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**For Immediate Release**

**Election Nova Scotia Seeking Applicants for Returning Officer Positions:  
*9 Information Sessions Scheduled***

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(Halifax, NS) – May 28, 2012. Elections Nova Scotia has announced that it will conduct a merit-based competition for returning officers for all of the province’s electoral districts this summer.

Under the *Elections Act*, the delineation of new provincial electoral district boundaries leads to a merit-based competition and selection of returning officers across the province. The Electoral Boundaries Commission is scheduled to file a preliminary report at the end of May and its final report at the end of August.

Appointed by Nova Scotia’s chief electoral officer for a 10-year period, a provincial returning officer administers the electoral process in one of the electoral districts. The position calls for broad management experience and a variety of skills. The work is diverse, challenging and rewarding. And, by its nature, it is impartial and non-partisan.

“Starting very shortly, there will be information sessions across the province for people who express an interest in becoming a returning officer or election clerk,” said Richard Temporale, the chief electoral officer. “The sessions are scheduled to begin on June 14th in Halifax and continue across the province until June 21st.”

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Elections Nova Scotia will accept applications for the returning officer positions immediately following the information sessions and interviews of prospective returning officers and election clerks will be held in July. Successful applicants will attend training in August and September to meet the agency's election readiness date of October 15, 2012. Information sessions will be held in Halifax, Bridgewater, Yarmouth, Digby, Wolfville, Truro, Amherst, Antigonish and Sydney. For more information about the sessions and a complete schedule, visit [electionsnovascotia.ca](http://electionsnovascotia.ca) or watch and listen for notices in newspapers and radio stations in early June.

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# Returning Officer Information Sessions

Under the Elections Act, the delineation of new provincial electoral district boundaries leads to a merit-based competition and selection of returning officers across the province.

Appointed by Nova Scotia's chief electoral officer for a 10-year period, a provincial returning officer administers the electoral process in one of 52 electoral districts. The position calls for broad management experience and a variety of skills. The work is diverse, challenging and rewarding. And, by its nature, it is impartial and non-partisan.

If you would consider applying to be a returning officer and are interested in finding out more about the job, contact us at 1-800-565-1504 to register for the information session being held near you.

**HRM, June 14, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Meeting Centre, Elections Nova Scotia,  
7037 Mumford Road, Halifax

**Sydney, June 18, 6:30 - 8 p.m.**

Delta Hotel, 300 Esplanade

**Bridgewater, June 18, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Days Inn, 50 North St.

**Antigonish, June 19, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Claymore Inn, 137 Church St.

**Yarmouth, June 19, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Rodd Grand, 417 Main St.

**Amherst, June 20, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Super 8, Exit 4, Trans-Canada Highway

**Digby, June 20, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

The Digby Pines

**Truro, June 21, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Super 8, 85 Treaty Trail, Hwy 102

**Wolfville, June 21, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Old Orchard Inn

