

<p style="text-align: center;">NOVA SCOTIA MENTAL HEALTH COURT PROGRAM POLICY</p>
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Re-Application to the Mental Health Court Program

Any adult (18 years or older) may make an application to the Mental Health Court Program if he or she resides in the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM). This is to ensure the Program's clinicians can do wellness checks at the client's home, should there be an urgent need to do so.

Applicants must also have a substantial connection to the HRM, which must include, but is not limited to, working or attending school in the area, and their mental health support persons and programs must be within the municipal boundaries.

The offence(s) an applicant is charged with must be within the jurisdiction of the Provincial Court. An applicant will be prohibited from making a further application to the Program on the same set of charges that were previously dealt with by the Program, except in special circumstances where additional significant and new information is available and presented through the applicant's counsel.

Former applicants and participants that make application within one year of completing their involvement with the Program will be required, through their counsel, to provide information to the Court in support of a further application.

If a former applicant or participant has not had any involvement with the Program for more than a year, then the application process will proceed in the normal course.

In all cases, the final decision of admissibility to the Mental Health Court Program rests with the team and requires the consent of the Crown attorney.