

Geographic Jurisdiction of Residential Tenancy Officers

The Residential Tenancies Act:

- Creates the position of Director of Residential Tenancies with various powers and duties; these powers and duties are then delegated to Residential Tenancy Officers;
- Creates one province-wide jurisdiction for the exercise of the powers and duties of the Director of Residential Tenancies;
- Allows the Director to hold a hearing in person, in writing or by telephone, video conference or other electronic means, or by any combination of the these

Reference:

Residential Tenancies Act: Section 18A, Section 17

Details:

Service Nova Scotia is administratively structured to have Residential Tenancy Officers serving various parts of the province. This structure is for convenience of administration.

Nothing in the *Residential Tenancies Act* limits the jurisdiction of a Residential Tenancy Officer to one particular region of the province. As a result, any Residential Tenancy Officer has the ability to investigate an Application to Director and render a decision regardless of the geographic location of the rental premises.

Procedure:

- Applications to the Director will be assigned to the next available Residential Tenancy Officer regardless of the geographic location of the parties or of the rental premises.