

# Department of Business

## Responsibilities

The Department of Business leads and aligns government efforts behind a common agenda for inclusive economic growth, ensuring economic conditions in which businesses can thrive and all Nova Scotians can participate and benefit. The department focuses on strategic priorities and opportunities that encourage Nova Scotia's innovation, competitiveness, entrepreneurship, and export orientation. In particular, the department concentrates on key sectors that represent a competitive or comparative advantage for Nova Scotia that will create opportunities for enterprises and entrepreneurship to thrive and lead to the export of more products and services. The department works in all regions of the province, in clusters with private businesses, social enterprises, and institutions.

To achieve government's mandate, the department collaborates with its Crown agencies, key partners in other levels of government, entrepreneurs, large businesses, postsecondary institutions, venture capital investors, and Nova Scotians to create a dynamic environment for businesses to succeed. Working together, reinforcing each other's activities, creates a stronger, collective impact that can realize the province's inclusive economic growth objectives. Finally, the department supports the Minister of Business in overseeing and aligning on a common inclusive economic growth agenda with agencies for which the Minister is assigned responsibility, including:

- Develop Nova Scotia
- Halifax Convention Centre Corporation (Events East Group)
- Innovacorp
- Invest Nova Scotia
- Nova Scotia Business Inc.
- Tourism Nova Scotia

## Legislation

Acts administered by the Department of Business as of July 2019:

- *Accountability in Economic Assistance Act*
- *Bowater Mersey Pulp and Paper Investment (2011) Act*
- *Develop Nova Scotia Act*
- *Halifax Convention Centre Act*

- *Halifax-Dartmouth Port Development Commission Act*
- *Industrial Loan Act*
- *Innovation Corporation Act*
- *Internal Trade Agreement Implementation Act*
- *Invest Nova Scotia Act*
- *Nova Scotia Business Incorporated Act*
- *Nova Scotia Jobs Fund Act*
- *Peggy's Cove Commission Act*
- *Tourism Nova Scotia Act*
- *Tourist Accommodations Act* (repealed but repeal not yet proclaimed in force)
- *Tourist Accommodations Registration Act* (not proclaimed in force, no designated Minister but Minister of Business put it forward)
- *Venture Corporations Act*

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