

Updates

Fair Registration Practices Act (FRPA) reviews are currently underway and will wrap up late April. I will be in contact with the next group to be reviewed in the coming weeks. Additionally, those who completed the pilot review (2013) will be contacted to discuss the content of their next FRPA report.

Annual data entries for 2014 were due February 15, 2015 and there are still a number outstanding. If you are having difficulty submitting this information please contact reviewofficer@gov.ns.ca

Most FRPA activities and projects have relied on support from Federal Foreign Qualification Recognition (FQR) funding – a three year Federal/Provincial agreement that ended in March 2014. A new agreement for 2015-18 will soon be signed. Following that a request for IQR proposals will go out. Stay tuned.

Review Schedule

The following regulatory bodies are currently going through the FRPA review process:

- 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
- Nova Scotia Real Estate Commission

A number of priority occupations have been identified for the fall review; however If you wish to volunteer please email reviewofficer@gov.ns.ca

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

The next Breakfast Meeting will take place on Wednesday April 1, 2015 from 8am-10am at the Best Western Chocolate Lake.

This Breakfast Meeting will focus on a roundtable discussion of promising practices and issues faced by regulatory bodies in Nova Scotia. Please send me some items for discussion prior to this meeting.



Please RSVP (reviewofficer@gov.ns.ca) on or before March 20th as space is limited.

Conferences

2015 National Metropolis Conference

March 26-28, 2015 at the Sheraton Wall Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia

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/>

2015 FRPA Reviews

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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/>