



Nova Scotia Chemists' Society

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The final draft of the Professional Chemistry act “An Act Respecting the Chemical Profession” was submitted to the Nova Scotia Department of Justice on Sept 13 2012. Since that time we have received no official word on its status. We have, however, heard through other sources that the government has put all similar legislation on hold pending a policy review on this type of legislation. We are continuing to use what pressure we have to get the act into the legislature. Unfortunately because of a pending election this may take still more time.

On your behalf, the NSCS has also been actively involved on the national level with the national committee *Canada's Professional Chemists*. This group is at present a standing committee of the Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC). There is now discussion to redefine its status with the CSC. What this will be is still unknown. The national committee continues to work on a number of important issues, which include

1. The professional liability insurance will soon be available. Only the details for the form need to be worked out.
2. A Mutual Recognition Agreement between the provincial professional chemists organizations is still being discussed. Issues related to differences in membership still need to be resolved.
3. The Approach to a Standardized Definition has now been adopted.
4. The Ethics course, being developed by ACPA was introduced at the Calgary CSC meeting,
5. The group continues to work to help establish professional organizations in other provinces. As of this time Saskatchewan has now set up an organization.

As we start our next fiscal year, we still need your continued support more than ever. We expect to incur additional legal and related expenses as the Act passes into law

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