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In force date of regulations: As of March 5, 2005*, the date that a regulation comes into force is determined by subsection 3(6) of the *Regulations Act*. The date that a regulation is filed and any specified effective dates are important in determining when the regulation is in force.

*Effective November 28, 2023, subsection 3(6) of the *Regulations Act* was replaced. (See subsection 3(5) of Chapter 54 of the Acts of 2022, *An Act to Amend Chapter 393 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Regulations Act*.)

N.S. Reg. 188/2026

Made: August 13, 2026

Filed: August 13, 2026

Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices

Order dated August 13, 2026
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. 189/2026

Made: August 13, 2026 and August 18, 2026

Filed: August 19, 2026

Teachers' Pension Plan Regulations—amendment

Memorandum of Agreement dated August 13, 2026 and August 18, 2026
Amendment to regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board
and the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union
pursuant to Sections 14 and 20 of the *Teachers' Pension Act*

Memorandum of Agreement
Between
His Majesty The King in the Right of the Province of Nova Scotia
Represented by the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board
and
The Nova Scotia Teachers' Union
A Body Corporate Established Pursuant to the *Teaching Profession Act*,
Being Chapter 462 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989

Whereas Sections 14 and 20 of Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1998, the *Teachers' Pension Act* provide that the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board ("the Minister") and the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union ("the Union") may make regulations setting out the terms of the Teachers' Pension Plan ("the Pension Plan");

And whereas the *Teachers' Pension Plan Regulations* ("the regulations") were made as of March 31, 1999, as N.S. Reg. 88/1999;

And whereas the By-laws of the Union, as amended by Resolution 2000-15, authorize the Executive of the Union to exercise on behalf of the Union the powers of the Union under the *Teachers' Pension Act*;

And whereas by resolution of the Executive of the Union dated August 12, 2026, the Executive approved the amendments to the regulations as set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto and authorized the President of the Union to sign the amendments to the regulations on behalf of the Executive;

The Minister and the Union hereby make the amendments to the regulations in the form and manner attached hereto as Schedule “A”, effective on and after August 1, 2026.

Signed and sealed in the presence of:

sgd. <i>Denise Wood</i>	)	sgd. <i>John Lohr</i>
Witness	)	Honourable John Lohr
	)	Minister of Finance and Treasury Board
	)	
	)	August 18, 2026
	)	Date
	)	
	)	
sgd. <i>Jack McLeod</i>	)	sgd. <i>Peter Day</i>
Witness	)	Peter Day
	)	President, Nova Scotia Teachers’ Union
	)	
	)	August 13, 2026
	)	Date

Schedule “A”

**Amendment to the *Teachers’ Pension Plan Regulations*
Made by the Minister Responsible for the Teachers’ Pension Plan
and the Nova Scotia Teachers’ Union
pursuant to Sections 14 and 20 of Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1998,
the *Teachers’ Pension Act***

- 1 (1) Subsection 3(2A) of the *Teachers’ Pension Plan Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 88/1999, made by the Minister of Finance and the Nova Scotia Teachers’ Union, effective March 31, 1999, is amended by
 - (a) striking out “120 days” and substituting “100 days”; and
 - (b) striking out “August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026” and substituting “August 1, 2026, and July 31, 2027”.
- (2) Subsection 3(2B) of the regulations is amended by
 - (a) striking out “120 days” and substituting “100 days”; and
 - (b) striking out “August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026” and substituting “August 1, 2026, and July 31, 2027”.
- 2 (1) Subsection 11(1A) of the regulations is amended by
 - (a) striking out “120 days” and substituting “100 days”; and
 - (b) striking out “August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026” and substituting “August 1, 2026, and July 31, 2027”.
- (2) Subsection 11(2A) of the regulations is amended by

- (a) striking out “120 days” and substituting “100 days”;
 - (b) striking out “August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026” and substituting “August 1, 2026, and July 31, 2027”; and
 - (c) striking out “120th day” and substituting “100th day”.
- (3) Subsection 11(2B) of the regulations is amended by
- (a) striking out “120 days” and substituting “100 days”; and
 - (b) striking out “August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026” and substituting “August 1, 2026, and July 31, 2027”.
- (4) Subsection 11(4A) of the regulations is amended by
- (a) striking out “August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026” and substituting “August 1, 2026, and July 31, 2027”; and
 - (b) striking out “120 days” in clause (a) and substituting “100 days”.
- (5) Subsection 11(4B) of the regulations is amended by
- (a) striking out “120 days” and substituting “100 days”; and
 - (b) striking out “August 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026” and substituting “August 1, 2026, and July 31, 2027”.
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N.S. Reg. 190/2026

Made: August 20, 2026

Filed: August 20, 2026

Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices

Order dated August 20, 2026
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. 191/2026

Made: August 21, 2026

Filed: August 21, 2026

Lower Truro Marshland Section Variation Order

Order dated August 21, 2026
made by the Minister of Agriculture
pursuant to Section 13 of the *Agricultural Marshland Conservation Act*

**In the matter of Section 13 of Chapter 22
of the Acts of 2000,
the *Agricultural Marshlands Conservation Act***

and

**In the matter of a variation of the Lower Truro Marshland Section
made by the Minister of Agriculture**

Order

Whereas the Lower Truro Marsh Body was incorporated on June 18, 1953;

And whereas the lands described in the Certificate of Incorporation for the Lower Truro Marsh Body are shown in the Plan of Works Lower Truro Marsh, NS 81/6, Sheets 1 and 2 of 2;

And whereas, in accordance with clause 13(1)(a) of the *Agricultural Marshlands Conservation Act* (the “Act”), the Agricultural Marshland Conservation Commission recommends that the boundaries of the marshland section for which the Lower Truro Marsh Body is incorporated be varied to exclude approximately 0.89 ha (2.20 acres) of land presently identified as portions of PID 20213302 and PID 20467577 from the marshland section;

And whereas I am satisfied that, in accordance with clause 13(1)(b) of the Act, a resolution requesting the variation was passed at a special meeting of the members of the Lower Truro Marsh Body by a vote of not fewer than two thirds of the members of the Lower Truro Marsh Body present at the meeting and that the owners of not less than two thirds of the marshland proposed to be excluded favour the variation;

Therefore, I, Greg Morrow, Minister of Agriculture, pursuant to Section 13 of Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2000, the *Agricultural Marshland Conservation Act*, hereby vary the boundaries of the marshland section for which the Lower Truro Marsh Body is incorporated by excluding approximately 0.89 ha (2.20 acres) of land presently identified as portions of PID 20213302 and PID 20467577 from the marshland section, as set forth in the attached Schedule “A”.

This order is effective on and after the date it is filed with the Registrar of Regulations.

Dated and made August 21, 2026, at Halifax Regional Municipality, Province of Nova Scotia.

sgd. *Greg Morrow*
The Honourable Greg Morrow
Minister of Agriculture

Schedule "A"

The following is a description of the approximately 0.89 ha (2.20 acres) to be excluded from the marshland section for which the Lower Truro Marsh Body is incorporated, presently identified as being portions of PID 20213302 and PID 20467577 and shown in a map in Schedule A, and which are more particularly described as follows:

Area 1:

All and singular that certain piece, part, or parcel of land situate in the vicinity of Lower Truro, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, being shown on a plan filed at the Registry of Deeds for Colchester County on July 17, 2012, as plan number 101126655, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron post situate on the Southern boundary of the Lower Truro Road and the Eastern bank of Soley Brook, so-called;

Thence North seventy-four degrees, twenty minutes East (N 74 degrees 20 minutes E) along the Southern boundary of the Lower Truro Road a distance of one hundred and ten (110) feet to an iron post situate at the toe of the bank and the West boundary of lands now or formerly of Ron Joyce;

Thence South twenty-six degrees, twenty-five minutes East (S 26 degrees 25 minutes E) along the toe of the bank and the West boundary of lands now or formerly of Ron Joyce a distance of one hundred and forty-three (143) feet to an iron post situate on the North boundary of lands of A.H. Sandeson;

Thence South eighty-nine degrees zero zero minutes West (S 89 degrees 00 minutes W) along a marsh ditch and the North boundary of lands of A.H. Sandeson a distance of two hundred and nine point two (209.2) feet to an iron post situate in a marsh ditch;

Thence North zero zero degrees eleven minutes East (N 00 degrees 11 minutes E) along the marsh ditch and the East boundary of A.H. Sandeson, a distance of seventy-nine point two (79.2) feet to an iron post situate on the South bank of Soley Brook;

Thence North fifty-nine degrees, fifty-two minutes East (N 59 degrees 52 minutes E) along the South bank of Soley Brook a distance of forty-five point five (45.5) feet to an iron post being the place of beginning

Containing 19,870 square feet or 0.46 acres.

Area 2:

And also all that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land situate, lying, and being to the south but not adjoining Highway No. 236, at Lower Truro, in the County of Colchester, Province of Nova Scotia, and being Lot 90-B as shown on a plan showing subdivision lands of Alfred H. Sandeson, dated April 18, 1990, signed by Kenneth P. MacDonald, N.S. Land Surveyor, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a survey marker on the Southeastern corner of lands of Cobequid District Fire Brigade on the Western boundary of lands now or formerly of Ronald S. Joyce;

Thence South 24 degrees 00 minutes East along the Western boundary of lands now or formerly of Ronald S. Joyce a distance of 57.63 feet to a survey marker on the Southwestern corner of said lands now or formerly of Ronald S. Joyce;

Thence South 7 degrees 08 minutes West along the Western boundary of lands now or formerly of Donald H. Joyce a distance of 14.7 feet to a survey marker;

Thence South 81 degrees 02 minutes West a distance of 287.8 feet to a witness survey marker; thence continuing in the same course South 81 degrees 02 minutes West a distance of 4 feet more or less to the Eastern boundary of the Soley Brook;

Thence Northerly following along the various courses of the Soley Brook to lands of Cobequid District Fire Brigade;

Thence South 3 degrees 26 minutes West along the Western boundary of lands of Cobequid District Fire Brigade a distance of 85.2 feet more or less to an iron bar on the Southwestern corner of said lands of Cobequid District Fire Brigade;

Thence South 89 degrees 28 minutes East along the Southern boundary of lands of Cobequid District Fire Brigade a distance of 209.2 feet to a survey marker on the Southeastern corner of said lands of Cobequid District Fire Brigade on the Western boundary of lands now or formerly of Ronald S. Joyce and the place of beginning.

Area 3:

And also a lot of land located at Lower Truro, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Soley Brook Bridge on Highway 236;

Thence following the course of the Soley Brook in a Southerly direction to the Southwest corner of lands of the Cobequid District Fire Brigade;

Thence Easterly to lands of Don Joyce;

Thence Southerly along lands of Joyce, Blair Kent, and The Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board to the point of intersection of the Kent Brook and Soley Brook;

Thence Westerly following the Soley Brook to a gully;

Thence following the gully to lands of Prodger;

Thence Northerly along lands of Prodger and Frank Sandeson to Highway 236;

Thence Easterly along Highway 236 to the point of beginning at the Soley Brook Bridge.

Containing by approximation seventy-five (75) acres.

Being a portion of the first described lot (150 acres) contained in a deed from Richard A. Sandeson to Alfred H. Sandeson dated April 7, 1962, and recorded at the Registry of Deeds for Colchester County in Book 300, page 497.

Areas excluded from Areas 3:

Saving and excepting all of the above described lands being to the South of the Soley Brook Loop and also saving and excepting the Soley Brook Loop.

Also saving and excepting all of the above described lands being to the South of the Old Road and also saving and excepting the Old Road.

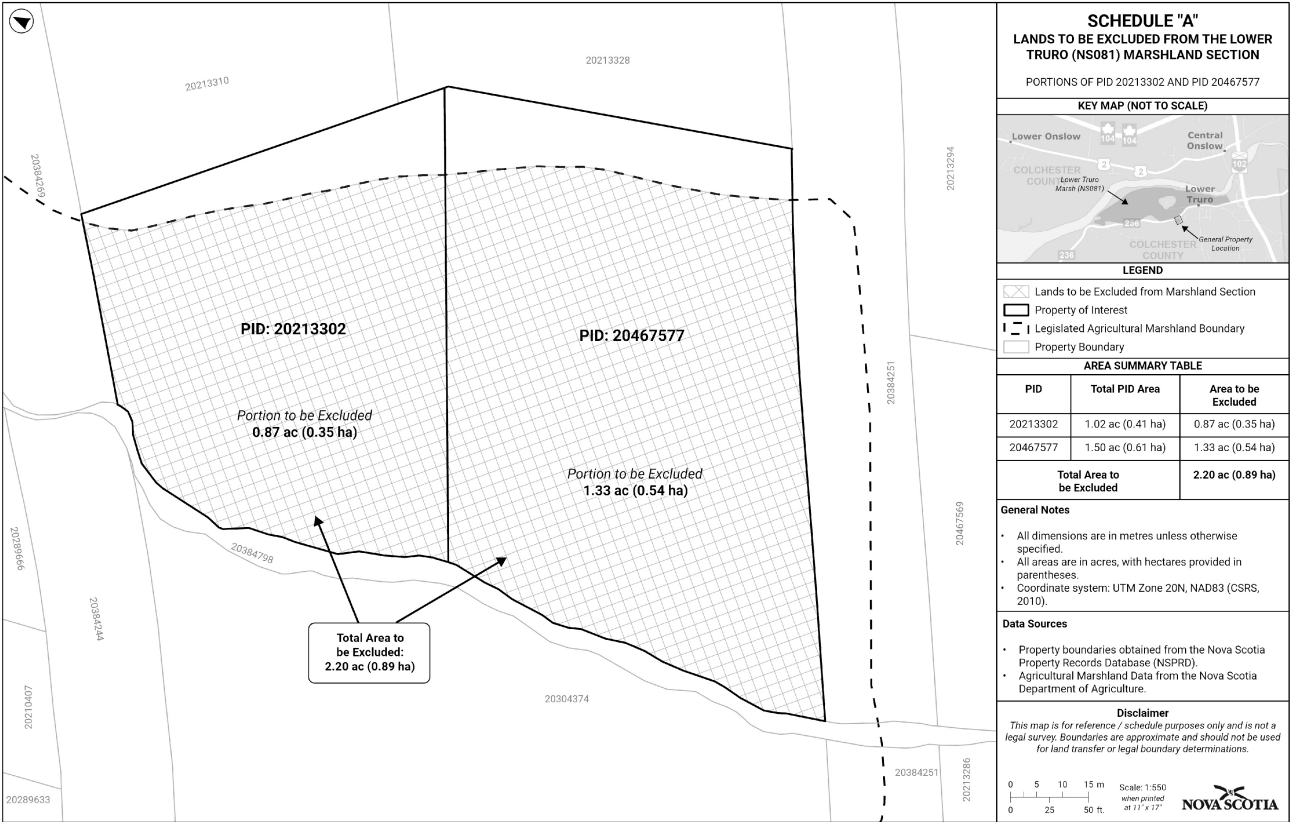
Also saving and excepting all of the above described lands being to the West of the Soley Brook and also

saving and excepting the Soley Brook.

Also saving and excepting that lot as described in a deed recorded at the Registry of Deeds for Colchester County on January 6, 1972, in Book 372 at page 525.

Also saving and excepting Lot 90-B as described in a deed recorded at the Registry of Deeds for Colchester County on June 11, 1990, in Book 674 at page 49.

Schedule A—Map of Lands to be Excluded from Lower Truro Marshland Section



N.S. Reg. 192/2026

Made: June 16, 2026

Filed: August 25, 2026

Financial Reporting and Accounting Manual—replacement

Order dated June 16, 2026

Repeal of regulations and regulations made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs
pursuant to Sections 451 and 520 of the *Municipal Government Act*

**In the matter of Sections 451 and 520 of Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998,
the *Municipal Government Act***

-and-

**In the matter of the repeal and replacement of regulations respecting
the Financial Reporting and Accounting Manual
made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs
under Sections 451 and 520 of the *Municipal Government Act***

Order

I, John A. MacDonald, Minister of Municipal Affairs for the Province of Nova Scotia, pursuant to Sections 451 and 520 of Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the *Municipal Government Act*, hereby

- (a) repeal the Financial Reporting and Accounting Manual, N.S. Reg. 162/2025, made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs by order dated July 29, 2025; and
- (b) make new regulations respecting the Financial Reporting and Accounting Manual, in the form set forth in the attached Schedule “A”.

This order is effective on and after the date it is filed with the Registrar of Regulations.

Dated and made this 16th day of June, 2026, at Halifax Regional Municipality, Province of Nova Scotia.

sgd. *John A. MacDonald*

Honourable John A. MacDonald

Minister of Municipal Affairs

[Please note: Publication of the *Financial Reporting and Accounting Manual* filed with the Office of the Registrar of Regulations on August 25, 2026, has been dispensed with by order of the Attorney General dated June 24, 2026, and published on page 451 of this issue of the *Royal Gazette Part II*. The *Financial Reporting and Accounting Manual* is available for inspection in person at the Office of the Registrar of Regulations and can be viewed on the Office of the Registrar of Regulations’ website at the following address:

<https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regsbyact.htm#mgafam.>]

N.S. Reg. 193/2026

Made: August 25, 2026

Filed: August 25, 2026

Employment Support and Income Assistance Regulations—amendment

Order in Council 2026-303 dated August 25, 2026

Amendment to regulations made by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Section 21 of the *Employment Support and Income Assistance Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Opportunities and Social Development dated August 19, 2026, and pursuant to Section 21 of Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2000, the *Employment Support and Income Assistance Act*, is pleased to amend the *Employment Support and Income Assistance Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 195/2019, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2019-333 dated November 27, 2019, to update assistance rates, add income exemptions, amend definitions and modernize language, in the manner set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after August 25, 2026.

Schedule “A”

**Amendment to the *Employment Support and Income Assistance Regulations*
made by the Governor in Council under Section 21
of Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2000,
the *Employment Support and Income Assistance Act***

- 1 Section 2 of the *Employment Support and Income Assistance Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 195/2019, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2019-333 dated November 27, 2019, is amended by
- (a) moving the definition of “applicable assets” to where it belongs in alphabetical order;
 - (b) adding the following definition immediately before the definition of “approved education program”:
“approved education plan” means an education plan that
 - (i) is included in an employment plan,
 - (ii) sets out the educational interventions and actions designed to increase labour market attachment in a specific employment area, and
 - (iii) is approved by 1 of the following:
 - (A) the Department,
 - (B) a designated entity;
 - (c) adding the following definition immediately after the definition of “approved education plan”:
“approved high-demand-sector wages” means wages earned through employment in high-demand jobs and sectors, as approved by the Minister to address regional or Provincial labour market needs;
 - (d) in the definition of “Department”, striking out “Community Services” and substituting “Opportunities and Social Development”;

- (e) adding the following definition immediately after the definition of “dependent child”:

“designated entity” means an entity approved by the Minister to develop, administer or oversee employment plans or employment-related services for recipients;

- (f) repealing the definition of “home” and substituting the following definition:

“home”, in relation to an applicant or recipient, means the primary residence of the applicant or recipient that is 1 of the following:

- (i) a self-contained unit they rent or own,
- (ii) a room in a municipally approved or licensed rooming or lodging house,
- (iii) a single occupancy room in a building that is managed by an approved provider under the Supportive Housing Program, for which they are required to pay an occupancy fee;

- (g) repealing the definition of “mobile home”;

- (h) repealing the definition of “rent” and substituting the following definition:

“rent”, with respect to an applicant or recipient, means that they are a signatory to a lease agreement and live in a self-contained unit;

- (i) adding the following definition immediately after the definition of “rent”:

“self-contained unit” means a residential unit with private living, kitchen and bathroom facilities, including a plumbed water supply and sanitary sewer disposal, in the unit that are available for the exclusive use of an applicant or recipient;

- (j) repealing the definition of “standard household rate” and substituting the following definition:

“standard household rate” means the amount that a recipient is entitled to receive under Sections 48 to 50 to cover basic needs based on their household composition and whether they live in a home, are boarding or are entitled to an essentials amount;

- (k) adding the following definition immediately after the definition of “supervisor”:

“supportive housing program” is a program of the Department that provides funding to community organizations that offer affordable housing options to persons who have experienced homelessness and require ongoing wraparound supports to maintain their housing;

2 Section 8 of the regulations is amended by adding “is” immediately before “at least 16 years old”.

3 Clause 18(1)(b) of the regulations is repealed and the following clause substituted:

- (b) whether they live in a home, are boarding or are entitled to an essentials amount, in accordance with Sections 48 to 50;

4 Section 25 of the regulations is amended by

- (a) in clause (b), striking out “\$500” and substituting “\$2000”; and

(b) in clause (i), striking out “self-sufficiently” and substituting “self-sufficiency”.

5 Section 35 of the regulations is repealed and the following Section substituted:

Not chargeable income

35 Income from any of the following sources is not chargeable income:

- (a) a Canada child benefit or any previous child tax benefit paid under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), including all of the following:
 - (i) a national child benefit supplement,
 - (ii) payments made by the Province as a Nova Scotia child benefit under the *Income Tax Act*,
 - (iii) a child disability benefit;
- (b) child support payments, except as provided in Section 69 for child support payments owed before August 1, 2018;
- (c) any payments made under the *Children Family Services Act*, including all of the following:
 - (i) payments made in support of a foster child,
 - (ii) payments made to a young person receiving assistance in accordance with subsection 8(3),
 - (iii) adoption subsidy payments;
- (d) any payments made under the alternative family care program administered by the Department;
- (e) the Canada groceries and essentials benefit under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada);
- (f) any payment received under the Canada workers benefit under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) or under the former working income tax benefit under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada);
- (g) the poverty reduction credit paid by the Department;
- (h) the affordable living tax credit paid under the *Income Tax Act*;
- (i) income tax refunds;
- (j) any payments made under the provincial low-income fuel assistance program and the federal relief for heating expenses program;
- (k) a caregiver’s benefit under the Department of Health and Wellness’s caregiver benefit program;
- (l) honorariums provided for serving on a provincial agency, board or commission;

- (m) bursaries, scholarships, student awards and stipends received
 - (i) for the purpose of assisting with the costs of attending an approved educational program, or
 - (ii) by a recipient who has been approved to attend a post-secondary education program under Section 65;
- (n) student loans received by a recipient who has been approved to attend a post-secondary education program under Section 65;
- (o) any money withdrawn from a registered disability savings plan;
- (p) the Canada disability benefit under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada);
- (q) any money withdrawn from a registered educational savings plan to be used by a recipient or a dependent for education expenses;
- (r) wages of a dependent child, in accordance with Section 37;
- (s) payments received under a federal or provincial rent supplement program;
- (t) any children's benefit payment made under the *Canada Pension Plan* received by a dependent child, or by an applicant or recipient on behalf of a dependent child;
- (u) post-care supports for a child formerly in care of the Minister or another province;
- (v) financial assistance received through either of the following programs:
 - (i) the federal government's athlete assistance program,
 - (ii) the Nova Scotia athlete assistance program;
- (w) payments received under the Department of Seniors and Long-term Care's seniors care grant.

6 Section 36 of the regulations is repealed and the following Section is substituted:

Approved high demand sector wages

36 Up to \$3000 per fiscal year of a recipient or recipient's spouse combined approved high-demand-sector wages is not chargeable income.

7 Subsection 48(1) of the regulations is repealed and the following subsection substituted:

(1) A recipient who lives in a home or boards must be allowed an amount of assistance at the standard household rate as set out in Table 1 of Schedule A.

8 Section 49 of the regulations is amended by

- (a) striking "is renting or owns their accommodation" and substituting "lives in a home"; and
- (b) striking "of \$974" and substituting "as set out in Table 1 of Schedule A".

- 9 Section 50 of the regulations is repealed and the following Section substituted:

Standard household rate—essentials

50 A recipient who does not qualify for the standard household rate or the enhanced standard household rate must be allowed an amount of assistance at the essentials standard household rate as set out in Table 1 of Schedule A.

- 10 Section 51 of the regulations is amended by striking out “of \$390 per month” and substituting “per month as set out in Table 1 of Schedule A”.
- 11 Subsection 52(1) of the regulations is amended by striking out “of \$205 per month” and substituting “per month as set out in Table 1 of Schedule A”.
- 12 Section 53 of the regulations is repealed and the following Section substituted:

Child benefit adjustment

53 (1) A recipient who is not receiving a Nova Scotia child benefit or a Canada child benefit on behalf of a dependent child under 18 years old must be allowed an amount of assistance per month on behalf of the dependent child as set out in Table 2 of Schedule A.

(2) A recipient who is receiving a combined amount for the Nova Scotia child benefit and Canada child benefit on behalf of a dependent child under 18 years old that is less than the amount of assistance set out in Table 2 of Schedule A must be allowed assistance per month in an amount that is the difference between the amount in Table 2 of Schedule A and the combined amount of the 2 benefits.

- 13 Section 55A of the regulations are amended by striking out “of \$308 per month” and substituting “per month as set out in Table 2 of Schedule A”.
- 14 Section 57 of the regulations is repealed and the following Section substituted:

Assistance for special needs

57 A recipient who has any of the following special needs must be allowed an amount of assistance for the special need:

- (a) the items or services set out as a special need in column 1 of Table 2 of Schedule A, in the corresponding amount specified in the table;
- (b) an item or service prescribed as a special need in policy by the Director;
- (c) an item or service that is determined, despite clauses 54(2)(b) and (d), to be a special need essential for health in accordance with Section 60.

- 15 Section 65 of the regulations is repealed and the following Section substituted:

Assistance while attending post-secondary education program

65 (1) A recipient may receive assistance while attending a post-secondary education program if all of the following apply:

- (a) the recipient has an approved education plan as part of their employment plan;
- (b) the employment plan identifies post-secondary education as a requirement for employment.

- (2) In determining whether a recipient is entitled to assistance under subsection (1), all post-secondary-related funding received by the recipient must be considered, and assistance must not be provided for an expense that is funded from another source.
- (3) A recipient who is funded through a designated entity is not entitled to assistance under this Section for any expense funded by the designated entity.

- 16 Clause 70(b) of the regulations is amended by striking out “grandparenting” and substituting “legacy”.
- 17 Sections 71 and 72 of the regulations are repealed.
- 18 The regulations are amended by adding the following Section immediately after Section 70:

Annual adjustment

71 (1) The maximum amount of assistance payable under all of the following Sections is adjusted annually by the consumer price index amount determined under the *Personal Income Tax Indexation Regulations* made under the *Income Tax Act*:

- (a) Sections 48 to 52;
- (b) Section 55A.

- (2) No later than January 1st of each year, the maximum amount of assistance payable, as adjusted under subsection (1), must be made publicly available on the Department’s website and published in the *Employment Support and Income Assistance Policy Manual* maintained by the Department.

- 19 The regulations are further amended by adding the attached Schedule “A” immediately after Section 71.

Schedule “A”

Table 1: Annual Rates as of January 1, 2026

Category	Household Composition/Allowance Type	Enhanced (Home)	Home	Board
Standard Household Rate (s. 48)	1 recipient, 0 dependent children	—	\$738	\$655
	1 recipient, 1 dependent child	—	\$1035	\$674
	1 recipient, 2 or more dependent children	—	\$1090	\$719
	2 recipients, 0 dependent children	—	\$1442	\$1085
	2 recipients, 1 or more dependent children	—	\$1497	\$1128
Standard Household Rate—Enhanced (s. 49)	1 recipient, 0 dependent children	\$1022	—	—
Standard Household Rate—Essentials (s. 50)	1 recipient	\$410		
	2 recipients	\$820		

Dependent Child Allowance (s. 51)	per dependent child	\$410
Barrier-Free Access (s. 52)	per eligible household	\$216
Disability Supplement (s. 55A)	per eligible recipient	\$324

Table 2: Fixed Rates

Category		Amount
Child Benefit Adjustment (s. 53)		\$500
Special Needs (s. 57)	dental care	as set out in the ESIA Dental Fee Guide approved by the Director
	optical care	\$120 for single-vision glasses \$145 for bifocal glasses
	pharmacare coverage	as set out in the NS Formulary
	special diet	up to \$150, according to the type of diet required
	transportation	up to \$150 if costs are required for • employment • implementing an employment plan • preserving health or safety
	child care	up to \$400 if costs are required for • employment • implementing an employment plan • preserving health or safety
	funeral arrangement costs	up to \$3800 for costs related to • opening and closing of grave • grave lot • clothing • transportation • funeral costs for professional services • cremation urn or casket
	maternal nutritional supplement	\$51
	school supplies supplement	\$100 for dependent children who are at least 4 years old and younger than 13 years old \$200 for dependent children who are at least 13 years old and younger than 21 years old

N.S. Reg. 194/2026

Made: August 25, 2026

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Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Area Petroleum Operations Framework Regulations—amendment

Order in Council 2026-304 dated August 25, 2026

Amendment to regulations made by the Governor in Council

pursuant to Section 146 of the *Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation and Offshore Renewable Energy Management (Nova Scotia) Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Energy dated July 17, 2026, and pursuant to Section 146 of Chapter 3, of the Acts of 1987, the *Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation and Offshore Renewable Energy Management (Nova Scotia) Act*, is pleased to amend the *Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Area Petroleum Operations Framework Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 28/2025, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2025-22 dated February 4, 2025, by repealing Section 83 of the regulations, effective on and after September 17, 2026.

Schedule “A”**Amendment to the *Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Area Petroleum Operations Framework Regulations*****made by the Governor in Council under Section 146
of Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1987,****the *Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation [and Offshore Renewable Energy Management] (Nova Scotia) Act***

The *Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Area Petroleum Operations Framework Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 28/2025, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2025-22 dated February 4, 2025, are amended by repealing Section 83.

ATTORNEY GENERAL ORDER**In the matter of the dispensation of regulations under subsection 4(3) of
Chapter 393 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Regulations Act*****-and-****In the matter of new regulations respecting the Financial Reporting and
Accounting Manual made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs
under Sections 451 and 520 of Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998,
the *Municipal Government Act*****Order**

I, Scott Armstrong, Attorney General for the Province of Nova Scotia, on the recommendation of the Registrar of Regulations and pursuant to subsection 4(3) of Chapter 393 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Regulations Act*, hereby dispense with publication in the *Royal Gazette Part II* of the attached regulations respecting the Financial Reporting and Accounting Manual because the length and complexity of the

regulations render publication in the *Royal Gazette Part II* unpractical.

This order is effective on and after the date it is made.

Dated and made this 24[th] day of June, 2026, at Halifax Regional Municipality, Province of Nova Scotia.

sgd. *Scott Armstrong*
Honourable Scott Armstrong
Attorney General