

Get involved ! Finding your ABC fit...

What are ABCs?

Provincial agencies, boards and commissions, commonly referred to as ABCs, do important work on behalf of New Brunswickers by providing advice to government, helping ensure delivery of services to citizens and regulating key sectors of the economy.

Why serve on an ABC?

Work with like-minded people to:

- make a difference in your community
- champion a cause you're passionate about
- learn something new or hone your skills
- inform programs and policies that affect New Brunswickers

ABCs provide the opportunity to influence decisions that shape the quality of life for all New Brunswickers. Participation is one of the most effective ways citizens can contribute and have an active role in decisions that impact our communities.

Benefits of board service

Board participation has numerous rewards personally and professionally.

Gain new skills, experiences and knowledge, which are transferable to other areas of your life.

Get hands-on practice providing advice and oversight, as well as making decisions that help influence the direction and management of provincial resources.

Develop leadership muscle by honing your abilities leading and working with others.

Expand your networks by collaborating with diverse board members, who bring a broad range of insights and perspectives.

Diversity is important

Board members ensure ABCs fulfill their mandates and meet the needs of New Brunswick citizens. It's important that membership reflects the diversity of our population including individuals from all regions of the province representing our two official linguistic communities, First Nations communities, visible minority groups, persons with disabilities, etc.

Studies show that women have been underrepresented in many areas of leadership, including representation on boards. Women's involvement on boards is important as women bring:



- different knowledge and experiences broadening
- input, opinions, ideas, and approaches
- unique perspectives on the needs and views of stakeholders
- new connections

Types of ABCs

ABCs vary in size, type and mandate, including:

- **Crown Corporations** - Government-owned enterprises that operate at arm's length.
- **Tribunals** - Regulatory bodies required for licensing functions, hearing appeals, adjudicating, or making decisions.
- **Administrative** - Provide oversight of operational or managerial functions, including budgetary decisions.
- **Advisory** - Provide advice and recommendations in a variety of different areas.

Examples:



Finding the right ABC for you...

There are many provincial boards to consider offering your time and talent. Finding the right board is important to ensure a positive experience. The following will help determine your 'ABC fit'.

Ready to get involved?

- STEP 1** - Decide if board service is right for you
- STEP 2** - Discover what you're passionate about and what you want out of serving on a board
- STEP 3** - Find a board that aligns with your expectations
- STEP 4** - Ask questions and do your homework

Consider the following:

- Why do you want to serve on a board?
- How much time can you commit?
- What issues in your community concern you?
- What board activities interest you?
- What are you passionate about?
- What are your core values?
- What types of past experiences have you enjoyed?
- Do you want to build new skills or share current expertise?

Questions to ask of...

the ABC:

- What is the ABC's mission and whom does it serve?
- Are the ABC's stakeholders satisfied?
- What will my responsibilities be?
- What is required / expected of board members?
- Do you provide assistance with travel, parking, or other expenses?
- What information or support will be available to assist me to do my job as a board member?
- Does the organization have a strategic plan that is evaluated on a regular basis?
- What outcomes have your efforts produced as a board?

yourself:

- Am I committed to the mission of the ABC?
- Do I share their goals and values?
- Is the work of the organization interesting to me?
- What do I want out of this experience and will my expectations be met?
- Can I hold this position with integrity and without conflicts of interest? (business or personal)
- Am I willing to make the required investment in terms of the time, energy, and resources?
- Do I have special circumstances and will my needs be met?
- Has the board set clear and achievable goals?
- Am I comfortable with the board's reputation and track record?



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