

Department of Environment and Labour

Adjudicative Board Selection Criteria

ADJUDICATIVE BOARD		Environmental Assessment Board
1	Statute	<i>Environment Act</i> Environmental Assessment Regulations Environmental Assessment Board Regulations
2	Purpose	The purpose of the Nova Scotia Environmental Assessment Board is to conduct independent reviews or hearings on environmental assessments or other matters referred to the Board by the Minister of Environment and Labour and provide recommendations to the Minister. The Minister is the decision-maker in all cases.
3	Functions	The function of the Nova Scotia Environmental Assessment Board is advise the Minister of Environment and Labour environmental assessments or other environmental matters referred to the Board.
4	Composition	To be determined.
5	Formal Qualifications	None.
6	Work & Experience Requirements	Members must have knowledge or expertise in environmental, economic, industrial, business, social, cultural, heritage, or human health matters. Chair should (but not required) have experience appearing before or acting on administrative boards or tribunals.
7	Skills Required	All Members must have a good knowledge of the <i>Environment Act</i> , Environmental Assessment Regulations and Environmental Assessment Board Regulations; and have a practical understanding of environmental assessment in Nova Scotia. In addition all members must have good oral and written communication skills, and an ability to make reasoned and balanced recommendations. An individual interested in the position as Chair should also have excellent leadership abilities with experience appearing before or acting on boards or tribunals and proven accomplishments in negotiation, problem solving and leading groups to bring about consensus decisions.
8	Statutory Nomination Requirements	Governor in Council appointments.
9	Traditional Nomination Requirements	To be determined.

10	Remuneration	The Chairs are remunerated at a rate of \$400 per day plus any expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of a Chair's duties. Members are remunerated at the rate of \$150 per day plus any expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.
11	Anticipated Time Commitments	These are part time positions and the time commitment will vary depending on the number of environmental assessments and the complexity of issues before the Board. Hearings and meetings are usually conducted during business hours, but maybe held during evenings and weekends. Members may be expected to travel for short periods throughout the Province. Members may also be expected to attend training sessions at least once per year. Designation of members to sit on an Panel hearing any particular case is done on an ad hoc basis. Hearings usually last one to three days, but may be of a longer duration.
12	Other Notes	None.