



## NSBEP Email Update for Registrants

Welcome to the most recent update from NSBEP.

This is a regular update on matters relevant to registrants. As registrants are expected to stay informed on policies, guidelines, and practice-related issues, please review the following.

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### NSBEP AGM

As previously noted, join us for the Board's Annual General Meeting on November 21, 2025, at 12:00 PM AST—virtually via Zoom. All registrants are welcome! We'll send the meeting link and Annual Report ahead of time.

### Update on Migration to the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA)

We're nearing the home stretch of our shift to the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA), with the Government of Nova Scotia projecting NSBEP's full integration by November 24, 2025. This step forward will streamline and update how we regulate the profession—without altering day-to-day practice for individual psychologists in Nova Scotia. Instead, the focus is on evolving our governing processes, such as boosting accountability through enhanced oversight, expanded staff responsibilities, and reporting to the province—aligning with provincial directives like increased government oversight and mandatory organizational disclosures that all regulated health profession regulators must implement to uphold public protection standards.

### Key Developments:

**Profession-specific Regulations on Track:** Working closely with the Department of Health and Wellness, NSBEP has wrapped up the draft of our profession-specific regulations, now handed off to the Government for their final review and sign-off. A routine embargo tied to the RHPA process means we can't distribute them just yet, though they will be shared once this restriction is lifted. In the meantime, dive into the core RHPA documents here:

RHPA (Act): [https://nslegislature.ca/sites/default/files/legc/statutes/regulated\\_health\\_professions.pdf](https://nslegislature.ca/sites/default/files/legc/statutes/regulated_health_professions.pdf)

RHPA (General Regulations):  
<https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/rhpgeneral.htm>

Our regulatory materials have cleared legal scrutiny and earned preliminary endorsement from the sitting Board—common practice for every group making this change. The new RHPA Board will deliver the ultimate approval once we're live, keeping everything on smooth rails. For added continuity, under Section 9 of the RHPA, our current Board will serve as the initial post-migration Board for up to 12 months, bridging the transition seamlessly.

### **What's Changing Under RHPA?**

To give you a clearer picture, here's a snapshot of the key operational shifts ahead. These will reshape how we govern while keeping your work unaffected:

- **New Identity:** We expect to transition to the Nova Scotia Regulator of Psychology (NSRP), reflecting our place in the broader health professions landscape.
- **Board Evolution:** Moving away from a hands-on "working board" model, our governance focus will sharpen on strategic oversight—like putting in place and overseeing the process for appointing committees and shaping policies—to ensure balanced, independent decision-making.
- **Strengthened Quality Assurance:** A robust Quality Assurance process across the range of regulatory functions and annual audits, adding a layer of rigorous external validation.
- **Expanded Committee Structure:** RHPA requires seven dedicated statutory panels to address specialized matters referred to them, including registration/licensing review, complaints, professional conduct, fitness to practice, practice review, reinstatement, and appeals. Existing committees will continue to serve as their counterparts under the new legislation until new members are appointed, ensuring a smooth transition.

On top of that, we'll need to deliver a public-facing Annual Report each year to the government, covering stats on applications, complaints, committee composition, and any disciplinary actions. While our prior reports have always met standards under the Psychologists Act, we're now proactively aligning with the RHPA's enhanced framework—adopting the template from the Nova Scotia Regulated Health Professions Network (NSRHPN), the standard for migrated regulators. Ahead of migration, our latest report (covering July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025) uses this format, and it will guide the one we'll share soon.

Got questions? Reach out to the NSBEP office anytime.

### **NSBEP Website and Resources**

Registrants are encouraged to visit [nsbep.org](https://nsbep.org) regularly for updates on developments, legislation, standards, guidelines, and news releases. The site includes tailored FAQs that are updated as common questions arise, along with an archive of past Email Updates in the [Information for Registrants](#) section.

Maintain accuracy in the Directory of Psychologists to assist the public and professionals. Use the Registrants Login (upper right on the site) to access the Registrant Portal for self-serve functions, such as renewing registration, updating contact information, obtaining a Confirmation of Registration document, or paying fees. Suggestions for website improvements are welcome.

### **Keeping Your Contact Information Current**

NSBEP prioritizes timely communication with registrants. Per Board policy and provincial legislation, you must update your primary mailing address, phone number, and email

within 30 days of any change. Both a mailing address and email are required. Thank you for helping us stay connected!

Best regards,

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