

Updates

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

The FRPA Review Office is excited to embark on the next round of FRPA Reviews. Please refer to the review schedule below. I would like to begin planning for the next group of reviews (this Summer/Fall). If you wish to volunteer please email the Review Officer at reviewofficer@gov.ns.ca

Annual Data entries for 2014 must be entered by February 15, 2015. To access the database go to <http://frpa.novascotia.ca/>. If you have forgotten your login and password contact the Review Officer to have it reset.

Most FRPA activities and projects have relied on support from Federal International Qualification Recognition (IQR) funding – a three year Federal/Provincial agreement that ended in March 2014. Nova Scotia's 2015-18 proposal has been approved by ESDC and work on a new agreement is underway. Once an agreement is signed a call for IQR proposals will go out.

Review Schedule

The following regulatory bodies are scheduled for their FRPA Reviews starting late January early February.

- Nova Scotia Dietetic Association
- Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists
- Nova Scotia Teacher's Certification
- Nova Scotia Securities Commission
- Registered Professional Foresters Association of Nova Scotia

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Capacity Building

The FRPA Review Office is in the process of planning capacity building activities for 2015. The Baseline Survey of 2012 identified areas where regulatory bodies wanted to gain greater expertise including:

- Conducting appeals
- Verification of documents
- Assessment of skills
- Cultural competence
- Using plain language
- Assessment of applications
- Chapter 7 of the AIT

In order to ensure that useful training continues to be provided, please forward suggestions for training to reviewofficer@gov.ns.ca

Breakfast Meeting

For the next Breakfast meeting, please join us...

Through the Multi-stakeholder Work Groups, Nova Scotia has taken a unique collaborative approach to addressing the complex challenges of international qualifications recognition. Over the years, we've made a lot of progress and on **Wednesday, February 4 from 8:00 – 10:00 am**, we're holding a Best Practices Forum to share some of the accomplishments & initiatives resulting from the work groups. This early morning session will provide an opportunity for "cross-pollination" of ideas & strategies across the ten active work groups.

It will take the place of the usual FRPA breakfast meeting at the Best Western Chocolate Lake and breakfast will be served!

Attendance is limited to room capacity. If you wish to attend please **RSVP to reviewofficer@gov.ns.ca by Friday, January 23.**

Conferences

Nova Scotia will be part of a workshop, entitled Immigrant Access to Regulated Professions and Trades in Canada: Provincial Perspectives on the Impact of Fair Access Legislation, at the 2015 National Metropolis Conference. For more information on this conference visit: <http://www.metropolisconference.ca/>

Upcoming Events

Scheduled Breakfast Meetings – February 4, April 1 & June 3

2015 FRPA Reviews

Nova Scotia Dietetic Association

Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists

Registered Professional Foresters Association of Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia Securities Commission

Nova Scotia Teacher's Certification

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Career Pathway Loan Fund

This fund is a community-based partnership that assists internationally trained immigrants with microloans to overcome financial barriers in becoming licensed to practice and entering the workforce in their occupations or related field. For more information go to:

<http://www.isans.ca/employment/for-immigrants/career-pathway-loan-project/>