

Nova Scotia Jurisdictional Report
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Nova Scotia continues to support the PCCAT Working Group with limited resources to devote to actions within the group. Nova Scotia agreed to support the CMEC Ministerial Statement on Credit Transfer in Canada. Post secondary institutions continue to accept more transfer credits and to research articulation agreements.

Although most of the projects of the Working Group on Credit Transfer have been put on hold, PSADM members agreed that the working group should work on a scoping paper on credit transfer, since the only cost involved would be for translation. With regard to the project on the Pan-Canadian Consortium on Admissions and Transfer it was suggested that the proposal be shared with K-12 in Alberta, since K-12 has proposed a discussion about student mobility for a future meeting of deputy ministers.

In February 2009 Nova Scotia and New Brunswick signed NEW BRUNSWICK – NOVA SCOTIA PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT on REGULATION and the ECONOMY (PARE)

which will enhance competitiveness, improve productivity, contribute to workforce development and availability and positively influence issues of mutual interest by streamlining practices, removing duplication, and harmonizing regulations and practices between the Parties. One component was the complete transferability of community college and university credits. Nova Scotia currently participates in the pan-Canadian PCCAT process, and currently lacks capacity to proceed on this issue outside of that initiative. Therefore, Nova Scotia will not be moving forward on this issue at the present time.

Overall within the jurisdiction there have been no credit transfer issues brought forward by the public or by student associations. This has resulted for resource reasons to place credit transfer as a low priority. Should this change Nova Scotia would re-evaluate the issue.