

TABLE 1.1 NOVA SCOTIA GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Lead Ministry/Department	Department of Education and Early Childhood Development ^a
Related Ministry/Department	Department of Community Services ^b
ECE Supervisory Units	Early Learning and Child Care Division ^{c,d,e} Public School Program
Policy Framework	<i>Multilateral Early Learning and Child Care Framework^f</i> <i>Canada—Nova Scotia Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement^g</i>
Legislation	<i>Early Learning and Child Care Act</i> —Chapter 120 of the Revised Statutes, 1989 as amended by 2018, c. 33 ^h
Related Legislation	<i>Education Act</i> —Schedule A of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2018 as amended by 2018, c. 3, s. 36; 2019, c. 14 ⁱ <i>Ministerial Education Act Regulations</i> made under Section 97 of the <i>Education Act</i> S.N.S. 2018, c. 1, Schedule A. N.S. Reg. 59/2018 (effective April 1, 2018) amended to N.S. Reg. 81/2021 (effective May 21, 2021) ^j <i>Pre-primary Education Act</i> —Chapter 44 of the Acts of 2005 as amended by 2017, c. 14; 2018, c. 1, Sch. A, s. 138 ^k <i>Special Education Policy</i> , 2008 ^l <i>Children and Family Services Act</i> —Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1990 as amended by 1994–95, c. 7, ss. 11–15, 150; 1996, c. 3, ss. 37, 38; 1996, c. 10; 2001, c. 3, s. 4; 2002, c. 5, ss. 2, 3; 2005, c. 15; 2008, c. 12; 2015, c. 37 (except s. 33(2)); 2015, c. 44, ss. 49–52; 2018, c. 33, s. 17; 2021, c. 1, s. 4 ^m
Local Service Delivery	Pre-primary and primary programs are delivered through 7 Regional Centres for Education (RCEs) and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial school board (7 English, 1 French) ⁿ Child care is administered through the Early Learning and Child Care Division ^c at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development ^a
Community/Sector Oversight	Licensed child care facilities are required to have parent committees that vary in their structure ^o School Advisory Councils (SAC) advise individual school principals, regional centres for education (RCEs), and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP), and receive authority from the <i>Education Act</i> . ^p Council on Mi'kmaq Education ^q Council on African Canadian Education ^r Early Learning and Child Care Engagement Table ^s

^a Government of Nova Scotia. *Department of Education and Early Childhood Development*. Retrieved from: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/government/education-and-early-childhood-development>

^b Government of Nova Scotia. *Department of Community Services*. Retrieved from: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/government/community-services>

^c Government of Nova Scotia. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. *Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC)*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/earlyyears/>

^d The oversight for the delivery of pre-primary now rests with the Education Innovation, Programs and Services Branch, under Public Education. The policy framework, however, remains with the Early Learning and Child Care Division, as pre-primary adheres to the ELCC curriculum framework and classification model.

^e The Early Years Branch consists of the Early Learning and Child Care Division and the Early Years Transformation Division.

^f Government of Canada. *Multilateral Early Learning and Child Care Framework*. Retrieved from: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/early-learning-child-care/reports/2017-multilateral-framework.html>

^g Government of Canada. *Canada—Nova Scotia Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement*. Retrieved from: <https://www.canada.ca/en/early-learning-child-care-agreement/agreements-provinces-territories/nova-scotia-canada-wide-2021.html>

^h Government of Nova Scotia. *Early Learning and Child Care Act*. Retrieved from: <https://nslegislature.ca/sites/default/files/legc/statutes/early%20learning%20and%20child%20care.pdf>

ⁱ Government of Nova Scotia. *Education Act*. Retrieved from: <https://nslegislature.ca/sites/default/files/legc/statutes/education.pdf>

^j Government of Nova Scotia. *Ministerial Education Act Regulations*. Retrieved from: <https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/edmin.htm>

^k Government of Nova Scotia. *Pre-primary Education Act*. Retrieved from: <https://nslegislature.ca/sites/default/files/legc/statutes/pre-primary%20education.pdf>

^l Government of Nova Scotia. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. *Special Education Policy*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/docs/specialeducationpolicyen.pdf>

^m Government of Nova Scotia. *Children and Family Services Act*. Retrieved from: <https://nslegislature.ca/sites/default/files/legc/statutes/children%20and%20family%20services.pdf>

ⁿ Government of Nova Scotia. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. *Regional Centres for Education/CSAP*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/eeed-contacts/regional-centres-education-csap>

^o Government of Nova Scotia. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. *Early Learning and Child Care Regulations*. Retrieved from: https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/elcc.htm#TOC3_60

^p Government of Nova Scotia. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. *School Advisory Councils*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/SAC>

^q Council on Mi'kmaq Education. Retrieved from: <http://cme.ednet.ns.ca/>

^r Council on African Canadian Education. Retrieved from: <https://www.cace.ns.ca/>

^s Government of Nova Scotia. News release. May 20, 2022. "Province Creates Team to Advise on Child Care Transformation." Retrieved from: <https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20220520001>