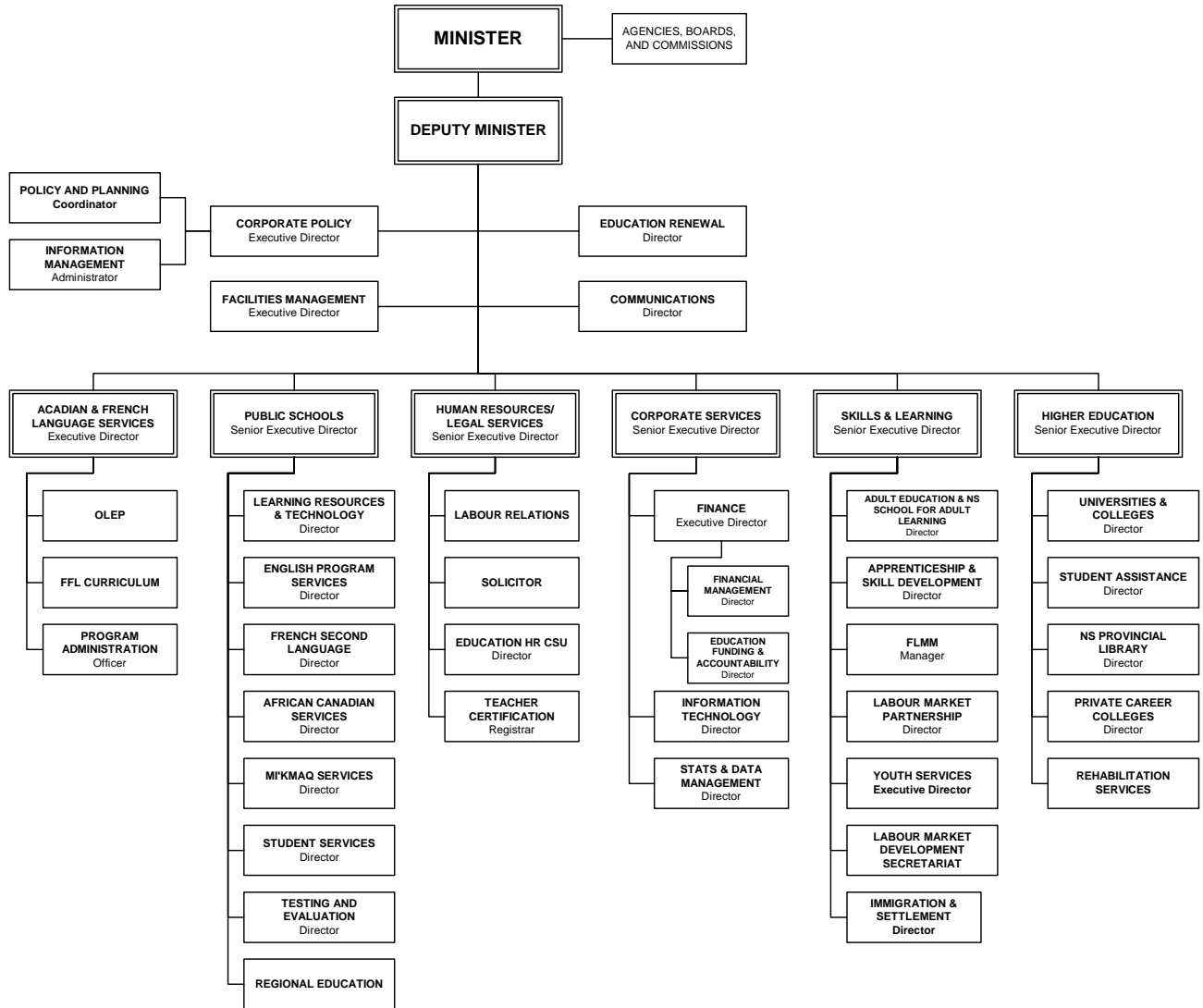


# Department of Education



## Responsibilities

### **PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH**

This branch comprises African Canadian Services, English Program Services, French Second Language Services, Learning Resources and Technology, Mi'kmaq Services, Regional Education, Student Services, and Testing and Evaluation. It is responsible for all education programs and services for the English language public school system, testing and evaluation, educational technology and school board liaison.

### **ACADIAN AND FRENCH LANGUAGE SERVICES BRANCH**

The Acadian and French Language Services Branch monitors and approves curriculum development for French first language education. The branch negotiates and co-ordinates activities related to federal-provincial funding agreements for French first and second language education in Nova Scotia. This branch also advises the Deputy Minister and Minister on all matters related to French first language issues in the province.

### **HIGHER EDUCATION BRANCH**

This branch comprises Universities and Colleges Liaison, the Nova Scotia Advisory Board on Colleges and Universities, Student Financial Assistance, Private Career Colleges, Rehabilitation Programs and Services, and the Provincial Library. This branch promotes access to advanced education and knowledge for Nova Scotia in partnership with post-secondary institutions and regional public libraries.

### **SKILLS AND LEARNING BRANCH**

This branch comprises Adult Education, Apprenticeship and Skill Development, Immigration and Settlement, Labour Market Partnerships, Youth Services, Provincial Apprenticeship Board, Forum of Labour Market Ministers' (FLMM) Secretariat, FLMM - Labour Market Information Secretariat and Labour Market Development Secretariat. It co-ordinates Skills Nova Scotia, the province's labour market development strategy. It also works collaboratively with a range of government, industry, labour, business, community, and education partners to design, implement, and evaluate, policies, programs, and services that support learning and skill development at home, at work, and in the community.

### **CORPORATE POLICY BRANCH**

This branch comprises Policy and Planning and Information Management. It is responsible for providing advice and support in policy, planning, legislation, research, coordination, and information services to all areas of the department. This branch focuses on ensuring the department has clear, achievable and appropriate policies in place, decisions are based on high quality research undertaken to address current and emerging issues, the business planning and budgeting processes are integrated, and the accountability requirements of the department are met.

### **CORPORATE SERVICES BRANCH**

This branch comprises Financial Management, Education Funding and Accountability, Information Technology and Statistics and Data Management. It is responsible for the delivery of business and support services to the department including: financial management and comptrollership responsibilities, information technology, the province-wide delivery of data communications, and the management of educational related data and statistics. This branch is also responsible for providing selected services to school boards including co-ordination of pupil transportation with school boards.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES & LEGAL SERVICES**

This branch supports activities associated with the move to single-tier collective bargaining, maximizes the value of dollars spent for legal advice, supports school boards in addressing current and emerging issues, enhances effective human resource planning in the education system, provides teacher certification and classification functions, and delivers the full range of comprehensive human resource services and strategic advice necessary to support the department's business objectives. It is part of a corporate services unit which also provides human resource services to other departments.

### **COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE**

Communications provides communication support for government and department programs, policies and initiatives. This includes communications planning, issues management, media relations, special events, stakeholder communications and promotion and marketing.

## Acts Administered

- Acadia University Act
- Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act
- Atlantic Institute of Education Act
- Atlantic School of Theology Act
- Community Colleges Act
  - Part I – Collège de l'Acadie
  - Part II – Nova Scotia Community College
- Cosmetology Act
- Dalhousie College and University Act
- Dalhousie-Technical University Amalgamation Act
- Degree Granting Act
- Education Act
- Education Amendments (1994) Act
- Education Assistance Act
- Educational Communications Agency Act
- Handicapped Persons' Education Act
- Hospital Education Assistance Act
- Libraries Act
- Maritime Provinces Higher Education (Nova Scotia) Act
- Mi'kmaq Education Act
- Mount Saint Vincent University Act
- Nova Scotia College of Art and Design Act
- Nova Scotia School Boards Association Act
- Nova Scotia Teachers College Foundation Act
- Private Career Colleges Regulation Act
- Registered Barbers Act
- St. Francis Xavier University Act
- Saint Mary's University Act
- School Loan Fund Act
- Southwestern Nova Scotia Community College Act
- Student Aid Act
- Teachers' Collective Bargaining Act
- Teaching Profession Act
- Universities Assistance Act

- *Université Sainte-Anne Act*
- *University Foundations Act*
- *University College of Cape Breton Act*
- *University of Kings College Act*

