

**NOVA SCOTIA MENTAL HEALTH COURT
PROGRAM POLICY**

Re- Application to the NS Mental Health Court Program

Any adult (18 years +) may make an application to the NS MHC Program, if they have a residence and support services within the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and their matters are within the jurisdiction of the Nova Scotia Provincial Court.

An Applicant will be prohibited from making a further application to the NS MHC 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 an application within one year of completing their involvement with the NS MHC Program will be required, through their counsel, to provide information to the NS MHC Program in support of a further application.

If a Former Applicant or Participant has not had any involvement with the NS MHC Program for over a year, then the application process will proceed in the normal course.

In all cases, the final decision of admissibility to the NS MHC Program rests with the NS MHC Team and requires the consent of the Provincial Crown Attorney.