) evaluating the progress and results of dental hygiene interventions and services;
 - (e) performing any other services, roles, functions and activities included in the scope of practice of the designations and licensing categories set out in the bylaws.
- (3) The scope of practice of dental hygiene also includes health promotion, research, education, inter-professional collaboration, consultation, management, administration, advocacy, regulation or system development that is related to the activities and application of specialized and evidence-based dental hygiene knowledge, skills and judgment described in subsections (1) and (2).

Scope of practice of dental technology

- 9** (1) The scope of practice of dental technology is the application of specialized and evidence-based dental technology knowledge, skills and judgment that have been taught in an approved education program or are set out in 1 or more of the following approved by the Board:
- (a) competency frameworks;
 - (b) standards of practice;
 - (c) practice guidelines.
- (2) The scope of practice of dental technology as described in subsection (1) includes the performance of any or all of the following activities:
- (a) designing, fabricating, altering, repairing and supplying a fixed or removable prosthetic or appliance to be used in, upon or in connection with or to treat any condition of a human tooth, jaw or associated structure or tissue;
 - (b) confirming the function, contour and shade of a prosthetic or appliance, including by performing the necessary intra-oral procedures;

- (c) performing any other services, roles, functions and activities included in the scope of practice of the designations and licensing categories set out in the bylaws.
- (3) The scope of practice of dental technology also includes health promotion, research, education, inter-professional collaboration, consultation, management, administration, advocacy, regulation or system development that is related to the activities and application of specialized and evidence-based dental technology knowledge, skills and judgment described in subsections (1) and (2).

Scope of practice of denturism

- 10** (1) The scope of practice of denturism is the application of specialized and evidence-based denturism knowledge, skills and judgment that have been taught in an approved education program or are set out in 1 or more of the following approved by the Board:
- (a) competency frameworks;
 - (b) standards of practice;
 - (c) practice guidelines.
- (2) The scope of practice of denturism as described in subsection (1) includes the performance of any or all of the following activities:
- (a) assessing dental arches missing some or all teeth;
 - (b) designing, constructing, repairing, altering, ordering and fitting removable dentures;
 - (c) performing any other services, roles, functions and activities included in the scope of practice of the designations and licensing categories set out in the bylaws.
- (3) The scope of practice of denturism also includes health promotion, research, education, inter-professional collaboration, consultation, management, administration, advocacy, regulation or system development that is related to the activities and application of specialized and evidence-based denturism knowledge, skills and judgment described in subsections (1) and (2).

Scope of practice of designations and licensing categories

- 11** Under clauses 12(2)(k) and (l) of the Act, the Regulator may make bylaws setting out all of the following:
- (a) the scope of practice of each designation and licensing category established
 - (i) in these regulations, and
 - (ii) in the bylaws;
 - (b) the title protection authorized for each designation and licensing category established in the bylaws.

Registration and Licensing**Practising licence categories**

- 12** The following are the practising licence categories for dental hygiene, dental technology and denturism:
- (a) dental hygienist practising licence;

- (b) dental technologist practising licence;
- (c) denturist practising licence;
- (d) any other category of practising licence established in the bylaws.

Conditional licence categories

13 The following are the conditional licence categories for dental hygiene, dental technology and denturism:

- (a) dental hygienist conditional licence;
- (b) dental technologist conditional licence;
- (c) denturist conditional licence;
- (d) any other category of conditional licence established in the bylaws.

Application and criteria for registration in practising register

14 (1) An application required by Section 34 of the Act must be completed in the form required by the registrar.

(2) In addition to the completed application, an applicant for registration in a practising register must submit all of the following to the registrar:

- (a) proof satisfactory to the registration and licensing decision maker that the applicant meets all of the following criteria, except if any or all of the criteria are waived under Section 59 of the Act:
 - (i) they are a graduate of 1 of the following:
 - (A) an education program approved for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (B) an education program that, in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, is equivalent to an education program approved for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (C) an education program that, together with the applicant's additional education and experience and in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, provides the applicant with the competencies to practise in the scope of practice of registrants in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (ii) they have successfully completed any examinations required by the Board for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (iii) they have completed a competence assessment, if directed to do so by the registration and licensing decision maker,
 - (iv) they have successfully completed any bridging education required for registration that was determined to be necessary by a competence assessment,
 - (v) they have demonstrated proficiency in the English language, in the manner prescribed by the registrar,

- (vi) they are a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to live and work in Canada,
 - (vii) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of the profession in which they seek to be registered without conditions or restrictions,
 - (viii) they have no outstanding complaints, prohibitions, conditions, agreements or restrictions originating from the Regulator or any other registration or licensing authority that would preclude registration in a register other than a conditional register,
 - (ix) they are the person named in the documentation submitted in support of the application,
 - (x) under the requirements of the Act, these regulations and the bylaws, they are eligible for a practising licence that corresponds with the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (xi) they meet any additional criteria for registration in a practising register set out in the bylaws;
- (b) the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (3) The processing under Section 36 of the Act of an application and its associated information, documents and fee described in subsections (1) and (2) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (4) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.

Criteria for practising licence

- 15 (1)** In addition to the completed application in a form approved by the registrar required by Section 35 of the Act, an applicant for a practising licence must submit all of the following to the registrar:
- (a) proof satisfactory to the registration and licensing decision maker that the applicant meets all of the following criteria, except if any or all of the criteria are waived under Section 59 of the Act:
 - (i) they meet the registration criteria in subclauses 14(2)(a)(iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii) and (ix),
 - (ii) they are registered in the practising register that corresponds with the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (iii) they have professional liability insurance or another form of malpractice coverage or liability protection in the form and amount set by the Board,
 - (iv) they meet the requirements of the continuing competence program for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (v) they meet the currency of practice requirements for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (vi) they have no outstanding complaints, prohibitions, conditions, agreements or restrictions originating from the Regulator or any other registration or licensing

- authority that limit their ability to practise,
- (vii) they have completed any assessments or education required by the Board for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,
 - (viii) they meet any additional criteria for issuing a practising licence set out in the bylaws;
- (b) the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2) The processing under Section 36 of the Act of an application and associated information, documents and fee described in subsection (1) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (3) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.

Criteria for registration in conditional register

- 16 (1) The registrar must enter the name of a person who meets all of the following in a conditional register:
- (a) for an existing registrant in a practising register, they have
 - (i) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (ii) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process;
 - (b) for an applicant for registration in a register, they meet all of the following requirements:
 - (i) all of the criteria for registration in a practising register, other than the criteria in subclauses 14(2)(a)(vii), (viii), (x) and (xi),
 - (ii) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of the profession in which they seek to be registered with conditions or restrictions,
 - (iii) they have either
 - (A) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (B) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process,
 - (iv) under the requirements of the Act, these regulations and the bylaws, they are eligible for a conditional licence that corresponds with the conditional register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (v) any other requirements for registration in a conditional register set out in the bylaws,
 - (vi) they have paid the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2) The processing of an application under Section 36 of the Act for an applicant described in clause

(1)(b) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.

- (3) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application made by an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.

Criteria for conditional licence

17 (1) The requirements to be met for issuing a conditional licence under Section 43 of the Act are as follows:

- (a) for a person who is an existing registrant holding a practising licence, they have
 - (i) agreed to conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (ii) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed on them as a result of a regulatory process;
 - (b) for an applicant for a licence, they meet all of the following requirements:
 - (i) all of the criteria for registration in a practising register, other than the criteria in subclauses 14(2)(a)(vii), (viii), (x) and (xi),
 - (ii) they are registered in a conditional register that corresponds with the licensing category for which they are seeking a conditional licence,
 - (iii) the requirements for a practising licence in subclauses 15(1)(a)(iii) and (vii),
 - (iv) they have the capacity, competence and character to safely and ethically engage in the practice of the profession in which they seek to be licensed with conditions or restrictions,
 - (v) any additional criteria for issuing a conditional licence set out in the bylaws,
 - (vi) they have either
 - (A) agreed to the registration and licensing decision maker's imposition of conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise, or
 - (B) had conditions or restrictions that limit their ability to practise imposed by the registration and licensing decision maker or a statutory committee;
 - (c) for all applicants, they have paid the applicable fee, within the time determined by the registrar and using a method acceptable to the registrar.
- (2) The processing of an application under Section 36 of the Act for an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registrar as soon as practicable.
- (3) A review and decision under Sections 37 and 38 of the Act regarding an application made by an applicant described in clause (1)(b) must be completed by the registration and licensing committee as soon as practicable.

Practice and Title Use Restrictions, Services Not Prohibited and Publication Restrictions**Restriction on practice of dental hygiene**

18 No person may engage or offer to engage in the practice of dental hygiene or describe their activities as “dental hygiene” unless they are 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding a dental hygienist practising licence or a dental hygienist conditional licence;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise dental hygiene, in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws;
- (c) exempt from the application of the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Restriction on practice of dental technology

19 No person may engage or offer to engage in the practice of dental technology or describe their activities as “dental technology” unless they are 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding a dental technologist practising licence or a dental technologist conditional licence;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise dental technology, in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws;
- (c) exempt from the application of the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Restriction on practice of denturism

20 No person may engage or offer to engage in the practice of denturism or describe their activities as “denturism” unless they are 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding a denturist practising licence or a denturist conditional licence;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise denturism, in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws;
- (c) exempt from the application of the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Restriction on use of “dental hygienist” title, description or designation

21 No person may take or use the title, description or designation of “dental hygienist” or “registered dental hygienist”, the abbreviation “DH” or “RDH” or any derivation or abbreviation of them either alone or in combination with other words, letters or descriptions unless the person is 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding 1 of the following under these regulations or the bylaws:
 - (i) a dental hygienist practising licence, as permitted by clause 40(a) of the Act,
 - (ii) a dental hygienist conditional licence;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise as a dental hygienist or to use the relevant title, description or designation in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the

bylaws.

Restriction on use of “dental technician” or “dental technologist” title, description or designation

22 No person may take or use the title, description or designation of “dental technician”, “dental technologist”, “registered dental technician” or “registered dental technologist”, the abbreviation “RDT” or any derivation or abbreviation of them either alone or in combination with other words, letters or descriptions unless the person is 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding 1 of the following under these regulations or the bylaws:
 - (i) a dental technologist practising licence, as permitted by clause 40(a) of the Act,
 - (ii) a dental technologist conditional licence;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise as a dental technologist or to use the relevant title, description or designation in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Restriction on use of “denturist” title, description or designation

23 No person may take or use the title, description or designation of “denturist”, the abbreviation “DD” or any derivation or abbreviation of them either alone or in combination with other words, letters or descriptions unless the person is 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding 1 of the following under these regulations or the bylaws:
 - (i) a denturist practising licence, as permitted by clause 40(a) of the Act,
 - (ii) a denturist conditional licence;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise as a denturist or to use the relevant title, description or designation in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Restriction on use of bylaw licensing category title, description or designation

24 No person may take or use the title, description or designation of a licensing category established in the bylaws under clause 12(2)(l) of the Act, unless the person is 1 of the following:

- (a) a registrant holding a licence in the category that authorizes the use of that title, description or designation;
- (b) otherwise authorized to practise within the scope of the designation or to use the title, description or designation of that licensing category, in accordance with the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

Services not prohibited by Act, regulations or bylaws

25 In addition to the services set out in Section 164 of the Act, nothing in the Act, these regulations or the bylaws prohibits the provision of the following services:

- (a) the practice of dentistry by a licensed dentist under the Act;
- (b) the practice of dental assisting by a licensed dental assistant under the Act;
- (c) intra-oral suctioning, if it is performed in the presence of a licensed dentist or licensed dental

hygienist and in accordance with the standards of practice.

Restriction on use of title or designation in advertisement or publication

26 In any advertisement or publication, including business cards, websites and signage, that refers to activities that fall within the scope of practice of dental hygiene, dental technology or denturism, the following restrictions apply:

- (a) only a person who is authorized to do so by these regulations may use the following alone or in combination with other words, letters or descriptions:
 - (i) the title of “dental hygienist”, “registered dental hygienist”, “dental technician”, “dental technologist”, “registered dental technician”, “registered dental technologist”, “denturist” or any other title or designation protected by these regulations or the bylaws,
 - (ii) any derivation or abbreviation of the titles or designations described in subclause (i);
- (b) only a person who is authorized to do so under Section 18 may describe their activities as “dental hygiene”;
- (c) only a person who is authorized to do so under Section 19 may describe their activities as “dental technology”;
- (d) only a person who is authorized to do so under Section 20 may describe their activities as “denturism”.

Inspections

Inspector

27 The registrar

- (a) may appoint an inspector; and
- (b) is an inspector.

Authority of inspector

28 (1) An inspector may do all of the following without notice, at any reasonable time and without a court order:

- (a) inspect premises where dental hygiene, dental technology or denturism is practised, if the premises is under the care and control of a dental hygienist, dental technologist or denturist;
- (b) inspect equipment, materials and anything else with which a person practises dental hygiene, dental technology or denturism or carries out duties and procedures delegated by a registrant;
- (c) inspect any of the following types of records:
 - (i) records of a dental hygiene, dental technology or denturism practice, including client records,
 - (ii) records of a registrant concerning the registrant’s practice of dental hygiene, dental technology or denturism,
 - (iii) records located at premises where dental hygiene, dental technology or denturism is

practised,

- (iv) records of a registrant relating to any of the following reimbursers of the cost of dental hygiene, dental technology or denturism services:

- (A) a federal or Provincial government payment agency,

- (B) an insurer;

- (d) observe, inspect or audit the practice of dental hygiene, dental technology or denturism or the carrying out of duties and procedures in a dental hygiene, dental technology or denturism practice, including the carrying out of duties and procedures by or on behalf of a registrant.

- (2) If a registrant or a person who is delegated duties and procedures by a registrant misleads, obstructs or does not co-operate with an inspector while the inspector is exercising the powers conferred upon them by these regulations, the registrar may suspend the licence of the registrant until the misleading behaviour, obstruction or lack of co-operation ceases.

Report by inspector

29 (1) The inspector must make a report setting out

- (a) the findings of an inspection conducted under Section 28; and

- (b) any recommendations.

- (2) The registrar must provide a copy of the report described in subsection (1) to each registrant whose premises, equipment or records are inspected.

Power of inspector to remove items

30 (1) An inspector may do all of the following at any reasonable time and without a court order:

- (a) remove a client record or other record from premises where dental hygiene, dental technology or denturism is practised for the purpose of copying or photographing the record if it is impractical to make the copy or take the photograph on the premises;

- (b) remove any of the following from premises where dental hygiene, dental technology or denturism is practised:

- (i) a dental model,

- (ii) a dental prosthesis,

- (iii) a dental instrument or material,

- (iv) anything that, in the opinion of the inspector, is evidence of professional misconduct, conduct unbecoming the profession, incompetence, incapacity or a violation of the Act, these regulations, the General Regulations or the bylaws.

- (2) If an item is removed from premises where dental hygiene, dental technology or denturism is practised under clause (1)(b), it may be disposed of as directed by the registrar, complaints committee or professional conduct committee unless the Court orders otherwise.

- (3) An inspector must provide a registrant at premises where dental hygiene, dental technology or

denturism is practised with a receipt listing all items removed from the premises where dental hygiene, dental technology or denturism is practised under subsection (1).

Fines

Professional conduct fine maximum

- 31** A fine imposed by the professional conduct committee under clause 110(1)(m) of the Act must not exceed a maximum amount of \$50 000.

Criminal Offences and Withdrawal or Suspension of Privileges

Criminal offence or suspension or withdrawal of privilege of applicant or registrant

- 32** In addition to the requirements of Section 61 of the Act and Section 60 of the General Regulations, an applicant or registrant who is charged with, pleads guilty to or is convicted of any offence under the *Food and Drugs Act* (Canada) or its regulations or who has privileges under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (Canada) suspended or withdrawn must immediately report the offence, suspension or withdrawal to the registrar.

Transition from Former Acts to Act

Board membership requirements for first 12 months

- 33** (1) The Regulator is exempt from the board membership requirements in subsection 8(2) of the Act for a period of no more than 12 months after the date the Regulator is established under these regulations.
- (2) The Board must meet all of the following requirements during the exemption period described in subsection (1):
- (a) it must be composed of no fewer than 11 and no more than 15 members;
 - (b) it must include no fewer than 5 public representatives, of which
 - (i) no fewer than 1 and no more than 3 must be from the Council of the College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia, and
 - (ii) no fewer than 2 and no more than 3 must be from the Denturist Licensing Board.
- (3) A member who was appointed to the Board during the exemption period described in subsection (1) and who was a board member of a professional association less than 24 months before the end of the exemption period described in subsection (1) may remain on the Board after the exemption period described in subsection (1) ends if they are not a board member of a professional association on the date the exemption period described in subsection (1) ends.
- (4) If the Board includes fewer than 5 public representatives at any time during the exemption period described in subsection (1), the Governor in Council may appoint additional public representatives to the Board until there are 5 public representatives on the Board.

Non-practising dental hygienist

- 34** A person who is a non-practising member of the College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia as described in clause 7(b) of the *Dental Hygienists Regulations* on the date the Regulator is established under these regulations is deemed to be a registrant of the Regulator.

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Order in Council 2025-127 dated April 25, 2025

Proclamation made by the Governor in Council

pursuant to Section 241 of the

Regulated Health Professions Act

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Health and Wellness dated March 13, 2025, pursuant to Section 241 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, and subsection 3(7) of Chapter 235 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Interpretation Act*, is pleased to order and declare by proclamation that Sections 181 to 184, clauses 211(a), 212(a), 215(a) and 222(d) to (g) of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, do come into force on and not before May 1, 2025.

L.S.

Canada
Province of Nova Scotia

Charles the Third, by the Grace of God King of Canada and His Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may in any wise concern,

Greeting!

A Proclamation

Whereas in and by Section 241 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, it is enacted as follows:

241 Sections 178 to 241 come into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.

And Whereas it is deemed expedient that Sections 181 to 184, clauses 211(a), 212(a), 215(a) and 222(d) to (g) of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, do come into force on and not before May 1, 2025;

Now Know Ye That We, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of Nova Scotia, do by this Our Proclamation order and declare that Sections 181 to 184, clauses 211(a), 212(a), 215(a) and 222(d) to (g) of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, do come into force on and not before May 1, 2025, of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In Testimony Whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Nova Scotia to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, Our Trusty and Well Beloved, Michael John Savage, Chancellor of Our Order of Nova Scotia, Lieutenant Governor in and of Our Province of Nova Scotia.

Given at Our Government House in the Halifax Regional Municipality, this 25th day of April in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-five and in the Third year of Our Reign.

By Command:

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY
ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE

N.S. Reg. 86/2025

Made: April 25, 2025

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Order in Council 2025-128 dated April 25, 2025

Proclamation made by the Governor in Council

pursuant to Section 13 of Schedule A, the *Dental Association Act*,
to Chapter 7 of the Acts of 2024, the *Health Professional Associations Continuation Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Health and Wellness dated March 13, 2025, pursuant to Section 13 of Schedule A[, the *Dental Association Act*, to] of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 2024, the ~~*Dental Association Act*~~ [*Health Professional Associations Continuation Act*], is pleased to order and declare by proclamation that Schedule A[, the *Dental Association Act*, to] of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 2024, the ~~*Dental Association Act*~~ [*Health Professional Associations Continuation Act*], do come into force on and not before May 1, 2025.

L.S.

Canada
Province of Nova Scotia

Charles the Third, by the Grace of God King of Canada and His Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may in any wise concern,

Greeting!

A Proclamation

Whereas in and by Section 13 of Schedule A[, the *Dental Association Act*, to] of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 2024, the ~~*Dental Association Act*~~ [*Health Professional Associations Continuation Act*], it is enacted as follows:

- 13** This Act comes into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.

And Whereas it is deemed expedient that Schedule A[, the *Dental Association Act*, to] of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 2024, the ~~*Dental Association Act*~~ [*Health Professional Associations Continuation Act*], do come into force on and not before May 1, 2025;

Now Know Ye That We, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of Nova Scotia, do by this Our Proclamation order and declare that Schedule A[, the *Dental Association Act*, to] of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 2024, the ~~*Dental Association Act*~~ [*Health Professional Associations Continuation Act*], do come into force on and not before May 1, 2025, of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In Testimony Whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Nova Scotia to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, Our Trusty and Well Beloved, Michael John Savage, Chancellor of Our Order of Nova Scotia, Lieutenant Governor in and of Our Province of Nova Scotia.

Given at Our Government House in the Halifax Regional Municipality, this 25th day of April in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-five and in the Third year of Our Reign.

By Command:

**PROVINCIAL SECRETARY
ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE**

N.S. Reg. 87/2025

Made: May 1, 2025

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Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices

Order dated May 1, 2025
made by the Nova Scotia Energy Board
pursuant to Section 14 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act*
and Sections 16 to 19 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*

[Please note: *Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices* filed with the Office of the Registrar of Regulations on and after January 23, 2023, will no longer be published in the *Royal Gazette Part II*. Publication of the *Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices* has been dispensed with by order of the Attorney General dated January 23, 2023, and published on page 63 of the February 10, 2023, issue of the *Royal Gazette Part II*. Current and historical *Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices* are available for inspection in person at the Office of the Registrar of Regulations and can be viewed on the Nova Scotia Energy Board's website at the following address:
<https://nserbt.ca/nseb/mandates/gasoline-diesel-pricing.>]

N.S. Reg. 88/2025

Made: May 1, 2025

Filed: May 1, 2025

Research Nova Scotia Corporation Funding Regulations—amendment

Order in Council 2025-130 dated May 1, 2025
Amendment to regulations made by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Section 34 of the *Research Nova Scotia Corporation Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Advanced Education dated April 9, 2025, and pursuant to Section 34 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 2018, the *Research Nova Scotia Corporation Act*, is pleased to amend the *Research Nova Scotia Corporation Funding Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 212/2018, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2018-317 dated December 4, 2018, to repeal the prescribed areas of research funded by the Research Nova Scotia Corporation, in the manner set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the Report and Recommendation, effective on and after May 1, 2025.

Schedule “A”

**Amendment to the *Research Nova Scotia Corporation Funding Regulations*
made by the Governor in Council under Section 34
of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 2018,
the *Research Nova Scotia Corporation Act***

Section 3 of the *Research Nova Scotia Corporation Funding Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 212/2018, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2018-317 dated December 4, 2018, is repealed.

N.S. Reg. 89/2025

Made: May 2, 2025

Filed: May 2, 2025

Summary Offence Tickets Regulations—amendment

Order dated May 2, 2025

Amendment to regulations made by the Attorney General and Minister of Justice
pursuant to Section 8 of the *Summary Proceedings Act*

Order

**Made under Section 8 of Chapter 450
of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989,
the *Summary Proceedings Act***

I, Becky Druhan, Attorney General and Minister of Justice for the Province of Nova Scotia, pursuant to Section 8 of Chapter 450 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Summary Proceedings Act*, effective on and after the date of this order, hereby

- (a) amend Schedule 12 to the *Summary Offence Tickets Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 281/2011, made by order of the Attorney General and Minister of Justice dated October 4, 2011, respecting the designation of certain offences under the *Forests Act* as summary offence ticket offences, in the manner set forth in the attached Schedule “A”; and
- (b) order and direct that the penalty to be entered on a summons in respect of an offence set out in amendments to the schedules to the *Summary Offence Tickets Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 281/2011, as set forth in the attached Schedule “A”, is the out-of-court settlement amount listed in the out-of-court settlement column set out opposite the description for the offence, and includes the charge provided for in, and in accordance with, Sections 8 and 9 of the Act.

Dated and made May 2, 2025, at Halifax, Halifax Regional Municipality, Province of Nova Scotia.

sgd. *B Druhan*

Honourable Becky Druhan

Attorney General and Minister of Justice

Schedule "A"

**Amendment to the *Summary Offence Tickets Regulations*
made by the Attorney General and Minister of Justice pursuant to Section 8
of Chapter 450 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989,
the *Summary Proceedings Act***

Schedule 12 to the *Summary Offence Tickets Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 281/2011, made by order of the Attorney General and Minister of Justice dated October 4, 2011, is amended by

(a) repealing item 3 and substituting the following item:

3	Igniting, maintaining or making use of open fire or causing open fire to be ignited, maintained or used when open fire is not permitted under regulations	23(3)	\$28 872.50
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(b) repealing items 4 to 7;

(c) repealing item 8 and substituting the following item:

8	Igniting, maintaining or making use of open fire or causing open fire to be ignited, maintained or used when fire proclamation is in effect	24(2)	\$28 872.50
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(d) adding the following item immediately after item 9:

9A	Entering watercourse used by aircraft for fire-suppression operations or impeding fire-operation efforts (specify)	26(1A)	\$28 872.50
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(e) striking out "\$237.50" in the out-of-court settlement column in item 10 and substituting "\$28 872.50";

(f) striking out "\$180.00" in the out-of-court settlement column in item 11 and substituting "\$28 872.50";

(g) repealing items 12 to 14 and substituting the following items:

12	Dropping burning substance during fire season	27(1)	\$28 872.50
13	Failing to take reasonable effort to prevent spread of open fire or leaving open fire unattended (specify)	27(2)	\$28 872.50
14	Igniting open fire or causing open fire to be ignited on privately owned land without permission of owner or occupier	27(3)	\$28 872.50

(h) striking out "\$237.50" in the out-of-court settlement column in item 15 and substituting "\$28 872.50";

(i) repealing items 21 and 22 and substituting the following items:

21	Owner or operator of wood processing facility leaving open fire unattended	28(2)	\$28 872.50
22	Person in charge of burning operation failing to take immediate action to control and extinguish open fire at site of operation	28(3)	\$28 872.50

(j) striking out "\$180.00" in the out-of-court settlement column in item 23 and substituting "\$28 872.50"; and

(k) striking out "\$237.50" in the out-of-court settlement column in item 27 and substituting "\$28 872.50".

N.S. Reg. 90/2025 to 92/2025

Made: May 6, 2025

Filed: May 6, 2025

Snow Vehicles Pilot Project Regulations—repeal;

Snow Vehicles Regulations;

Off-highway Vehicle Fines Regulations

Order in Council 2025-135 dated May 6, 2025

Repeal of regulations and regulations made by the Governor in Council

pursuant to Section 307 of the *Motor Vehicle Act*and subsection 37(4) of the *Road Trails Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Public Works dated April 10, 2025, is pleased, effective on and after May 6, 2025, to

- (a) pursuant to Section 307 of Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Motor Vehicle Act*, repeal the *Snow Vehicles Pilot Project Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 220/2023, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2023-351 dated December 12, 2023; **[N.S. Reg. 90/2025]** and
- (b) pursuant to subsection 37(4) of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2023, the *Road Trails Act*,
 - (i) make regulations respecting snow vehicles in the form set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, and
 - (ii) make regulations respecting fines for off-highway vehicles in the form set forth in Schedule “B” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation.

N.S. Reg. 91/2025

Snow Vehicles Regulations

Schedule “A”

**Regulations Respecting Snow Vehicles
made by the Governor in Council under Section 37
of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2023,
the *Road Trails Act***

Citation

1 These regulations may be cited as the *Snow Vehicles Regulations*.

Definitions

2 In these regulations, “Act” means the *Road Trails Act*.

Snow vehicle prescribed class of vehicle

3 A snow vehicle is a prescribed class of vehicle for the purpose of Section 6 of the Act.

Trail grooming prohibited

4 Equipment used in the grooming of snow vehicle trails must not be used to conduct grooming maintenance on the roadway or shoulder of a designated trail.

Stopping or parking on roadway or shoulder prohibited

5 A person must not stop or park a snow vehicle on the roadway or shoulder of a designated trail.

Offences and penalties

- 6 (1) A person who violates Section 4 is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalties provided for a category F offence in the *Summary Proceedings Act*.
- (2) A person who violates Section 5 is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalties provided for a category F offence in the *Summary Proceedings Act*.

N.S. Reg. 92/2025

Off-highway Vehicle Fines Regulations

Schedule “B”

**Regulations Respecting Fines for Off-highway Vehicles
made by the Governor in Council under Section 37
of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2023,
the *Road Trails Act***

Citation

- 1 These regulations may be cited as the *Off-highway Vehicle Fines Regulations*.

Definitions

- 2 In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Road Trails Act*;

“*Off-highway Vehicle Equipment Regulations*” means the *Off-highway Vehicle Equipment Regulations* made under the Act.

Offences and penalties

- 3 (1) A person who violates subsection 3(1) or (2) or Section 4 of the *Off-highway Vehicle Equipment Regulations* is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalties provided for a category A offence in the *Summary Proceedings Act*.
- (2) A person who violates Section 5 or 6 of the *Off-highway Vehicle Equipment Regulations* is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalties provided for a category C offence in the *Summary Proceedings Act*.
- (3) A person who violates Section 7, 8 or 9 of the *Off-highway Vehicle Equipment Regulations* is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalties provided for a category F offence in the *Summary Proceedings Act*.