

THE JURIES ACT, R.S.N.S., Chapter 16 of the Acts of 1998

3. Subject to Section 4, every Canadian citizen residing in the Province who has reached the age of eighteen years is qualified to serve as a juror.
4. The following people are disqualified from serving as a juror:
 - a) the Lieutenant-Governor and a member of the House of Commons or House of Assembly or the Senate of Canada;
 - b) a judge of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, the Provincial Court of Nova Scotia, the Family Court of Nova Scotia, a Justice of the Peace and an officer of any court;
 - c) a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia and an articled clerk as defined by the *Barristers and Solicitors Act*;
 - d) every person engaged in the administration of justice, including a sheriff, a warden of a penitentiary, a superintendent or officer of a correctional institution or lockup, a probation officer, a police officer, a court official, an employee of the Department of Justice or of the Solicitor General of Canada, and an employee of the Department of Justice or the Public Prosecution Service of the Province;
 - e) a person who has been convicted of a criminal offence for which the person was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of two years or more;
 - f) a person or class of persons designated by the regulations.
5.
 - (1) A Jury Co-ordinator may, in advance of trial, excuse a person from service as a juror or defer a person to a later jury panel on the basis of hardship or illness.
 - (2) A Jury Coordinator may, in advance of trial, defer a person to a later jury panel on the basis of inconvenience.
 - (3) A Judge may, in advance of or at the time of trial, excuse a person from service as a juror or defer a person to a later jury panel on the basis of hardship, illness or inconvenience.
 - (4) A Judge may excuse from serving as a juror a person whom the judge determines is unable for any reason to discharge the duties of a juror.
6.
 - (1) A person who receives a juror summons may, in advance of trial, make an application to the jury co-ordinator by using the form prescribed by the Minister to be excused from service as a juror or deferred to a later jury panel.
 - (2) Where a jury co-ordinator refuses to excuse or defer a person pursuant to subsection 5 (1) or (2), the person may apply to a judge by using the form prescribed by the Minister.

Regulations pursuant to s. 27 of the JURIES ACT

3. A person who
 - (a) is attending law school;
 - (b) has attended law school;
 - (c) is exempt under s.268 of the *National Defence Act*is disqualified from serving as a juror.

THE NATIONAL DEFENCE ACT (Canada), R.S.C., 1985, c. N-5, s. 268

268. Every officer and non-commissioned member of the reserve force on active service and every officer and non-commissioned member of the regular force and special force is exempt from serving on a jury.