

## **Call for Expression of Interest for Public Representatives to Serve on the Nova Scotia Regulator of Dental Hygiene, Dental Technology, and Denturism's Fitness-to-Practise Committee**

The Nova Scotia Regulator of Dental Hygiene, Dental Technology, and Denturism (NSRDHDTD) is inviting interested members of the public to apply to serve on its Fitness-to-Practise Committee. This committee plays an essential role in upholding the regulatory body's public protection mandate under the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA).

The **Fitness-to-Practise Committee** is a statutory committee that assesses capacity-related concerns, where the Registrar deems the registrant is eligible and the registrant agrees to participate in the fitness to practice process.

### **Application Criteria:**

No experience is required, and training will be provided.

It is important that committee members represent the public interest in their role on statutory committees. For this reason, individuals applying to serve on this committee should be willing to make themselves familiar with relevant legislation including:

- The [Regulated Health Professions Act](#)
- The [General Regulations of the RHPA](#)
- The [Dental Hygiene, Dental Technology, and Denturism Regulations](#)
- The [By-Laws of the NSRDHDTD](#)

Pursuant to the RHPA, applicants for public representative positions on the Fitness-to-Practise Committee **cannot**:

- Be current NSRDHDTD Board members.
- Be current registrants of any regulated health profession.
- Be former registrants of dental hygiene, dental technology, or denturism.

Individuals applying to serve on a statutory committee will be required to:

- Complete an application. They are encouraged to self-identify as a member of any equity-deserving groups to which they belong. This information will be carefully compared to an established competency matrix and used to fill in any gaps in equity, diversity, inclusion, or skills areas of the committee that were previously identified as needing representation to most effectively operate in the public interest.
- Provide a brief cover letter outlining the reasons they are looking to serve on the committee they have applied for.
- Disclose any perceived or potential conflicts of interest that exist or may arise as a result of participating in their committee work.

- Attend an interview (virtual, telephone, or in-person) with the Registrar, Chair of the applicable committee, Board Executive member, or any combination of these.

**Terms of Appointment:**

Fitness-to-Practise Committee members hold office for three to five-years as directed by the Board, and are eligible for reappointment for a second consecutive term.

Public representatives applying to serve on a statutory committee are expected to complete an orientation process, and to attend all committee meetings.

Meeting frequency will vary depending on how many matters may be referred to it, but will meet at least once annually.

All positions on statutory committees are volunteer positions, however, expenses related to participation and attendance in committee work is reimbursed in accordance with an established expense policy.

**To Apply:**

Please complete the [application](#), including conflict of interest attestation, and return it to:

- Stacy Bryan, Registrar
- Email: [registrar@oralhealthns.ca](mailto:registrar@oralhealthns.ca)
- Mailing Address: 202-1597 Bedford Hwy., Bedford, NS B4A 1E7