



## Greetings from the FRPA Review Office!

The 2015-2016 FRPA Annual Report will soon be tabled in the NS legislature. The Annual Data that Nova Scotia regulators provide to the FRPA Review Office enables us to identify progress made and areas for improvement. We used the data from 2015 to develop a high level, baseline analysis of registration practices in Nova Scotia and look forward to sharing the results.

The Review Office has initiated a review of the FRPA legislation as required by the Act, as well as an evaluation of the policies, processes and programs that support its implementation. NS regulators will receive an update on the project at the upcoming FRPA breakfast meeting (Sept. 27, 2017) and be consulted throughout planning and implementation phases. The goal of the review of the legislation and program evaluation, is to assess the implementation and impact of the Act and ensure fair-access legislation in Nova Scotia is effectively achieving government's goals.

The Conference Board of Canada's (CBOC) report on Canadian immigration governance — "A New Era: Canadian Immigration Governance in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" — has just been released and is attached to the FRPA Newsletter. The report asks: which immigration responsibilities are better being managed by the federal government, provinces and territories? What are the benefits and challenges of Canada's shared approach to selecting and settling immigrants? CBOC's answers to these questions may (or may not!) surprise you.

Did you know that Halifax is featured in World Education Services' (WES) *Global Talent Bridge Newsletter*? For more information and to subscribe, go to:  
<http://www.wes.org/ca/gtb/newsletter/2016-8/article-halifax.asp>

## FRPA Breakfast Meetings

**The next FRPA Breakfast Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27** at DASC (Dartmouth Adult Services Centre, Burnside), from 8-10am. The feature presentation will highlight "Risk-free" initiatives in Nova Scotia, including observerships, work placements and mentorships to the Greater Halifax Partnership's connector program, which help internationally educated professionals transition into practicing their profession in Nova Scotia and support them as they become integrated into the provincial labour force.

**Please RSVP** and communicate dietary concerns by email to Debbie Murphy in Adult Education:  
[debbie.murphy@novascotia.ca](mailto:debbie.murphy@novascotia.ca)

## Upcoming Events

Canadian Network of Agencies for Regulation (CNAR) Conference 2017. October 2-4, 2017, Halifax Harbourfront Marriot Hotel, Halifax, NS.



2017 Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Symposium. November 21-22, 2017, NSCC Akerley Campus (Dartmouth). Check out the website for more information, including uploaded presentations from last years' event, and stay tuned for updates on the 2017 Symposium and call for presenters  
[www.rplsymposium.ca](http://www.rplsymposium.ca)



## Labour Mobility and International Qualification Recognition (IQR) Update

The Mobility & Qualification Recognition Working Group is preparing resource documents to support the transition from the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) to the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA), which will come into effect on July 1, 2017. While there are no significant differences in new Chapter 7 of the CFTA, the working group will provide a summary of the changes as well as update the current resources, including:

- Guide to Chapter 7 for Regulatory Authorities
- Chapter 7 Checklist for Regulators
- Labour Mobility Brochure for workers
- CFTA/AIT website

The current Acting Labour Mobility Coordinator, Melinda MacIsaac, has accepted a new position as an Adult Education Coordinator in the Adult Education Division of LAE. Labour Mobility Support will be provided by Diane Gordon, Manager of RPL & LM, until the return of Labour Mobility Coordinator Kaitlin Ashley. Diane can be reached via email: [diane.gordon@novascotia.ca](mailto:diane.gordon@novascotia.ca)

## Multi-stakeholder Work Group Update

The Multi-stakeholder Work Group initiative continues to support implementation of the FRPA and engage all key stakeholders in a collective effort toward fair recognition of international qualifications. The synergy created at multi-stakeholder tables frequently leads to new ideas and innovation. Currently, there are projects being incubated, seeking funding, ready to launch or almost completed in the fields of: Teaching; Nursing; Social Work; Engineering; Dietetics and the Dentistry Professions. Projects include online orientation, resource compendiums, observership programs and others.

Most work groups have met recently with a number scheduled for over the summer, including Law, Medical Lab Technology, Dentistry Professions, Architecture and Engineering.

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## Action Items

- **2016 FRPA ANNUAL DATA SUBMISSIONS WERE DUE ON MARCH 18, 2017.** Regulators who have not submitted data will be notified by the FRPA Review Office. Please follow the link below to access the survey: <http://frpa.novascotia.ca/>
- The RPL & Labour Mobility Unit has a Call for Proposals for 2017-2018 Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Program Funding. For more information, contact [Mary.Goya@novascotia.ca](mailto:Mary.Goya@novascotia.ca) and go to:  
<http://novascotia.ca/lae/RplLabourMobility/>

## FRPA Ad Hoc Advisory Work Group

### Regulatory Body Representation

- Kara MacGregor, Principle, MAC Interior Design
- Jaqueline Mullenger, Director, Education & Credentials, Nova Scotia Barrister's Society
- Richard Sharpe, Manager, Client Services, Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency
- Jeremy Brown, Registrar/Director, Teacher Certification
- Cathy Rose, College of Registered Nurses, Policy Consultant
- Martin Gillis, Registrar, Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia
- Patti Towler, CEO/Chief Legal Officer, Chartered Professional Accountants of Nova Scotia
- Dana Sharkey, Executive Director, Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia
- Bruce Holmes, Executive Director, Nova Scotia Regulated Health Professions Network
- Frank Richardson, Registrar, Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association

### Government Representation

- Diane Gordon, Manager, RPL & LM Unit, LAE
- Rachel Henderson, Director of Strategic Policy and External Relations, Nova Scotia Office of Immigration
- Michelle MacDonald, Senior Legislative Policy Analyst, Department of Health and Wellness
- Melinda MacIsaac, Acting Labour Mobility Coordinator, RPL & LM Unit, LAE

## Learning & Development

The Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials (CICIC) has developed a *Competency Profile for an Academic Credential Assessor*. A competency profile comprises all the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that need to be integrated to be able to assess academic credentials. For more information, go to:

<https://www.cicic.ca/1532/Identify-key-competencies-of-an-academic-credential-assessor/index.canada>



## Links

- [FRPA Review Office](#)
- [RPL and Labour Mobility Unit](#)
- [Forum of Labour Market Ministers \(FLMM\)](#)
- [Multi-stakeholder Work Groups Initiative](#)
- [Nova Scotia Office of Immigration \(NSOI\)](#)
- [Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia \(ISANS\)](#)
- [Nova Scotia START](#)
- [Careers Nova Scotia](#)
- [World Education Services \(see esp. WES Resources\)](#)

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