UPDATE: Amendments to Civil Procedure Rules of Nova Scotia

Rule 5 – Application, Rule 49.04 – Jury Sittings Practice Memorandum 4 – Courtroom Attire

August 19, 2025

NOTE: Further to the Notice below circulated on August 6, the updated version of the official consolidated Civil Procedure Rules that incorporates the amendments approved on June 27, 2025, is now available online at https://www.courts.ns.ca/operations/rules.

Please note that the unofficial indexed version of the Rules on Qweri is currently unavailable due to technical issues. Users should refer to the official PDF version, which now includes an interactive index.

The Judges of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia have approved amendments to the Civil Procedure Rules of Nova Scotia, specifically Rule 5 – Application, Rule 49.04 – Jury Sittings, and Practice Memorandum 4 – Courtroom Attire.

The changes were approved on June 27, 2025, published in the Aug. 6, 2025, edition of the Royal Gazette, and are now in effect. The full summary of the amendments and affected forms is available online at https://www.courts.ns.ca/operations/rules/civil-procedure-rule-amendments.

Staff are in the process of incorporating these amendments into the official consolidated Rules. A notice will go out to the Bar when the updated official version is available online.

The Civil Procedure Rules of Nova Scotia govern proceedings in the province's Court of Appeal and Supreme Court. They are made and amended by the Judges under the authority of the *Judicature Act*. For more information on the Rules, Practice Directives and Practice Memorandums, please visit https://www.courts.ns.ca/operations/rules.