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*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. 255/2025

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Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices

Order dated November 20, 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*

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Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices

Order dated November 25, 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*

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N.S. Reg. 257/2025

Made: November 25, 2025

Filed: November 26, 2025

Winter Parking Ban Regulations

Order dated November 25, 2025

Regulations made by the Deputy Provincial Traffic Authority
pursuant to subsection 202(1) of the *Motor Vehicle Act***In the matter of subsection 202(1) of Chapter 293
of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Motor Vehicle Act*****-and-****In the matter of an order respecting winter parking of vehicles
made by the Provincial Traffic Authority pursuant to
subsection 202(1) of the *Motor Vehicle Act*****Order**

I, Robert Hird, Deputy Provincial Traffic Authority, pursuant to subsection 202(1) of Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Motor Vehicle Act*, hereby make regulations respecting a prohibition on winter parking of vehicles in the form set forth in Schedule “A” attached hereto, effective on the dates set out in the regulations.

Dated and made at Halifax, in the Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia, this 25th day of November, 2025.

sgd. *Robert Hird*

Robert Hird, P. Eng.

Deputy Provincial Traffic Authority for the Province of Nova Scotia

Schedule “A”**Regulations Respecting a Prohibition on Winter Parking of Vehicles
made by the Provincial Traffic Authority under subsection 202(1)
of Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989,
the *Motor Vehicle Act*****Citation**

1 These regulations may be cited as the *Winter Parking Ban Regulations*.

Application

2 These regulations apply to any highway that is subject to the *Public Highways Act*.

Limitation on parking

3 Notwithstanding that certain traffic signs have been erected which may permit motor vehicles to park or stand upon sections of highway during the hours stated thereon, an owner, driver or person having control or custody of any vehicle must not park the vehicle upon any highway in Appendix A or any highway in the communities listed in Appendix A

- (a) between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m.;
- (b) in a manner that hinders, inconveniences or prevents the removal of snow or ice from a highway unless the vehicle is attended by a person authorized to operate and capable of operating it on a highway; or
- (c) from 1 hour after a snowstorm starts to 2 hours after the snowstorm stops.

Determination of boundary

4 For the purposes of these regulations, the boundaries of a community are as provided in the Nova Scotia Civic Address Finder application, established by the Government of Nova Scotia.

Exception

5 Section 3 does not apply to any of the following vehicles:

- (a) a motor vehicle registered to a medical practitioner who is registered under the *Medical Act* if all of the following apply:
 - (i) the vehicle is parked reasonably near the medical practitioner's office or residence,
 - (ii) the vehicle is immediately available to the medical practitioner for professional calls;
- (b) a motor vehicle parked by a medical practitioner who is registered under the *Medical Act* if all of the following apply:
 - (i) the medical practitioner is engaged in their occupation,
 - (ii) the vehicle is parked in reasonable proximity to the location where the medical practitioner is engaged in their occupation;
- (c) a motor vehicle registered to a police department, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or the Canadian Forces;
- (d) a commercial vehicle parked by a driver for the purpose of loading or unloading merchandise;
- (e) a motor vehicle registered to a public utility as defined in the *Public Utilities Act* that is parked reasonably near the residence of its driver and immediately available for emergency calls.

Effective dates

6 These regulations are effective December 15, 2025, to and including March 31, 2026.

Appendix A (Winter Parking Ban Regulations)

Annapolis County

Aldred Rd.
Amina Dr.
Anna Ct.
Balcom Cres.
Baxter Ave.

Beech St.
Birch Dr.
Bonavista Dr.
Brookside Dr./Pine Grove
Cres.
Chipman Dr.
Clementsport Rd.

Colonial Dr.
Cook Ave
Dodd St.
Elm St.
Empire St.
First Ave.
Geiger Dr.

Granville Rd. from Mills
 Mountain Rd. to Bingay Ln.
 (North St.)
 Granville Ferry
 Hemlock Dr.
 Hillcrest Ave.
 Krista Dr.
 Kyle Ave.
 Lorcon St.
 M and R St.
 Main St., Meadowvale
 Maple Ave.
 Martyn Cres.
 Michael Ave.
 Nictaux Falls Rd.
 Nictaux Rd.
 Oak Dr.
 Old Runway Dr.
 Orchard Dr.
 Penny Ln.
 Pine Ct.
 Pine Dr.
 Pleasant St.
 Pond Dr.
 Poplar Dr.
 Rogers Rd.
 Route 201, Nictaux
 Route 201, Bridgetown/
 Carleton Corner
 Second Ave
 Seth Dr.
 South St.
 Sunset Ln., Nictaux
 Tasha Dr.
 Taylor Dr., Nictaux
 Torbrook Rd.
 Trunk 10, Nictaux
 Trunk 10, Nictaux Falls
 Trunk 1, Paradise
 Trunk 10, Springfield
 Valley Rd.
 Vendora Dr.
 Village of Lawrencetown
 Village of Bear River
 Village Rd.
 Wanda Lynn Dr.
 Welton Ln.
 Willow Ave.

Antigonish County

Chisholm Dr.
 Church St. Ext.
 Grandview Dr.

Heritage Dr.
 Duncan MacIsaac Rd.
 Mountain View Dr.
 Ponderosa Dr.
 Sylvan Valley Ln.
 Sylvan Valley Rd.
 Tamara Dr.
 Trinity Ln.
 West River Cross Rd.
 Whisper Ave.
 Wild Horse Dr.

Cape Breton County

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Colchester County

Bass River
 Belmont
 Brookfield
 Brookside
 Camden
 Central Onslow
 Central North River
 Debert
 Economy
 Five Islands
 Great Village
 Greenfield
 Harmony
 Hilden
 Londonderry
 Lower Onslow
 Lower Truro
 Masstown
 Murray Siding
 North River
 Old Halifax Rd.
 Onslow
 Salmon River
 Truro Heights
 Upper Onslow
 Valley
 Bible Hill
 Tatamagouche

Cumberland County

Athol Rd.
 Biggs Dr., East Amherst
 Birchwood Place
 Brookside Dr.
 D'Orsay Rd.
 Harmony Heights

Hillcrest St.
 Joggins
 Maccan
 Meadow Park Dr.
 Trunk 2 from Lord Amherst
 Dr. to MacDonald Rd.
 Village of River Hebert
 Village of Pugwash
 Wallace

Digby County

Francis Dr.
 Lighthouse Rd. (Digby/Bay
 View)
 Trunk 1, Metegan
 Trunk 1, Comeauville
 Trunk 1, Church Point
 Trunk 1, Saulnierville
 Village of Freeport
 Village of Weymouth
 Village of Sandy Cove
 Village of Westport
 Village of Bear River

Guysborough County

Village of Guysborough
 Village of Sherbrooke
 Boyd St.
 Canso Loop
 Carleton Terrace
 Centennial St.
 Chapel St.
 Cook St.
 Cross St.
 Duke St.
 Durells Island Rd. Ext.
 Flaherty St.
 Horton Ln.
 Hurst St.
 Industrial St.
 Jackson Ln.
 King St.
 Main St.
 Memorial Ln.
 Middle St.
 Prince St.
 Queen St.
 Roberts St.
 Rocky Rd.
 School St.
 Second St.
 Sterling St.

Telegraph St.
Union St.
Water St.
Whitman St.
Wilmot St.

Halifax Regional Municipality

Antrim
Bayside
Bear Cove
Beaverbank
Black Point
Blind Bay
Brookside
Carrolls Corner
Chaswood
Chezzetcook
Conrod Settlement
Cooks Brook
Dean
Dutch Settlement
East Chezzetcook
East Dover
East Jeddore
East Lawrencetown
East Pennant
East Petpeswick
East Preston
East Ship Harbour
Elderbank
Elmsdale
Elmsvale
Fall River
Five Island Lake
French Village
Gaetz Brook
Glen Haven
Glen Margaret
Goodwood
Grand Desert
Grand Lake
Hacketts Cove
Halibut Bay
Harrietsfield
Hatchet Lake
Head of Chezzetcook
Head of Jeddore
Head of St. Margarets Bay
Herring Cove
Hubbards
Indian Harbour
Ingramport
Ketch Harbour

Lake Echo
Lake Egmont
Lake Charlotte
Lantz
Lawrencetown
Lewis Lake
Lower East Chezzetcook
Lower Prospect
Lower Tantallon
Lower Three Fathom Harbour
Lower West Jeddore
McGraths Cove
Meaghers Grant
Middle Musquodoboit
Middle Porters Lake
Middle Village
Mineville
Moser River
Musquodoboit Harbour
Myers Point
Oakfield
Oldham
Ostrea Lake
Peggys Cove
Pleasant Point
Porters Lake
Port Dufferin
Portuguese Cove
Prospect
Prospect Bay
Queensland
Salmon River Bridge
Sambro
Seabright
Seaforth
Shad Bay
Sheet Harbour
Sheldrake Lake
Ship Harbour
Smith Settlement
Tangier
Tantallon
Terence Bay
Three Fathom Harbour
Upper Lakeville
Upper Lawrencetown
Upper Musquodoboit
Upper Sackville
Upper Tantallon
Watt Section
Wellington
West Chezzetcook
West Dover

West Jeddore
West Lawrencetown
West Pennant
West Petpeswick
Whites Lake
Williamswood

Hants County

Brooklyn
Colonial Rd., Windsor
Currys Corner
East Uniacke
Ellershouse
Elmsdale
Enfield
Etter Settlement
Falmouth
Five Mile Plains
Garlands Crossing
Ivey Ln., Windsor
Lantz
Lower Nine Mile River
Martock
Milford
Morison Dr., Windsor
Mt. Uniacke
Nesbitt Connector from Water
St. to Nesbitt St., Windsor
Nelson Street, Windsor
Newport Station
Sanford Dr., Windsor
St. Croix
Shubenacadie
South Uniacke
Three Mile Plains

Inverness County

Charles MacLean Rd.
Chéticamp
Church St.
Davis Dr.
Grant St.
Hilltop Dr.
Kings Rd.
Lovers Ln.
Mabou
MacKenzie Ct.
Village of Port Hastings
Village of Inverness

Kings County

Aldershot

Alice Dr.
 Auburn
 Blomidon Crescent
 Brandywine Dr.
 Brookside Cres.
 Cambridge
 Centreville
 Coldbrook
 Davlyn Dr.
 Dyke View Rd.
 Elizabeth Dr.
 Folease Park Dr.
 Fred Thomas Rd. from Rt. 341
 north 0.5 km
 Glooscap Ln.
 Grand Pré
 Greenwich
 Hants Border
 Harry Dr.
 Kimberley Dr.
 Kingsport
 LeMarchant Dr.
 Merrit Dr.
 Montgomery Dr.
 Morris Cres.
 Murray St.
 North Kentville
 North Alton
 Novawood Dr.

Pine St., White Rock
 Poplar Grove
 Poplar Dr., Highbury
 River Dr.
 Rosalind Dr.
 Stream Ave.
 Sunset Dr.
 Village of Kingston
 Village of New Minas
 Village of Aylesford
 Village of Canning
 Village of Cornwallis Square
 Village of Greenwood
 Village of Port Williams
 Wayne Rd.
 Windermere Dr.

Lunenburg County

Village of Chester
 Western Shore
 Village of New Germany

Pictou County

River John

Queens County

Village of Brooklyn

Richmond County

Anchor Rd.
 Arichat
 Bennies Ln.
 Bennies Ln. Ext.
 Duncan Rd.
 Evanston Rd.
 Grandique Ferry Rd.
 Harbourview Dr.
 Hospital Rd., Evanston
 Islandview Dr.
 Landry Ln.
 Macleod Rd.
 Marchand Ln.
 Petit-de-Grat
 Poirierville
 Sampsons Ln.
 Shore Rd. (Point Michaud Rd.
 to the shore)
 Silver Oak Dr.
 Tranquil Ln.
 Veterans Memorial Dr.
 Village of St. Peter's
 Whiteside Rd.

Victoria County

Village of Baddeck

N.S. Reg. 258/2025

Made: November 27, 2025

Filed: November 27, 2025

Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices

Order dated November 27, 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*

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N.S. Reg. 259/2025

Made: November 19, 2025

Filed: November 28, 2025

Summary Offence Tickets Regulations—amendment

Order dated November 19, 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, Scott Armstrong, 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 M-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, to designate certain offences under the Municipality of the District of West Hants's Dog By-law 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.

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

Dated and made Nov. 19, 2025, at Halifax, Halifax Regional Municipality, Province of Nova Scotia.

sgd. *Scott Armstrong*

Honourable Scott Armstrong

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 M-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 repealing items 1–14 under the heading "Dog By-law" and substituting the following items:

| | Offence | Section | Out of Court Settlement |
|----|--|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Providing false information for registration of dog | 3.10 | \$352.50 |
| 2 | Providing false information for registration of kennel | 4.6 | \$352.50 |
| 3 | Owning dog that runs at large | 7.4(a) | \$352.50 |
| 4 | Owning dog that is not wearing required tag | 7.4(b) | \$352.50 |
| 5 | Owning dog that is not licensed | 7.4(c) | \$352.50 |
| 6 | Owning dog that persistently disturbs quiet of neighbourhood | 7.4(d) | \$697.50 |
| 7 | Owning dog that attacks person or animal or damages property (specify) | 7.4(e) | \$697.50 |
| 8 | Owner harbouring or keeping fierce or dangerous dog | 7.4(f) | \$697.50 |
| 9 | Owner failing to remove dog feces from public or private property other than owner's | 7.4(g) | \$352.50 |
| 10 | Owner failing to provide written statement of number of dogs owned or harboured or habitually kept on premises | 7.6 | \$352.50 |
| 11 | Owner failing to muzzle dog that is subject to notice to muzzle | 8.2 | \$352.50 |

N.S. Reg. 260/2025

Made: November 28, 2025

Filed: November 28, 2025

Costs Rules—replacement

Orders dated November 28, 2025

Repeal of regulations and regulations made by the Nova Scotia Energy Board
and the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board
pursuant to Sections 20 and 34 of the *Energy and Regulatory Boards Act*

Order**Nova Scotia Energy Board****In the Matter of the *Energy and Regulatory Boards Act*****- and -****In the Matter of a Motion to Repeal and Replace the *Costs Rules* with New Joint Rules Respecting Costs**

Before: Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair
Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair
Richard J. Melanson, LL.B., Member
Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P.Eng., Member
Jennifer L. Nicholson, CPA, CA, Member
M. Darlene Willcott, LL.B., Member

Order

At a joint meeting of the Nova Scotia Energy Board and the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board on November 27, 2025, the Boards approved concurrent motions to repeal the *Costs Rules*, N.S. Reg. 131/[19]96

(July 17, 1996), and to make the Joint Rules Respecting Costs pursuant to s. 20 and s. 34 of the *Energy and Regulatory Boards Act*, S.N.S. 2024, c. 2, Sch. A.

The Board orders that:

1. the *Cost Rules*, N.S. Reg. 131/[19]96, made July 17, 1996, under s. 12 of the *Utility and Review Board Act*, S.N.S. 1992, c. 11, are repealed; and
2. the Joint Rules Respecting Costs are approved in the form set out in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of this Order, effective on and after November 28, 2025.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 28th day of November 2025.

sgd. Lisa Wallace
Clerk of the Board

Order

Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board

In the Matter of the *Energy and Regulatory Boards Act*

- and -

In the Matter of a Motion to Repeal and Replace the *Costs Rules* with New Joint Rules Respecting Costs

Before: Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair
Julia E. Clark, LL.B., Vice Chair
Bruce H. Fisher, MPA, CPA, Member
M. Kathleen McManus, K.C., Ph.D., Member
Marc L. Dunning, LL.B., Member

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2. the Joint Rules Respecting Costs are approved in the form set out in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of this Order, effective on and after November 28, 2025.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 28th day of November 2025.

sgd. Lisa Wallace
Clerk of the Board

Schedule “A”

**Joint Rules Respecting Costs
made by the Nova Scotia Energy Board and
Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board
under Sections 20 and 34 of Schedule A to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2024,
the *Energy and Regulatory Boards Act***

Citation

1 These rules may be cited as the *Costs Rules*.

Application of Rules

2 ~~(1)~~ These rules apply to all proceedings before the Nova Scotia Energy Board and the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board except proceedings under the following enactments:

- (a) the *Expropriation Act*;
- (b) the *Municipal Government Act*;
- (c) the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*.

Definitions

3 In these regulations,

“Board” means the Nova Scotia Energy Board or the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board, or both Boards, as the context requires;

“party” means a party to a proceeding and includes counsel for a party;

“proceeding” includes an application, appeal, matter or thing the Board has jurisdiction to hear and determine.

Request for costs

- 4** (1) The Board may consider an award of costs when requested by a party to a proceeding.
- (2) The Board may, on its own motion, ask whether a party seeks costs in any of the following circumstances:
- (a) the Board considers that a party may be unaware of the right to request costs;
 - (b) the Board finds that the conduct of another party warrants an award of costs against that party.

Award of costs

- 5** (1) The Board must not order a party to pay costs without providing a reasonable opportunity for the party to make representations to the Board.
- (2) The Board may order a cost award against counsel only in extraordinary circumstances.

Burden of proof on party applying for costs

6 The burden of establishing eligibility for a cost award is on the party requesting costs.

Costs reasonable and necessary for participation of non-profit intervenor

7 The Board may award to an eligible non-profit intervenor the costs the Board considers reasonable and necessarily related to the party's participation in all or part of a proceeding.

Non-profit intervenor pre-approval of costs

- 8 (1) A non-profit intervenor intending to participate in a proceeding before the Board may apply to the Board for pre-approval of an award of costs at any time during the proceeding.
- (2) An application under this Section must be filed with the Clerk and served on the other parties in the form required by the Board.
- (3) The Board must determine a process for submissions on the application for costs from the non-profit intervenor and other parties.

Eligibility for non-profit intervenor costs

9 After receiving an application under Section 8, the Board may pre-approve an award of costs for a non-profit intervenor if the Board finds that the following criteria are met:

- (a) the non-profit intervenor represents 1 or more of the following:
- (i) the interests of ratepayers concerning services that are regulated by the Board,
 - (ii) a specific public interest or policy perspective that is relevant to the Board's mandate and the proceedings before the Board,
 - (iii) an individual or group of individuals with a direct local interest in the proceedings;
- (b) the Board is satisfied that the non-profit intervenor
- (i) has limited financial resources,
 - (ii) will participate in the hearing in a responsible way, and
 - (iii) will contribute positively to the Board's understanding of the issues to be addressed in the proceeding.

Factors to consider in an award of costs to a non-profit intervenor

- 10 (1) The Board may consider any of the following factors when determining whether to award costs:
- (a) whether the non-profit intervenor represents a public interest or policy perspective not anticipated to be otherwise provided in the proceeding;
 - (b) the non-profit intervenor's relevant expertise and experience;
 - (c) the non-profit intervenor's contributions and behaviour in past and present proceedings;
 - (d) the efficiency of the hearing[,], including avoiding the duplication of evidence and argument;
 - (e) additional factors the Board considers relevant and appropriate in the circumstances.
- (2) The Board may consider any of the factors in subsection (1) when determining the amount of costs to be awarded to a non-profit intervenor.

Groups ineligible for award of costs as a non-profit intervenor

- 11** (1) Except as otherwise directed by the Board under subsection (2), the following groups are not eligible for pre-approval of costs as a non-profit intervenor:
- (a) the applicant in the proceeding;
 - (b) a utility;
 - (c) a party regulated or licensed by the Board;
 - (d) for-profit electricity generators, including associations of those entities;
 - (e) electrification associations;
 - (f) municipalities, including associations of municipalities;
 - (g) provincial and federal government departments, agencies and Crown corporations;
 - (h) gasoline retailers and wholesalers, including associations of those entities;
 - (i) other entities primarily representing commercial, institutional or industrial interests, including associations of those entities.
- (2) The Board may direct that an entity meeting the definition of one of the ineligible groups in subsection (1) is eligible for pre-approval of costs in a proceeding if the following conditions are met:
- (a) the Board provides the parties to that proceeding a reasonable opportunity to make representations on the issue;
 - (b) the Board is satisfied that the entity otherwise meets the criteria for a non-profit intervenor set out in Section 9.

Required information for pre-approval of non-profit intervenor costs

- 12** A non-profit intervenor seeking pre-approval of an award of costs must include the following information in its application:
- (a) the reasons why the intervenor is eligible for an award of costs, addressing the criteria in Section 9;
 - (b) the specific issues the intervenor intends to address;
 - (c) a detailed budget including the following information, as applicable:
 - (i) counsel fees,
 - (ii) consultant fees, including supporting information on the consultant's qualifications, the issues they will address, and the nature and scope of work the consultant will carry out to address the identified issues,
 - (iii) expected disbursements, such as transcript costs and travel and accommodation directly related to the party's participation in the proceedings,

- (iv) any additional or different information that the Board considers relevant and appropriate about the costs claimed.

Costs requested by non-profit intervenor after proceeding

- 13** For greater certainty, Sections 8 to 12 apply, with necessary changes, to a non-profit intervenor's request for an award of costs made at the conclusion of a proceeding.

Advance of funds request

- 14** (1) When requesting pre-approval of an award of costs or at any other time during the proceeding, a non-profit intervenor may request the Board to direct an advance of funds for all or part of the costs requested.
- (2) A request for an advance of funds must include all of the following information:
- (a) a detailed budget in accordance with Section 12;
 - (b) information supporting the need for the advance.

Accounting and recovery of pre-approved costs from non-profit intervenor

- 15** (1) A non-profit intervenor that receives an advance of funds for pre-approved costs under these rules must provide a full accounting of the funds to the Board no later than 60 days after the Board issues its final order in the proceeding.
- (2) At the request of a party or on its own motion, the Board may extend or shorten the timeline set out in subsection (1) if the Board finds it reasonable to do so in the circumstances.
- (3) The Board may make an order for the repayment or recovery of any funds advanced to a non-profit intervenor for costs in any of the following circumstances:
- (a) the Board finds the conduct of the intervenor during the proceedings to be clearly unreasonable, frivolous, or vexatious as determined in accordance with Section 16;
 - (b) the funds have not been appropriately spent or disbursed.

Costs for unreasonable, frivolous or vexatious conduct

- 16** (1) If the Board finds a party's conduct or course of conduct to be clearly unreasonable, frivolous or vexatious, having regard to all the circumstances, the Board may, at the request of a party or on its own motion
- (a) award costs against the party;
 - (b) disallow all or part of an award of costs to the party.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the following are examples of conduct that the Board may determine to be clearly unreasonable, frivolous or vexatious:
- (a) the actions or failure of a party to act in a timely manner that results in prejudice to another party;
 - (b) an applicant or appellant who, without notice, fails to do either of the following:
 - (i) attend a hearing,

- (ii) send a representative to a hearing;
- (c) a party who fails to reasonably co-operate with other parties during any proceedings before the Board;
- (d) a party's conduct that unnecessarily lengthens or delays proceedings;
- (e) a party's failure to comply with a procedural order or direction of the Board that results in prejudice to another party;
- (f) a party continues to deal with issues the Board has advised are not relevant.

Costs decision

17 An order of the Board awarding costs must include the following information:

- (a) the costs to be paid;
 - (b) the party to whom the costs are to be paid;
 - (c) the person who must pay the costs;
 - (d) if the Board determines that payment must be made, when a payment is to be made and whether payments may be made in installments or in advance;
 - (e) any additional or different terms, conditions and directives the Board considers reasonable.
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N.S. Reg. 261/2025 to 264/2025

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Atlantic Lottery Regulations—amendment;

Video Lottery Regulations—amendment;

Casino Regulations—amendment;

Lottery Commissions Regulations—repeal

Order in Council 2025-350 dated December 1, 2025

Amendment to regulations and repeal of regulations made by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Section 127 of the *Gaming Control Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia dated November 7, 2025, and pursuant to Section 127 of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1994-95, the *Gaming Control Act*, is pleased, effective on and after December 1, 2025, to

- (a) amend the *Atlantic Lottery Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 36/1995, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 95-255 dated April 4, 1995, in the manner set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation;
- (b) amend the *Video Lottery Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 42/1995, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 95-261 dated April 4, 1995, in the manner set forth in Schedule “B” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation;

- (c) amend the *Casino Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 40/1995, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 95-259 dated April 4, 1995, in the manner set forth in Schedule “C” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation; and.
- (d) repeal the *Lottery Commissions Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 2/1980, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 1980-15 dated January 8, 1980. [N.S. Reg. 264/2025]

N.S. Reg. 261/2025

Atlantic Lottery Regulations—amendment

Schedule “A”

**Amendment to the *Atlantic Lottery Regulations*
made under Section 127 of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1994-95,
the *Gaming Control Act***

- 1 Section 2 of the *Atlantic Lottery Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 36/1995, made by Governor in Council by Order in Council 95-255 dated April 4, 1995, is amended by
 - (a) repealing the definition of “Corporation”;
 - (b) adding the following definitions immediately after the definition of “Act”:

“internet” means the decentralized global network connecting networks of computers and similar devices to each other for the electronic exchange of information using standardized communication protocols;

“Interprovincial Lottery Corporation” means the Interprovincial Lottery Corporation incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (Canada);
 - (c) adding the following definition immediately after the definition of “linked bingo”:

“live dealer” means an individual who directly facilitates or performs an online game in real time;
 - (d) repealing the definition of “online game” and substituting the following [definition]:

“online game” means a single-player or multi-player lottery scheme played on or through the internet or another electronic channel, and includes any of the following:

 - (i) casino-style games[,] including those featuring visual representations of cards, dice, chips or other objects, and
 - (ii) interactive games in which a single-player or multi-players interact with either a simulated dealer or a live dealer;
 - (e) adding the following definition immediately after the definition of “retailer”:

“simulated dealer” means a wholly automated, computer-generated or software-driven process that directly facilitates or performs an online game;
 - (f) repealing the definition of “ticket” and substituting the following definition:

“ticket” means an opportunity to participate in a lottery scheme, other than an online game, and includes a ticket, certificate, electronic record or other instrument issued under the lottery scheme and authorized for sale by the Corporation;

- 2 The regulations are further amended by adding the following Section immediately after Section 2A:

Online games

2B (1) A person other than the Corporation must not conduct or manage an online game in the Province.

(2) A person other than the Lottery Corporation must not operate an online game on behalf of the Corporation in the Province.

- 3 The regulations are further amended by repealing Section 3 and substituting the following Section:

3 (1) A lottery scheme must consist of a system for distributing prizes to winners selected in 1 of the following ways:

- (a) at random from among the holders of tickets issued or sold;
- (b) from among the holders of tickets issued or sold in relation to the outcome of sporting events or other events;
- (c) through the outcome of an online game.

(2) A lottery scheme operated by the Lottery Corporation in the Province must have rules of play

- (a) that are established by the Lottery Corporation and included in the notification provided to the Executive Director under Section 25; and
- (b) that the lottery scheme is operated in accordance with.

- 4 The regulations are further amended by repealing Section 4 and substituting the following Section:

4 (1) Under each lottery scheme, the Lottery Corporation must fix all of the following:

- (a) the consideration to be paid or given to secure a chance to win prizes or to participate in the lottery scheme;
- (b) the amounts and values of potential prizes;
- (c) the terms and conditions of the lottery scheme, including the rules of play governing the lottery scheme.

(2) The Lottery Corporation must ensure that the terms and conditions of every ticket under a lottery scheme are made available to each player making a purchase under the lottery scheme, as follows:

- (a) they are printed on each ticket; or
- (b) they are presented electronically upon purchase.

(3) The Lottery Corporation must ensure that the terms and conditions of an online game,

including any terms and conditions that apply to a stake, bet or wager made by a player while participating in the game, are made available to each player, as follows:

- (a) by making the terms and conditions readily accessible at all times while the player is within the game interface; and
- (b) by presenting the terms and conditions to the player electronically and requiring the player's agreement to, and acknowledgment of, the terms and conditions before a session of gameplay begins.

5 (1) Section 7 of the regulations is amended by

- (a) striking out "a person" in subsection (1) immediately before "who is under 19" and substituting "an individual";
- (b) striking out "a person" wherever it appears in subsections (2) to (4) and substituting "an individual"; and
- (c) striking out "the person" wherever it appears in clauses (4)(a) to (c) and substituting "the individual".

(2) Section 7 of the regulations is further amended by adding the following subsections immediately after subsection (4):

- (5) A person must take reasonable steps to ensure that individuals who are under 19 years old are not permitted to participate in an online game.
- (6) A person must not pay out a prize as a result of the outcome of an online game to an individual who is under 19 years old.

6 Subsection 8(2) of the regulations is amended by adding "or the conclusion of the online game" immediately after "date of the draw".

7 Section 9 of the regulations is amended by

- (a) in clause (b), adding ", for a lottery scheme for which tickets are issued" immediately after "Corporation";
- (b) in clause (c), striking out "address" and substituting "community"; and
- (c) in clause (d), striking out "if required by the Lottery Corporation or the Corporation, give to the Lottery Corporation" and substituting "give to the Lottery Corporation, as required,".

N.S. Reg. 262/2025

Video Lottery Regulations—amendment

Schedule “B”

**Amendment to the *Video Lottery Regulations*
made under Section 127 of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1994-95,
the *Gaming Control Act***

- 1 Subsection 2(1) of the *Video Lottery Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 42/1995, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 95-261 dated April 4, 1995, is amended by
 - (a) repealing the definition of “Corporation”; and
 - (b) repealing the definition of “video lottery” and substituting the following:

“video lottery” means any lottery scheme authorized by the *Criminal Code* (Canada) that is operated on or through a computer or approved device or slot machine, within the meaning of the *Criminal Code* (Canada), other than a lottery scheme that is an “online game” as defined in the *Atlantic Lottery Regulations* made under the Act;
- 2 Subsection 4(1) of the regulations is repealed and the following subsections substituted:
 - (1) Only the following may conduct or manage a video lottery in the Province:
 - (a) the Corporation;
 - (b) a person authorized to conduct or manage a video lottery in the Province in accordance with an agreement entered into by the Corporation in accordance with Section 25 of the Act.
 - (1A) Only the following may operate a video lottery in the Province:
 - (a) the Lottery Corporation, in accordance with the requirements set out in the Act and these regulations;
 - (b) a licensee on behalf of the Lottery Corporation, in accordance with the requirements set out in the Act and these regulations.

N.S. Reg. 263/2025

Casino Regulations—amendment

Schedule “C”

**Amendment to the *Casino Regulations*
made under Section 127 of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1994-95,
the *Gaming Control Act***

The *Casino Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 40/1995, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 95-259 dated April 4, 1995, are amended by adding the following Section immediately after Section 2:

Application of regulations

- 2A** These regulations do not apply to lottery schemes that meet the definition of “online game” as defined in the *Atlantic Lottery Regulations* made under the Act.

N.S. Reg. 265/2025

Made: August 5, 2025

Approved: December 1, 2025

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Pork Marketing Plan—replacement

Order in Council 2025-352 dated December 1, 2025

Repeal of regulations and regulations made by the Natural Products Marketing Council
and approved by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Section 11 of the *Natural Products Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture dated November 4, 2025, and pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 308 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Natural Products Act*, is pleased, effective on and after December 1, 2025, to

- (a) approve the repeal by the Natural Products Marketing Council of the *Pork Marketing Plan*, N.S. Reg. 342/2009, made by the Natural Products Marketing Council on August 11, 2009, and approved by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2009-523 dated December 21, 2009; and
- (b) approve the making by the Natural Products Marketing Council of a new marketing plan for pork in the form set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation.

Schedule “A”**Natural Products Marketing Council**

I certify that the Natural Products Marketing Council, pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 308 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Natural Products Act*, at its meeting on August 5, 2025, carried a motion to

- (a) repeal the *Pork Marketing Plan*, N.S. Reg. 342/2009, made by the Natural Products Marketing Council on August 11, 2009, and approved by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2009-523 dated December 21, 2009; and
- (b) make new regulations respecting the marketing of pork in the form attached.

This order is effective on and after the date it is approved by the Governor in Council.

Signed at Truro, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, on November 3, 2025.

Natural Products Marketing Council

per: *sgd. Danielle Dorn Kouwenberg*
Danielle Dorn Kouwenberg
Manager

Marketing Plan for Pork
made by the Natural Products Marketing Council under Section 11
of Chapter 308 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989,
the *Natural Products Act*

Citation

1 These regulations may be cited as the *Pork Marketing Plan*.

Definitions

2 In this Plan,

“Act” means the *Natural Products Act*;

“annual general meeting” means an annual general meeting held by the licensed producers as required by this Plan;

“code of conduct” means the code of conduct established under Section 8;

“Commodity Board” means Pork Nova Scotia, a body corporate constituted under this Plan;

“hog” means a member of the species *Sus scrofa L.* (domestic pig), and includes a hog carcass;

“immediate family member” of an individual means an individual’s spouse, parent, child or grandchild and the spouse of any parent, child or grandchild of the individual;

“licensed producer” means a producer licensed to produce or market hogs in the regulated area;

“member” means a member of the Commodity Board, unless the context otherwise requires;

“own” means to have ownership of or title in;

“person” means any of the following:

- (i) a natural person,
- (ii) a corporation,
- (iii) a partnership,
- (iv) a trust or estate;

“pork” means the flesh or meat or any part or parts of a hog;

“processing” means altering the nature, size, quality or condition of hogs or pork by mechanical means or otherwise, and includes the slaughtering of hogs;

“processor” means any person engaged in processing;

“producer” means a person who owns hogs that are bred or raised, or both, in the regulated area for commercial purposes, or that are produced or marketed in or from the regulated area, but does not include a processor or contract grower;

“regulated area” means all of the Province.

Purposes of Plan

3 This Plan has the following purposes:

- (a) to control and regulate all aspects of the marketing of hogs in the regulated area;
- (b) to stimulate, increase and improve the marketing and production of pork and pork products in the regulated area;
- (c) to provide forums for disseminating information to producers about pork production and marketing.

Discontinuation of Plan

- 4** (1) If at least 50% of the licensed producers sign a request to vote on discontinuing this Plan and submit the request to the Council, the Council must submit the question of continuing the Plan to a vote of the licensed producers.
- (2) If a majority of licensed producers satisfactory to the Council does not vote in support of the Plan in a vote under subsection (1), the Council may recommend that the Plan be discontinued.

Commodity Board Membership

Commodity Board composition

- 5** (1) The Commodity Board must consist of no less than 3 and no more than 5 members, each of whom is a natural person who is
- (a) a licensed producer who processes only those hogs that they own or is the appointed representative of a licensed producer that is a sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate that processes only those hogs that it owns;
 - (b) resident in the regulated area; and
 - (c) elected, acclaimed or appointed as a member in accordance with this Plan.
- (2) A licensed producer that is a sole proprietor, partnership or body corporate may not have more than 1 designated representative serve as a member.

Member's term of office

- 6** (1) The term of office of a member is 3 years.
- (2) A member takes office on the adjournment of the first annual general meeting following their election, acclamation or appointment.

Designated representatives

- 7** (1) A licensed producer may designate 1 natural person to represent the licensed producer
- (a) at meetings of licensed producers; and
 - (b) if the licensed producer is elected to the Commodity Board, on the Commodity Board and at all meetings of the Commodity Board.
- (2) A licensed producer's designated representative must meet all of the following criteria:

- (a) they are a resident of the regulated area;
 - (b) if the licensed producer is a partnership or a corporation, they are a shareholder or partner of the licensed producer or employed by the licensed producer;
 - (c) if the licensed producer is a sole proprietorship, they are employed by the licensed producer or an immediate family member of the sole proprietor;
 - (d) they are actively involved in the business activity of the licensed producer;
 - (e) they are not a licensed producer or a designated representative of any other licensed producer.
- (3) Notice of any meetings that a licensed producer is eligible to attend may be sent to the designated representative of the licensed producer.
- (4) A licensed producer's designated representative may do any of the following:
- (a) sign a written request on behalf of the licensed producer for any type of meeting under this Plan;
 - (b) attend any meeting that the licensed producer is entitled to attend;
 - (c) be counted as the licensed producer that they represent when a quorum is being determined;
 - (d) vote on any resolution on behalf of the licensed producer.

Code of conduct

- 8 (1) The Commodity Board must establish a code of conduct.
- (2) A code of conduct established under subsection (1) is binding on all members of the Commodity Board.

Commodity Board may remove member

- 9 (1) The Commodity Board may remove a member or designated representative from the Commodity Board for any of the following reasons:
- (a) they are convicted of an offence under the Act or its regulations;
 - (b) they are convicted of an offence under the *Criminal Code* (Canada);
 - (c) they fail to attend 3 consecutive meetings of the Commodity Board without reasonable cause;
 - (d) they fail to abide by the code of conduct.
- (2) A decision to remove a member or designated representative under subsection (1) requires a 2/3 majority vote of the remaining members, in a vote held by secret ballot.
- (3) If a designated representative of a licensed producer is removed under subsection (1), the licensed producer's position on the Commodity Board is deemed to be vacated and the vacancy may be filled in accordance with Section 10.

Filling vacancy on Commodity Board

- 10 (1) If a vacancy occurs on the Commodity Board because a member dies, resigns, is removed or

otherwise vacates the office, the remaining members may appoint an eligible licensed producer to fill the vacancy until the Commodity Board calls an election to fill the vacancy.

- (2) An election to fill a vacancy on the Commodity Board must be held no later than the next annual election.
- (3) The term of office of a person elected to fill a vacancy on the Commodity Board is the remaining balance of the term of the member who vacated the office.

Commodity Board Elections

Nominating candidates for election to Commodity Board

- 11 (1) Any nominations of candidates for election to the Commodity Board must be submitted to the Commodity Board on or after December 1 and no later than December 21 in each year.
- (2) The Commodity Board must not accept a nomination unless the nomination is
 - (a) made on a form provided by the Commodity Board; and
 - (b) signed by the nominee indicating their acceptance of the nomination.
- (3) The Commodity Board must provide each nominee with the list of nominees.
- (4) A nominee may withdraw their nomination by notice in writing to the Commodity Board as soon as practicable after nominations are closed.

Appointment of agent

- 12 (1) The Commodity Board may appoint an agent to conduct all or a part of an election for membership on the Commodity Board.
- (2) A member of the Commodity Board is not eligible to be appointed as an agent.

Eligibility for nomination

- 13 (1) A licensed producer who meets the requirements for membership in Section 5 may be nominated to stand in a Commodity Board election.
- (2) The code of conduct applies to a candidate nominated under this Section.
- (3) A licensed producer may be nominated from the floor at the meeting at which the election is held.
- (4) An election for membership on the Commodity Board must be held by secret ballot.

Tied result in election

- 14 (1) If an election vote results in a tie, there must be a second round of election voting.
- (2) If a second round of election voting results in a tie, there must be a third round of election voting.
- (3) If a third round of election voting results in a tie, the winner must be determined by flipping a coin, or another reliable random process agreed to by the candidates.

Acclamation or appointment if number of candidates insufficient for election

- 15 (1) If the number of candidates for election to the Commodity Board is equal to or less than the number

of vacancies on the Commodity Board, the candidates must be acclaimed as members.

- (2) The Commodity Board may appoint any number of members to bring the total number of members to 5.

Commodity Board Executive

Executive of Commodity Board

- 16 (1) The Commodity Board must hold a meeting no later than 6 weeks after the date of each annual general meeting and at that meeting must elect from its members an executive consisting of all of the following members:
 - (a) a chair;
 - (b) a vice chair;
 - (c) a representative to the Canadian Pork Council;
 - (d) any additional representatives and officers as needed.
- (2) The Commodity Board may assign 1 or more duties to any officer elected under clause (1)(d), including a duty to represent the Board in any specific transaction or activity.
- (3) If no member is willing and able to serve as the Commodity Board's representative to the Canadian Pork Council, the Commodity Board may appoint a licensed producer who is not a member to be the representative.
- (4) A non-member licensed producer appointed as representative to the Canadian Pork Council may attend but is not entitled to vote at meetings of the Commodity Board.

Duties of Commodity Board chair

- 17 (1) The chair of the Commodity Board must preside over all meetings of the Commodity Board, annual general meetings, special meetings of licensed producers and meetings of the Commodity Board executive.
- (2) The chair is an ex officio member of all standing and special committees.
- (3) The chair must perform all duties that usually pertain to the office of chair.
- (4) The chair must represent the Commodity Board in all of its regular transactions, except those for which another person has been elected.

Duties of Commodity Board vice chair

- 18 (1) In the absence of the chair, the vice chair of the Commodity Board must preside at all meetings of the Commodity Board, annual general meetings, special meetings of licensed producers and meetings of the Commodity Board executive.
- (2) The vice chair must perform all duties that usually pertain to the office of vice chair or that are assigned by the chair or the executive.

Commodity Board management

- 19** (1) The Commodity Board may engage a management service provider or employ staff.
- (2) A representative of a management service provider or an employed staff member may attend Commodity Board meetings and licensed producer meetings as permitted by the Commodity Board, but is not entitled to vote at any meeting.

Commodity Board Operating Procedures**Calling Commodity Board meetings**

- 20** (1) The Commodity Board must meet at least 4 times per year.
- (2) A Commodity Board meeting may take place in person or by electronic means.
- (3) A meeting of the Commodity Board may be called in any of the following ways:
- (a) at the written request of a majority of members submitted to the Chair;
 - (b) at the Chair's discretion;
 - (c) for an emergency meeting, by the Chair with the consent of at least a quorum of members;
 - (d) by the Chair at the close of an annual general meeting.
- (4) If a written request is received under clause (3)(a), the Chair must call a meeting no later than 30 days after the date the request is received.

Notice of Commodity Board meetings

- 21** (1) Except as provided in this Section, the Chair must provide each member with at least 10 days' written notice of a meeting, specifying the time and place or method of the meeting.
- (2) The Chair may call an emergency meeting with a minimum of 12 hours' notice with the consent of at least a majority of members.
- (3) Notice of a Commodity Board meeting may be by any of the following methods:
- (a) regular mail;
 - (b) fax;
 - (c) e-mail;
 - (d) other electronic means.

If Chair absent from Commodity Board meeting

- 22** If the chair is absent from a meeting of the Commodity Board, the vice chair must act as chair of the meeting, and if neither the chair nor the vice chair is present at a meeting, the members present must elect a chair for the meeting.

Voting at Commodity Board meetings

- 23** (1) Each member, including the chair, is entitled to 1 vote at meetings of the Commodity Board.
- (2) If there is a tied vote, the chair does not have a second vote and the motion is considered to have

been defeated.

Quorum at Commodity Board meeting

24 Three members of the Commodity Board constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Commodity Board.

Body corporate activity

25 The Commodity Board may do any acts and things that are incidental to, conducive to or consequential to the operations of the Commodity Board as a body corporate.

Irregularity does not invalidate Commodity Board action

[26] Despite an irregularity in the appointment, election or qualification of a member, every act of the Commodity Board is as valid as if the member were duly appointed, elected or qualified.

Financial reporting of Commodity Board

- 27** (1) In this Section, “public accountant” means a public accountant licensed under the *Chartered Professional Accountants Act*.
- (2) Unless otherwise decided by the Commodity Board, the fiscal year of the Commodity Board is from January 1 to December 31 in each year, inclusive of both dates.
- (3) The Commodity Board must keep proper books of account and, for each fiscal year, prepare financial statements to be audited or reviewed in accordance with subsection (4).
- (4) The licensed producers must appoint an independent public accountant at each annual general meeting to hold office until the next annual general meeting, and must direct the accountant to do 1 of the following in relation to the Commodity Board’s financial statements:
- (a) for a fiscal year that ends with an even number, conduct an audit engagement;
- (b) for a fiscal year that ends with an odd number, conduct an audit engagement or a review engagement.
- (5) The Commodity Board may engage an independent public accountant to audit the Commodity Board’s books of account at any time.
- (6) Any audit or review directed by the licensed producers under subsection (4) or the Commodity Board under subsection (5) must be carried out in accordance with the generally accepted auditing standards set out in the CPA Canada Handbook Assurance, as amended from time to time.
- (7) No later than 4 months after the end of each fiscal year, the Commodity Board must send all of the following to the Council:
- (a) the financial report for the fiscal year from the Commodity Board executive, including all of the following:
- (i) a copy of the audited or reviewed financial statements for the fiscal year, consisting of a balance sheet and a statement of income and expenditures,
- (ii) for a fiscal year that ends with an even number, the independent public accountant’s audit report,
- (iii) for a fiscal year that ends with an odd number,

- (A) if an audit engagement has been conducted, the independent public accountant's audit report, or
 - (B) if a review engagement has been conducted, the independent public accountant's review engagement report;
- (b) the annual report of the Commodity Board detailing its operations for the fiscal year.
- (8) The Commodity Board must present all of the items listed in subsection (7) at the annual general meeting following the end of each fiscal year.

Copies of orders, directions and determinations

- 28 (1) A copy of every order, direction and determination of the Commodity Board and a copy of the minutes of every meeting of the Commodity Board must be sent to the Council.
- (2) On request, the Commodity Board must make a copy of any order, direction or determination available to a licensed producer who is in good standing on the records of the Commodity Board.

Commodity Board regulations must be presented to licensed producers

- 29 Any regulations or changes to regulations made by the Commodity Board under authority delegated to it by the Council under subsection 6(2) or clause 11(d) of the Act must be presented for information and discussion purposes at a special meeting of licensed producers or at the annual general meeting, either before or after the regulations or changes to regulations are made by the Commodity Board, but before they are approved by the Council.

Licensed Producers' Meetings**Calling meetings of licensed producers**

- 30 (1) No later than 4 months after the end of the Commodity Board's fiscal year, the licensed producers must hold an annual general meeting at the time and place prescribed by the Commodity Board.
- (2) The Commodity Board must call a special meeting of licensed producers if it receives a written request for a special meeting from at least 50% of the licensed producers stating the purpose of the request.
- (3) A special meeting of licensed producers must be held at a place in the regulated area that the Commodity Board considers appropriate and on a date that is no later than 60 days after the date on which the request for the special meeting was received.
- (4) The Commodity Board may call any other meetings or special meetings of licensed producers as the Commodity Board considers appropriate.
- (5) An annual general meeting or a special meeting of licensed producers may be held in person, or by a combination of in person and electronic means.

Quorum at meetings of licensed producers

- 31 Three licensed producers in good standing in any given year constitute a quorum at any annual general meeting or special meeting of the licensed producers.

Notice of meetings of licensed producers

- 32 Notice of an annual general meeting or a special meeting of the licensed producers must be given to licensed producers at least 10 days before the date of the meeting.

Voting at meetings of licensed producers

33 A licensed producer has 1 vote at any meeting of licensed producers.

Mandatory business at annual general meeting

34 In addition to any other business, all of the following must be presented and dealt with by licensed producers at an annual general meeting:

- (a) the annual report of the Commodity Board;
 - (b) the financial report and all included documentation received from the Commodity Board executive in accordance with clause 27(7)(a);
 - (c) nominating auditors.
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N.S. Reg. 266/2025 to 268/2025

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Minimum Wage Order (General)–amendment;

Minimum Wage Order (Construction and Property Maintenance)–amendment;

Minimum Wage Order (Logging and Forest Operations)–amendment

Order in Council 2025-355 dated December 1, 2025

Amendment to regulations made by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Sections 50 and 52 of the *Labour Standards Code*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Labour, Skills and Immigration dated November 12, 2025, and pursuant to Sections 50 and 52 of Chapter 246 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Labour Standards Code*, is pleased, effective on and after December 1, 2025, to

- (a) amend the *Minimum Wage Order (General)*, N.S. Reg. 5/1999, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 1999-56 dated February 17, 1999, to increase the minimum wage, in the manner set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation;
- (b) amend the *Minimum Wage Order (Construction and Property Maintenance)*, N.S. Reg. 202/2003, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2003-507 dated November 28, 2003, to increase the minimum wage, in the manner set forth in Schedule “B” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation; and
- (c) amend the *Minimum Wage Order (Logging and Forest Operations)*, N.S. Reg. 5/1999, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 1999-56 dated February 17, 1999, to increase the minimum wage, in the manner set forth in Schedule “C” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation.

N.S. Reg. 266/2025

Minimum Wage Order (General)–amendment

Schedule “A”

**Amendment to the *Minimum Wage Order (General)*
made by the Governor in Council under Sections 50 and 52
of Chapter 246 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989,
the *Labour Standards Code***

1 The table in subsection 6(2) of the *Minimum Wage Order (General)*, N.S. Reg. 5/1999, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 1999-56 dated February 17, 1999, is amended by

- (a) striking out the row beginning with “April 1, 2015”; and
- (b) adding the following rows immediately after the last row:

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| April 1, 2026 | \$16.75 |
| October 1, 2026 | \$17.00 |

2 Subsection 6(3) of the regulations is amended by striking out “2025” and substituting “2027”.

N.S. Reg. 267/2025

Minimum Wage Order (Construction and Property Maintenance)–amendment

Schedule “B”

**Amendment to the *Minimum Wage Order (Construction and Property Maintenance)*
made by the Governor in Council under Sections 50 and 52
of Chapter 246 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989,
the *Labour Standards Code***

1 The table in subsection 4(3) of the *Minimum Wage Order (Construction and Property Maintenance)*, N.S. Reg. 202/2003, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2003-507 dated November 28, 2003, is amended by

- (a) striking out the row beginning with “April 1, 2015”; and
- (b) adding the following rows immediately after the last row:

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| April 1, 2026 | \$16.75 |
| October 1, 2026 | \$17.00 |

2 Subsection 4(5) of the regulations is amended by striking out “2025” and substituting “2027”.

N.S. Reg. 268/2025

Minimum Wage Order (Logging and Forest Operations)—amendment

Schedule “C”

**Amendment to the *Minimum Wage Order (Logging and Forest Operations)*
made by the Governor in Council under Sections 50 and 52
of Chapter 246 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989,
the *Labour Standards Code***

1 The table in subsection 5(3) of the *Minimum Wage Order (Logging and Forest Operations)*, N.S. Reg. 5/1999, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 1999-56 dated February 17, 1999, is amended by

- (a) striking out the row beginning with “April 1, 2025”; and
- (b) adding the following rows immediately after the last row:

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| April 1, 2026 | Time Workers | \$16.75 per hour |
| | Other Workers | \$3293.05 per month |
| October 1, 2026 | Time Workers | \$17.00 per hour |
| | Other Workers | \$3342.20 per month |

2 Subsection 5(5) of the regulations is amended by striking out “2025” and substituting “2027”.

N.S. Reg. 269/2025

Made: December 1, 2025

Filed: December 1, 2025

Short-term Rentals Registration Regulations—amendment

Order in Council 2025-358 dated December 1, 2025

Amendment to regulations made by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Section 6 of the *Short-term Rentals Registration Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Housing dated October 30, 2025, and pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2019, the *Short-term Rentals Registration Act*, is pleased to amend the *Short-term Rentals Registration Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 158/2024, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2024-303 dated August 6, 2024, to amend definitions, add administrative penalties, indicate that full payment of the annual registration tax is required, and make changes to the requirements for host registration applications and the terms and conditions of registration, in the manner set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after December 1, 2025.

Schedule "A"

**Amendment to the *Short-term Rentals Registration Regulations*
made by the Governor in Council under Section 6
of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2019,
the *Short-term Rentals Registration Act***

- 1 Subsection 2(1) of the *Short-term Rentals Registration Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 158/2024, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2024-303 dated August 6, 2024, is amended by
- (a) repealing the definition of "commercial short-term rental host" and substituting the following definition:
- "commercial short-term rental host" means a person who offers short-term rentals of 1 of the following that is not their primary residence:
- (i) a dwelling unit that they own or that is a condominium unit as defined in the *Condominium Act*,
- (ii) a room or rooms as separate accommodation in a dwelling unit that they own or that is a condominium unit as defined in the *Condominium Act*;
- (b) adding the following definition where it belongs in alphabetical order:
- "operating" means any of the following:
- (i) advertising the availability of accommodations,
- (ii) accepting or maintaining reservations for accommodations,
- (iii) providing accommodations in exchange for payment;
- (c) in the definition of "personal vacation home",
- (i) striking out the semicolon at the end of subclause (v) and substituting a comma, and
- (ii) adding the following subclause immediately after subclause (v):
- (vi) it is the only dwelling owned by the owner that meets the criteria described in subclauses (i) to (v);
- (d) in the definition of "unusual lodging", adding ", cabin, guest suite adjoining unrelated businesses" immediately after "bunkie".
- 2 (1) Subclause 6(1)(f)(v) of the regulations is repealed and the following subclause substituted:
- (v) any other form of documentation acceptable to the Minister;
- (2) Clause 6(1)(g) of the regulations is amended by adding "as defined in the *Condominium Act*" immediately after "condominium unit".
- 3 (1) Clause 7(1)(g) of the regulations is repealed and the following clause substituted:

- (g) if the property is a condominium unit as defined in the *Condominium Act*, 1 of the following:
 - (i) for a property not owned by the applicant, written consent for the applicant to register under the Act from the property owner and the condo board,
 - (ii) for a property owned by the applicant, written consent for the applicant to register under the Act from the condo board;
- (2) Section 7 of the regulations is further amended by adding the following subsection immediately after subsection (2):
 - (3) An application for registration as a commercial short-term rental host described in subsection (1) may be approved by the Minister only if the dwelling unit that is the subject of the application is
 - (a) owned by the applicant; or
 - (b) a condominium unit as defined in the *Condominium Act*.
- 4 (1) Subclause 8(1)(g)(v) of the regulations is repealed and the following subclause substituted:
 - (v) any other form of documentation acceptable to the Minister;
- (2) Clause 8(1)(k) of the regulations is amended by adding “as defined in the *Condominium Act*” immediately after “condominium unit”.
- 5 Subsection 10(1) of the regulations is amended by
 - (a) striking out the period at the end of clause (e) and substituting a semicolon; and
 - (b) adding the following clause immediately after clause (e):
 - (f) for a person whose mailing address is not in the Province, they must provide the contact information and address of an office or representative located in the Province to the Minister and agree that all documents sent to the office or representative are deemed to have been received by them.
- 6 Subsection 12(1) of the regulations is amended by adding “in each whole or partial registration year in which the whole home primary residence short-term rental host is a registrant” immediately after “\$50”.
- 7 Subsection 13(2) of the regulations is amended by adding “in each whole or partial registration year in which the commercial short-term rental host is a registrant” immediately after “tax”.
- 8 Subsection 14(1) of the regulations is amended by adding “in each whole or partial registration year in which the traditional tourist accommodation host is a registrant” immediately after “tax”.
- 9 The regulations are further amended by adding the following Sections immediately after Section 18:

Administrative penalty

- 19 (1)** The Minister may require a person who does any of the following to pay an administrative penalty by serving a notice of administrative penalty on the person:
- (a) contravenes a provision of the Act or these regulations;

- (b) fails to comply with any of the following made by the Minister under the Act or these regulations:
 - (i) a decision,
 - (ii) an order,
 - (iii) a demand;
 - (c) fails to comply with the terms and conditions of their registration that are imposed under the Act and these regulations;
 - (d) gives false or misleading information to an inspector appointed by the Minister under subsection 4A(1) of the Act or a Registrar appointed by the Minister under subsection 4(1).
- (2)** A notice of administrative penalty served on a person under subsection (1) must be in writing and contain all of the following information:
- (a) the name of the person on whom the administrative penalty is imposed;
 - (b) the provision of the Act or these regulations that was contravened and resulted in the administrative penalty;
 - (c) the details of the contravention of the Act or these regulations that resulted in the administrative penalty;
 - (d) the amount of the administrative penalty;
 - (e) when and how the administrative penalty must be paid;
 - (f) the process for filing an appeal of the administrative penalty.

Service of notice of administrative penalty

- 20 (1)** A notice of administrative penalty is deemed to have been served on a person if it is
- (a) delivered personally to the person; or
 - (b) sent by electronic means, courier or registered mail to any of the following:
 - (i) the person's last known address,
 - (ii) the person's last known business address,
 - (iii) the person's usual place of residence,
 - (iv) the person's office or representative in the Province, as described in clause 10(1)(f).
- (2)** If a notice of administrative penalty is sent by
- (a) electronic means, it is deemed to have been served on the person on the date it is transmitted;

- (b) courier, it is deemed to have been served on the person on the date it is delivered to the courier; and
 - (c) registered mail, it is deemed to have been served on the person on the date it is mailed.
- (3) A notice of administrative penalty must be served no more than 2 years from the date of the performance of the act for which the administrative penalty is imposed.

Amount of administrative penalty

21 (1) The amount of an administrative penalty is as follows:

- (a) for a first offence, \$2000;
 - (b) for a second offence, \$4000;
 - (c) for a third or subsequent offence, \$8000.
- (2) For the purposes of this Section, an offence committed under the Act or these regulations by a person is considered to be the first offence committed under the Act or these regulations by the person if the notice of administrative penalty for the offence is served 3 or more years after the dates of the services of notices of administrative penalty for all previous offences committed under the Act or these regulations by the person.

Cancellation of administrative penalty

- 22** (1) The Minister may cancel an administrative penalty imposed on a person by the service of a notice of administrative penalty and instead enter into an agreement with the person.
- (2) An agreement made under subsection (1) may reduce or cancel an administrative penalty, subject to any terms and conditions the Minister considers necessary or desirable.
- (3) An agreement made under subsection (1) must specify when the terms and conditions imposed by the Minister as part of the agreement under subsection (2) must be met.
- (4) If the person with whom the Minister enters into an agreement under subsection (1) fails to meet the terms and conditions imposed by the Minister as part of the agreement under subsection (2) by the date specified in subsection (3), they must pay the administrative penalty
- (a) specified in the notice of administrative penalty served on them; and
 - (b) on the date they failed to meet the terms and conditions imposed by the Minister as part of the agreement under subsection (2).

Appeal of administrative penalty

- 23** (1) A person may appeal an administrative penalty by filing a notice of appeal in the form prescribed by the Deputy Minister of the Department with the Deputy Minister of the Department or Associate Deputy Minister of the Department no more than 30 days after the date the notice of administrative penalty is served on them.
- (2) The Deputy Minister of the Department or Associate Deputy Minister of the Department must decide to revoke, decrease or confirm an administrative penalty no more than 30 business days after the date a notice of appeal is filed regarding the administrative penalty.

Payment of administrative penalty

- 24** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a person who is served a notice of administrative penalty must pay the administrative penalty no more than 60 days after the date the notice of administrative penalty is served on them.
- (2) An administrative penalty that is appealed under subsection 23(1) must be paid
- (a) only if the Deputy Minister of the Department or Associate Deputy Minister of the Department decides that the administrative penalty must be paid; and
 - (b) if clause (a) applies, no more than 30 days after the date the Deputy Minister of the Department or Associate Deputy Minister of the Department makes a decision about the appeal.

Failure to pay administrative penalty

- 25** If an administrative penalty is not paid by a person who is served a notice of administrative penalty by the deadlines described in Section 24, the amount of the administrative penalty is a debt due to the Crown in right of Nova Scotia.

Administrative penalty does not relieve person from duty to comply

- 26** A person must continue to comply with the Act and these regulations after any of the following occurs:
- (a) they are served a notice of administrative penalty;
 - (b) they pay an administrative penalty.