

Scotiabank Code of Conduct

Effective as of: November 1, 2020

Scotiabank[®]

Scotiabank Code of Conduct | Quick Links

Doing the right thing matters. Protecting the Bank, our values and our reputation requires constant vigilance.

For quick access to the most commonly referenced topics in the Code, click on the links below.

INTRODUCTION	PRINCIPLES	TOPICS	GETTING HELP OR REPORTING PROBLEMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the Code?• Code breach consequences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the law wherever Scotiabank does business. Avoid putting yourself or Scotiabank in a conflict of interest position. Conduct yourself honestly and with integrity. Respect privacy, confidentiality, and protect the integrity and security of assets, communications, information and transactions. Treat everyone fairly, equitably and professionally. Honour our commitments to the communities in which we operate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My responsibilities• Conflicts of interest• Employment outside of Scotiabank• Directorships• Gifts and entertainment• Public speaking• Confidential information• Scotiabank devices• Internet and social media• Discrimination and Harassment• Donations and charitable activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My obligation to report breaches• Protection from retaliation or reprisals• Ways to report <p>If you require additional assistance, consult the Key sources of guidance and advice at the end of this document.</p> <p>Remember that it is still important that you read and be familiar with the full Code.</p>

Code of Conduct – doing the right thing matters

Introduction

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

Principle 2

Principle 3

Principle 4

Principle 5

Principle 6

Getting help or reporting
problems and irregularities

Glossary

Key sources of guidance
and advice



Dear colleagues,

As Scotiabankers, we place an immense value on trust. Real trust is earned, and we must work hard to maintain and strengthen the trust that is placed in us for the past 188 years. Our Scotiabank Code of Conduct (the “Code”) is one of the most important tools we have in this effort. The Code is an articulation of who we are and what we stand for, and against, as an institution. We are all required to acknowledge the Code annually. It is critical that we read, understand, and comply with the Code – not merely check a box on a form.

As a Leading Bank in the Americas we must hold ourselves to the highest global standards in everything that we do. **We must act with integrity, take accountability, and most importantly, have a bias to action.** These are not just words; they are our fundamental values and should guide our actions every single day.

While much has changed in our world since the beginning of the year, our commitment to adhering to and role modelling the principles set out in the Code is unwavering. Scotiabankers will continue to **do the right thing**, for our customers, for one another, and for our communities, and work diligently to maintain the trust that has been placed in us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "B J Porter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Brian J. Porter
President & Chief Executive Officer

Table of contents

- Introduction

- Our guiding principles

- Principle 1

- Principle 2

- Principle 3

- Principle 4

- Principle 5

- Principle 6

- Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

- Glossary

- Key sources of guidance and advice

- Code of Conduct – doing the right thing matters 3
- Table of contents 4
- Introduction 5
 - I. Roles and responsibilities5
 - II. Consequences of failing to comply with the code 6
 - III. Scotiabank policies 6
-  **Principle 1 | Follow the law wherever Scotiabank does business . . 8**
 - I. Your responsibilities8
 - II. Conflicting requirements8
-  **Principle 2 | Avoid putting yourself or Scotiabank in a conflict of interest position. 9**
 - I. Personal conflicts of interest..... 9
 - II. Corporate conflicts of interest.....13
-  **Principle 3 | Conduct yourself honestly and with integrity 14**
 - I. Illegal or fraudulent activities14
 - II. Improper transaction prevention16
 - III. Ethical business practices17
 - IV. Engaging third parties19
 - V. Communications and representations19
 - VI. Cooperate with audits and investigations 20

-  **Principle 4 | Respect privacy, confidentiality, and protect the integrity and security of assets, communications, information and transactions.....21**
 - I. Privacy and confidentiality21
 - II. Accuracy and integrity of transactions and records 22
 - III. Security 23
 - IV. Digital communications, use and representation 25
-  **Principle 5 | Treat everyone fairly, equitably, and professionally.. 26**
 - I. Diversity, equity and human rights 26
 - II. Workplace health and safety..... 26
-  **Principle 6 | Honour our commitments to the communities in which we operate..... 27**
 - I. Environmental protection 27
 - II. Charitable and community activities..... 27
 - III. Political activities..... 27
 - IV. Other voluntary commitments and codes of conduct 28
- Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities 29**
 - I. Obligation to report 29
 - II. Protection from retaliation..... 29
 - III. How to Report 30
- Glossary31**
- Key sources of guidance and advice 33**

Introduction

► Introduction

- I. Roles and responsibilities
- II. Consequences of failing to comply with the code
- III. Scotiabank policies

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

Principle 2

Principle 3

Principle 4

Principle 5

Principle 6

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

Glossary

Key sources of guidance and advice

The *Scotiabank Code of Conduct*¹ (the “Code”) describes the standards of conduct required of employees, contingent workers, directors and officers of The Bank of Nova Scotia and its direct and indirect subsidiaries located in various regions around the world (“Scotiabank” or the “Bank”).

If uncertain about what is the most appropriate course of action in a particular situation, this Code should be your first point of reference. If there is something in this Code that you don’t understand, or if you require additional guidance, ask your Manager or a more senior officer.

Consult the glossary at the end of this document for definitions of some of the key terms used in this Code.

I. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Over the years, our customers and employees have trusted us to deliver financial solutions and advice to help them meet their goals for every future. It is this confidence in our Bank, rooted in our Code that has allowed us to develop longstanding and deep relationships that span generations.

New employees, contingent workers, directors, and officers are given a copy of or link to this Code when they are hired or elected and must acknowledge that they have received and read it. All Scotiabankers are required to receive, read and comply with this Code, and any other applicable Scotiabank policies and affirm their compliance on an annual basis. Ask questions when unclear about your responsibilities or the appropriateness of a particular action, and

report any actual, suspected or potential breach of this Code immediately.

Managers have additional responsibilities to be aware of and communicate applicable laws, regulatory requirements and internal policies, procedures, processes, as well as manage and supervise employees or contingent workers to ensure that the law, regulatory requirements, this Code and other internal policies, procedures and processes are followed. Managers must also respond to questions from employees or contingent workers, and ensure that any actual, suspected or potential breach of this Code is dealt with or escalated in accordance with applicable policies, procedures, and processes.

Executive Management and the Board of Directors have further additional responsibilities. The President and Chief Executive Officer of Scotiabank bears overall responsibility for ensuring that this Code is followed throughout the organization, and reports on compliance with this Code every year to the Board of Directors or one of its Committees. The Board of Directors is responsible for reviewing and approving the content of this Code² and must authorize changes³ to this Code and any waivers⁴.

These roles and responsibilities are summarized in the following chart.

1 This version of the Scotiabank Code of Conduct was approved by the Board of Directors on October 27, 2020. The online version of this Code, available at www.scotiabank.com, is the most up-to-date, and supersedes prior versions.

2 The Code is formally reviewed, at a minimum, once every two years, or earlier if required.

3 Notwithstanding the Board of Directors’ authority over changes and waivers of this Code, Global Compliance has the discretion to authorize: (1) the waiver of particular provisions which clearly conflict with local laws; and (2) non-substantive changes (e.g. for clarification or editorial purposes, to reflect new regulatory requirements or changes to terminology or to ensure that cross-references to other Scotiabank policies are accurate and up-to-date).

4 In certain limited situations, Scotiabank may waive application of a provision of this Code to an employee, contingent worker, director, or officer. The Board of Directors or a Committee of the Board of Directors must approve any waivers involving a director or executive officer of Scotiabank, and any such waivers will be disclosed in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements. All other waivers or exceptions must be approved by appropriate authorities within Scotiabank’s Legal, Compliance and Human Resource Departments. Waivers will be granted rarely, if ever.

Introduction

► Introduction

- I. Roles and responsibilities
- II. Consequences of failing to comply with the code
- III. Scotiabank policies

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

Principle 2

Principle 3

Principle 4

Principle 5

Principle 6

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

Glossary

Key sources of guidance and advice

Responsibility	Employee or Contingent Worker	Director	Officer	Manager	Executive Management	Board	Global Compliance	Legal	HR	Information Security & Control	Internal Audit
Read, understand and comply with code and policies	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Affirm compliance	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Ask questions	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Report breaches	•	•	•	•	•		•				
Communicate requirements			•	•	•		•		•		
Supervise/Monitor compliance			•	•	•		•	•		•	
Answer questions			•	•	•		•	•	•		
Address breaches			•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•
Report on compliance					•		•		•		•
Approve changes to code					•	•	•				
Approve waivers						•	•	•	•		

II. CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE CODE

Unethical or illegal conduct puts Scotiabank, and in some cases its customers, shareholders, employees and other stakeholders, at risk.

For example:

- Scotiabank and/or employees, directors, and officers could be subject to criminal or regulatory sanction, loss of license, lawsuits or fines.
- Negative publicity from a breach of this Code could affect our customers' or potential customers' confidence in Scotiabank, and their willingness to do business with us.

Adherence to both the letter and the spirit of this Code is therefore a condition of employment at, or a contingent worker's assignment with, Scotiabank. Any breach, or willful ignorance of the breaches of others, will be treated as a serious matter, and may result in discipline up to and including termination of employment, or in the case of contingent workers, termination of assignment or contract. Scotiabank may also be required to report certain types of breaches to law enforcement or regulatory authorities, in which case a breach or willful ignorance of the breaches of others may result in your being subject to criminal or civil penalties.

You should also be familiar with the Code addendum, *Key Sources of Guidance and Advice*.

III. SCOTIABANK POLICIES

You are expected to be aware of and comply with all applicable Scotiabank policies.

Our guiding principles

Scotiabank's six guiding principles are aligned with our values and form the building blocks on which this Code rests. Living up to them is an essential part of meeting our corporate goals, adhering to our values, and safeguarding Scotiabank's reputation for integrity and ethical business practices.

The six principles are:

- Introduction
- ▶ **Our guiding principles**
- Principle 1
- Principle 2
- Principle 3
- Principle 4
- Principle 5
- Principle 6
- Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities
- Glossary
- Key sources of guidance and advice



1 Follow the law wherever Scotiabank does business.



2 Avoid putting yourself or Scotiabank in a conflict of interest position.



3 Conduct yourself honestly and with integrity.



4 Respect privacy, confidentiality, and protect the integrity and security of assets, communications, information and transactions.



5 Treat everyone fairly, equitably and professionally.



6 Honour our commitments to the communities in which we operate.



Introduction

Our guiding principles

► **Principle 1**

Follow the law wherever Scotiabank does business.

- I. Your responsibilities
- II. Conflicting requirements

Principle 2

Principle 3

Principle 4

Principle 5

Principle 6

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

Glossary

Key sources of guidance and advice

I. YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Ask questions...comply...report!

Scotiabank is expected to comply with the laws that govern their activities. There are legal and regulatory requirements in each of the countries in which we operate. Scotiabank must follow these laws – both the letter and the spirit – wherever it does business, and so must you.

There are also internal Scotiabank policies and procedures, which have been authorized by the Board of Directors or senior management of the Bank or its subsidiaries, that reflect how Scotiabank manages its business strategy and risk appetite. Scotiabankers are expected to know the policies and procedures that are relevant to their activities, act in accordance with the letter and spirit of these policies and procedures, and comply with them. Sometimes policies and procedures may seem cumbersome, but remember that they have been developed with legal, regulatory, business, and/or risk management considerations in mind.

Scotiabankers who are unclear about legal, regulatory or other requirements should consult their Manager. If necessary, he or she can seek the advice of the Compliance Department or Legal Department or Information Security & Control (IS&C) or Data Loss Prevention (DLP).

Be careful to always act within the scope of your assigned authority. Skipping a step, even one that seems redundant, could put Scotiabank, you, your fellow employees, customers, shareholders or others at significant risk.

Immediately report any actual, suspected or potential violations of law, regulations, or internal policies (including instances where you see a risk that appears to have been overlooked or ignored by others) through one of the options described in the Raise a Concern How-to-Guide or using the other avenues described in Getting help and reporting problems and irregularities.

II. CONFLICTING REQUIREMENTS

In the case of any conflict between the provisions of this Code and any Laws, regulatory requirements or any other policies, procedures or guidelines applicable to your duties, or a Contingent Worker's assignment with the Bank, you must adhere to the more stringent requirement to the extent a conflict exists.

If you encounter a situation where this Code or other Scotiabank policies appear to conflict with local cultural traditions, business practices or legal requirements of the country in which you are located, you must consult with the Compliance Department. Keep a written record of such enquiries and responses.

ADVICE THAT CAN PUT SCOTIABANK AT RISK

Scotiabankers are expected to inform customers about Scotiabank products and services. However, do not give specific financial, trust, tax, investment or legal advice unless it is part of your job responsibilities, you hold the appropriate qualifications and licenses and all applicable regulatory requirements are met.

The act of giving advice to a customer can create greater than normal legal obligations, and put you and Scotiabank at risk. Refer customers who request advisory services to their own advisors, or to those employees, areas, or subsidiaries that are authorized to do this type of business with customers.



Introduction

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

► **Principle 2**
Avoid putting yourself or Scotiabank in a conflict of interest position

- I. Personal conflicts of interest
- II. Corporate conflicts of interest

Principle 3

Principle 4

Principle 5

Principle 6

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

Glossary

Key sources of guidance and advice

I. PERSONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

You have an obligation to act in the best interests of Scotiabank. A Conflict of Interest can arise when there is a conflict between what is in your personal interest (financial or otherwise) and what is in the best interest of Scotiabank, its shareholders or its customers.

Even if you do not have an actual Conflict of Interest, if other people perceive one, they may still be concerned that you cannot act properly and impartially. For this reason, it is important to avoid the appearance of a conflict, as well as an actual one. Being seen or thought to be in a Conflict of Interest can damage your reputation, and the reputation of Scotiabank.

As a Scotiabankers, if you find yourself in a Conflict of Interest position or a situation where you believe that others perceive you to be in a position of conflict, you must immediately advise your Manager so that action can be taken to resolve the situation. This is the best way to protect yourself and your reputation for honesty, fairness and objectivity.

Your Manager, who may consult a more senior Manager or the Compliance Department if necessary, will decide if a conflict exists or if there is the potential for the appearance of a conflict that could be damaging to Scotiabank's reputation, as outlined in the *Reputational Risk Policy*.

The sections that follow describe some common conflicts that sometimes arise and provide advice on what to do if you encounter any of these situations.

SAMPLE POTENTIAL PERSONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Situation

Conflict

A customer names an employee as a beneficiary of his or her will.

The customer's family, or others, may perceive that the employee used his or her position to unfairly coerce, manipulate or take advantage of the customer.

An employee accepts a gift of tickets for him- or herself and family to an expensive, sold-out sports event from a commercial banking customer.

The employee risks a perception by others that he or she could be improperly influenced in his or her judgment when making lending or other decisions related to the customer's business accounts at Scotiabank.

An employee accepts a gift from a supplier or service provider who is bidding on a contract to supply services to Scotiabank.

Other suppliers may perceive that either Scotiabank or the employee was influenced by the gift to award the contract to the supplier or service provider.

A manager has an immediate family member as a direct or indirect report (e.g., siblings, parents, grandparents, children (including step-children and adopted children) and grandchildren, spouse or common-law spouse, and in-laws).

Other employees and third parties may perceive a conflict of interest and/or favoritism. Our business and human resources decisions must be based on sound ethical business and management practices, and not influenced by personal concerns.

Introduction

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

► **Principle 2**

Avoid putting yourself or Scotiabank in a conflict of interest position

- I. Personal conflicts of interest
- II. Corporate conflicts of interest

Principle 3

Principle 4

Principle 5

Principle 6

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

Glossary

Key sources of guidance and advice

a. Transactions that involve yourself, family members or close associates

As a Scotiabanker, when you deal with the Bank as a customer, your accounts must be established, and your personal transactions and account activities conducted, in the same manner as those of any non-employee customer⁵. This means that Scotiabankers may only transact business, make entries or access information on their own accounts using the same systems and facilities available to non-employee customers. (For example, you can use the ABM or online or mobile banking to transfer funds between your own accounts, since this service is generally available to non-employee customers). Do not use internal platforms, applications, or systems to access your own personal customer profiles and accounts.

The accounts, transactions and other account activities of your family members, friends and other close associates must also be established and conducted in the same manner as those of other customers. For example, Scotiabankers must not set up accounts for themselves, or on behalf of these individuals, without the review and agreement of your Manager. Also, only transact business or make entries or enquiries on accounts of family members, friends or close associates with appropriate authorization from the customer (e.g. in the normal course of business as permitted under a relevant customer agreement, or

as authorized by a written trading authority on file). Do not use internal platforms, applications, or systems to access their customer profile without such authorization.

Under no circumstances may a Scotiabanker authorize or renew a loan, or lending or margin limit increase to themselves, a family member, a friend or other close associate. As a Scotiabanker, you may not waive fees, reverse charges or confer any benefit or non-standard pricing or access Customer Information System (CIS) profiles with respect to your own accounts or those of family, friends or other close associates without the prior review and agreement of your Manager.

b. Close personal relationships in the workplace⁶

Conflicts of interest (or the appearance of a Conflict of Interest) can arise when Scotiabankers work with those with whom they share a close personal relationship (such as family relationships, romantic relationships and/or financial relationships⁷) and can also raise serious concerns about favouritism and, in the case of certain close personal relationships, the validity of consent.

Scotiabankers must immediately disclose potential or actual conflicts of interest related to close personal relationships in the workplace, using *Raise a Concern How-to-Guide*, so that appropriate action can be taken.

c. Objectivity

Do not let your own interests or personal relationships affect your ability to make the right business decisions. Family members, friends and other close associates should have no influence on your work-related actions or decisions. Make decisions about meeting a customer's needs, engaging a supplier or service provider, or hiring an individual on a strictly business basis.

⁵ Note: This is subject to any special policies or procedures that may be applicable to individuals in certain job functions, business units or subsidiaries.

⁶ Note: This is subject to any policies or procedures that may be applicable to individuals in certain job functions, business units or subsidiaries.

⁷ For example, having obligations as a power of attorney, an executor, a trading authority, a business partner in outside business activities etc.

- Introduction
- Our guiding principles
- Principle 1
- ▶ Principle 2**
Avoid putting yourself or Scotiabank in a conflict of interest position
- I. Personal conflicts of interest
- II. Corporate conflicts of interest
- Principle 3
- Principle 4
- Principle 5
- Principle 6
- Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities
- Glossary
- Key sources of guidance and advice

d. Outside business activities, financial interests or employment

For Employees, work outside of your employment with Scotiabank is permitted if there is no Conflict of Interest and if the satisfactory performance of your job functions with Scotiabank is not prejudiced or negatively impacted in any way.

In addition, the following rules apply:

- Do not engage in work that competes with Scotiabank, or in any activity likely to compromise or potentially harm Scotiabank’s position or reputation.
- Do not conduct outside business on Scotiabank time, use Scotiabank Confidential Information (including information about Scotiabank, Employees and customers) or use Scotiabank equipment or facilities to conduct an outside business interest. This includes soliciting other Employees or Scotiabank customers to participate in an outside business activity.
- Employees owe a duty to Scotiabank to advance its legitimate interests when the opportunity to do so arises, and may not take for themselves a business opportunity that is discovered in the course of Scotiabank employment or assignment, or through the use of Scotiabank property, information (including customer information) or your position.

- Neither Employees nor members of their household should have a financial interest in, or with, a customer, supplier or service provider of Scotiabank, or any other entity having a close business relationship with Scotiabank, if this would give rise to a Conflict of Interest.⁸
- Before taking on or continuing an outside business interest, making or holding a financial interest in a Scotiabank customer, supplier or service provider, or other entity having a close business relationship with Scotiabank, or committing to a job outside Scotiabank working hours, Employees should discuss this with their Manager to be sure these activities do not create a conflict.

Local regulatory requirements, including securities legislation, or local compliance policies may impose further restrictions on engaging in outside business activities by requiring:

- prior disclosure;
- prior approval by the Bank;
- notice to applicable local regulator; and/or
- approval by applicable local regulator

Please refer to your local business line compliance policies for further information.

Any questions regarding outside business activities should be discussed with your Manager and/or your Business Line Compliance to be sure the proposed outside business activities do not create a conflict.

e. Misuse of confidential information

You are regularly entrusted with confidential information that is not or may not be publicly known about Scotiabank, its customers and fellow Employees or others. This information is given strictly for business purposes. It is wrong, and in some cases illegal, for anyone to access Confidential Information without a valid business reason to do so or to use Confidential Information in order to obtain a personal benefit or further their own personal interests. It is also wrong to disclose Confidential Information to any other person who does not require the information to carry out their job responsibilities on behalf of Scotiabank.

f. Directorships

Obtaining Approval: Employees or officers may not accept a corporate Directorship until obtaining approval from their Manager and the Compliance Department⁹. The Compliance Department will seek any other necessary approvals pursuant to the Scotiabank Corporate Directorships Policy. New Employees must immediately report any Directorships in accordance with these requirements and seek approval where necessary. If you change your role within Scotiabank, you must advise your new Manager of any Directorships, even if the Directorship was previously approved. He or she can decide, based on the new role, whether the prior approval must be reconfirmed.

Directorships of public companies are prohibited. Exceptions require the approval of the President & Chief Executive Officer of Scotiabank.

⁸ This policy does not apply to holdings in the publicly traded securities of suppliers or customers, so long as Scotiabank policies with respect to misuse of Confidential Information and Insider Trading and Tipping are complied with.

⁹ Scotiabank may ask an officer or employee to act as a director of a subsidiary, affiliate or another corporate entity where it determines such a directorship to be in Scotiabank’s interests. These directorships must be approved in accordance with applicable policies, procedures and processes.

- Introduction
- Our guiding principles
- Principle 1
- ▶ Principle 2**
Avoid putting yourself or Scotiabank in a conflict of interest position
- I. Personal conflicts of interest
- II. Corporate conflicts of interest
- Principle 3
- Principle 4
- Principle 5
- Principle 6
- Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities
- Glossary
- Key sources of guidance and advice

Also bear in mind that:

- Directorships on the boards of companies that compete with Scotiabank will not generally be approved; and
- Scotiabank reserves the right to require you to give up any Directorship(s) that it determines poses a conflict.

Scotiabank does not typically require that employees seek approval for the following kinds of Directorships (on the presumption that they are unlikely to pose any conflicts):

- non-profit, public service corporations such as religious, educational, cultural, recreational, social welfare, philanthropic or charitable institutions or residential condominium corporations; and
- private, family-owned corporations (greater than 50%) incorporated to administer the personal or financial affairs of an officer or employee, or one or more living or deceased members of the officer's or employee's family (family includes spouses, parents, spouse's parents, children, grandchildren and spouses of children or grandchildren).

However, approval will be needed for certain Employees that are registered with or licensed by certain regulatory authorities (e.g. securities regulators). The Bank or regulatory authorities may attach specific conditions to any approval to address concerns including the management of potential conflicts of interest.

Additional reporting requirements for vice president level employees and above: While permission is not required, all employees at the vice president level and above must, however, report directorships in non-profit or family-owned corporations to their Manager and the Compliance Department.¹⁰

For further guidance, refer to the *Corporate Directorships Policy*.

g. Wills, other trusteeships and similar appointments

Customers sometimes try to express appreciation through legacies, bequests or appointments in their wills. We expect you to decline any customer who suggests leaving you a gift in their will, as this could create a perception that you manipulated or took advantage of the customer.

Employees should never solicit from, nor accept a personal appointment by, a customer as an executor, administrator or trustee, with some exceptions made for family relationships.

If Employees are named as a beneficiary, executor, administrator or trustee of a customer's will or some other trust document, other than as a family member, report the gift or appointment and the nature of the relationship to your Manager, who will consult the Compliance Department to determine an appropriate course of action. Management approval will be required to have signing authority for the estate's bank accounts. (Some affiliates and Subsidiaries may require additional approvals.)

h. Purchasing Scotiabank assets

To avoid the appearance that Scotiabank is giving an advantage, you or members of your household may not purchase Scotiabank assets such as automobiles, office equipment or computer systems, unless:

- the purchase is made at an advertised public auction;
- it has otherwise been established to Scotiabank's satisfaction that the price being paid is reasonable and your business unit head has approved the transaction; or
- the purchase is made under an approved Scotiabank program.

i. Administered or repossessed property

Neither you nor your family may use or purchase goods that have been repossessed by Scotiabank, except with the permission of your Group or Country Head. He or she will review the situation and consider whether the transaction would both be, and appear to be, fair.¹¹

j. Related parties

Directors, certain senior officers, their spouses and minor children, as well as certain other entities such as companies which they control, are referred to as "related parties" (or "connected parties" in some countries) and there are laws governing their dealings with Scotiabank. If you have been advised that you are a "related party", you must abide by the policies and procedures which have been put in place to meet applicable legal requirements.

¹⁰ Note: Employees are not required to report a Directorship of a family-owned corporation whose sole purpose is to own the home in which they reside.

¹¹ Those who work for a securities subsidiary, or any other subsidiary or area where a Fiduciary obligation may be imposed by law, may not use, or become the owner of, property held in Fiduciary accounts under administration, unless they or a family member are a beneficiary or co-trustee of an estate and the governing document specifically permits use, or ownership of, the property being administered.



Introduction

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

► **Principle 2**
Avoid putting yourself or Scotiabank in a conflict of interest position

I. Personal conflicts of interest

- II. Corporate conflicts of interest

Principle 3

Principle 4

Principle 5

Principle 6

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

Glossary

Key sources of guidance and advice

II. CORPORATE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Conflicts of interest can also occur between Scotiabank and its customers. For example:

- Scotiabank’s interests could conflict with its obligations to a customer; or
- Scotiabank’s obligations to one customer could conflict with its obligations to another.

Lending or advisory officers must be alert to situations where there may be a conflict or the appearance of one. Those who become aware of a potential conflict must observe Policies, Procedures, and Processes regarding confidentiality and advise their Manager or Compliance contact as set out in the *Key Sources of Guidance Advice Addendum* to ensure the situation is managed appropriately.

a. Political contributions

To avoid Conflict of Interests with political or state entities, Scotiabank in accordance with the Political Contributions Policy and the Anti-Bribery & Anti-Corruption Policy will not make corporate contributions to any political party.

Scotiabank executives are also not permitted to use Bank resources or the Bank’s name to help organize, promote or host political fundraisers.

SAMPLE POTENTIAL CORPORATE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Situation

Conflict

Scotiabank is financing a customer who is unaware that they will be investing in another customer who is in financial difficulty, and investment proceeds will be used to pay down Scotiabank loans.

Risk of being perceived to have improved Scotiabank’s position at the expense of a customer.

Scotiabank is asked to lead financing for more than one customer’s bid for the same asset.

Risk of being perceived to have given one customer preferential treatment over another, or to have passed information to a customer’s competitor.



Principle 3 | Conduct yourself honestly and with integrity

- Introduction
- Our guiding principles
- Principle 1
- Principle 2
- ▶ Principle 3**
Conduct yourself honestly and with integrity
- I. Illegal or fraudulent activities
- II. Improper transaction prevention
- III. Ethical business practices
- IV. Engaging third parties
- V. Communications and representations
- VI. Cooperate with audits and investigations
- Principle 4
- Principle 5
- Principle 6
- Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities
- Glossary
- Key sources of guidance and advice

Our success depends on your honesty and integrity. Always remember that your conduct has a direct effect on how customers think about Scotiabank and how it reflects on you.

I. ILLEGAL OR FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES

a. Misappropriation

Stealing customer or Scotiabank funds or information, attempting to defraud a customer or Scotiabank, or colluding with or knowingly helping others to do so may be grounds for termination of employment for cause, or in the case of Contingent Workers termination of assignment or contract, and possible civil or criminal liability. This includes, but is not limited to, falsifying expense claims, misuse of employee benefits such as corporate credit cards or employee banking privileges (including purchasing foreign currency for anyone other than eligible dependents) or medical/dental benefits, or manipulating Scotiabank's clearing or payments systems (including but not limited to cheque writing and any ABM, online or mobile banking transactions) or General Ledger accounts to obtain credit or funds fraudulently.

You are also stewards of Scotiabank's resources and must act in the Bank's, and ultimately the shareholders' best interest by spending the Bank's money responsibly. Scotiabank's expense policies and procedures governing authorization and reimbursement of reasonable employment expenses must be adhered to.

b. Improperly accessing records, funds or facilities

Never use your Scotiabank access to funds, facilities or systems to do something improper. You may access, accumulate data and use records, computer files and programs (including personnel files, financial statements, online customer and Employee profiles and other customer or Employee information) only for their intended, Scotiabank-approved purposes.

You may not access or use Scotiabank facilities on behalf of third parties. In addition, any personal use must be limited to Reasonable and Occasional Personal Use. For example, the use of Scotiabank mailroom facilities to receive personal postal mail.

You may not access customer information for personal reasons or to provide the information to a third party unless this disclosure is authorized by Scotiabank. See Principle 4, Privacy and Confidentiality, for more guidance.

c. Creating false records

Creating false records is a breach of the law and this Code, and could result in termination of employment or assignment/contract in the case of Contingent Workers and or legal proceedings against you by Scotiabank and the affected individuals.

Forgery even when not intended to defraud is a crime, a betrayal of customer trust and a serious violation of this Code. You may not, under any circumstances, create a false signature.

Knowingly making or allowing false or misleading entries to be made to any Scotiabank account, record, model, system or document is a crime of Fraud and a serious violation of this Code (this includes, but is not limited to, inflating sales numbers to receive higher commissions, falsifying sales that did not occur or colluding with customers or other Employees to record and collect commissions on falsified sales).

In addition, undisclosed or unrecorded Scotiabank accounts, funds, Assets or liabilities are strictly prohibited. Immediately report your knowledge or discovery of any such account, instrument or misleading or false entry as described by the Whistleblower Policy, which is one of the options in the *Raise a Concern How-to-Guide*.

IMPROPERLY ACCESSING RECORDS

You may not use your access to Scotiabank systems or facilities for non-business purposes. For example, may not view the account or personnel records of another Employee or customer, including family members, for personal reasons, or share contact details or financial information about a customer with third parties, such as mortgage brokers. Any access to Bank records without authorization is a breach of this Code and may subject you to discipline, up to and including termination of employment or, in the case of Contingent Workers, termination of assignment or contract.

- Introduction
- Our guiding principles
- Principle 1
- Principle 2
- ▶ Principle 3**
 - Conduct yourself honestly and with integrity**
 - I. Illegal or fraudulent activities
 - II. Improper transaction prevention
 - III. Ethical business practices
 - IV. Engaging third parties
 - V. Communications and representations
 - VI. Cooperate with audits and investigations
- Principle 4
- Principle 5
- Principle 6
- Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities
- Glossary
- Key sources of guidance and advice

d. Bribes, payoffs and other corrupt practices

Scotiabank prohibits offering, or accepting, directly or through an intermediary, kickbacks, extraordinary commissions, facilitation payments or any other improper kind of payment or benefit to or from suppliers or service providers, customers, public officials or others in exchange for favourable treatment or consideration.

Accepting money or gifts from intermediaries, such as dealers, lawyers, consultants, brokers, other professionals, suppliers and service providers in exchange for selecting them to provide services is prohibited. Intermediaries should be selected on the basis of qualifications, product or service quality, price and benefit to Scotiabank.

For additional guidance on Scotiabank’s policies with respect to the prevention of bribery and corruption and how to escalate concerns, refer to the *Anti-Bribery & Anti-Corruption Policy*. You may also contact Conduct.Risk@scotiabank.com for further advice or guidance.

e. Insider trading and tipping

In the course of your duties, you may become aware of Confidential Information about Scotiabank or another public company. Some is sensitive enough that, if other people knew it, they would consider it important in deciding whether to buy or sell that company’s securities, or it would be reasonable to expect that the price of the securities could be significantly affected. This kind of information is commonly called Inside Information and you may not act on this information for your, or a close friend or relative’s benefit (this is known as Insider Trading).

You also may not pass on (or “tip”) Inside Information about Scotiabank or any other public company to anyone except those persons who need to know that specific information in the necessary course of conducting Scotiabank business. This activity is commonly called Tipping.

f. Other trading restrictions

You are prohibited under provisions of the Bank Act from trading in calls or puts (i.e. options to buy or sell securities at a set price) on Scotiabank securities.

Additionally, you may not short Scotiabank securities (i.e. you cannot sell securities you do not own). Refer to the Scotiabank Employee Personal Trading Policy for further guidance.

There are very strict Laws forbidding both Insider Trading and Tipping, and violations carry severe penalties. Basically, these laws require that, if you have knowledge of inside information, you may not buy or sell (for yourself or for anyone else) stocks, bonds or other securities issued by that company (including derivatives linked to that company’s securities), nor may you suggest or induce anyone else to do so.¹²

If you are likely to encounter Inside Information you should become familiar with the specific policies and procedures that Scotiabank and its Subsidiaries have put in place to restrict access to Inside Information, including Information Barriers. The Compliance Department is also available to provide you with advice.

TRADING RESTRICTIONS AND MONITORING

Regardless of your knowledge, in some circumstances Scotiabank may impose trading prohibition periods or other restrictions applicable to you. If your job makes it likely that you may encounter Inside Information, Scotiabank can also require that you do your securities trading only through brokerage accounts monitored by Scotiabank as well as impose other rules. These rules are to help protect you and Scotiabank.

¹² Where permitted by the Compliance Department, sales and trading staff may continue to accept unsolicited orders from customers.

- Introduction
- Our guiding principles
- Principle 1
- Principle 2
- ▶ Principle 3**
Conduct yourself honestly and with integrity
- I. Illegal or fraudulent activities
- II. Improper transaction prevention
- III. Ethical business practices
- IV. Engaging third parties
- V. Communications and representations
- VI. Cooperate with audits and investigations
- Principle 4
- Principle 5
- Principle 6
- Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities
- Glossary
- Key sources of guidance and advice

g. Requirement to disclose a criminal charge or conviction

You are required to disclose to Scotiabank if you are charged or convicted of theft, fraud or any other criminal offence in a domestic, foreign or military court. If you are charged with or convicted of an offence of this type, you must disclose it immediately to your Manager, who will consult Employee Relations or the local Human Resources department for further direction.

h. Illegal or anti-competitive practices

To promote fair and open competition among businesses in similar industries, many countries have Competition Laws or Trade Regulations, with severe penalties for violation.

Do not collude or co-operate with any other institution in anti-competitive activities. These include arrangements for or discussions intended to influence market prices, rates on key market interest rate or commodity indexes or on publicly traded equities, or about interest rates on loans and deposits, service fees, other product features or types or classes of persons to whom services will be made available or withheld¹³.

You may participate in industry associations, such as local Bankers Associations, to develop industry positions on legislative or other issues, or to set standards for the use of common facilities or networks. However, these meetings must not be used to discuss competitive policies and practices. If you have any doubt whether a discussion would violate Competition Laws, do not participate and consult with your Manager or the Legal Department.

II. IMPROPER TRANSACTION PREVENTION

a. Know your customer/understand your customer's transaction

Knowing your customers and understanding your customers' transactions are fundamental tenets of the financial services industry. Knowing your customers helps to better serve their needs, meet regulatory requirements, avoid facilitating unethical behaviour and protect ourselves during disputes and litigation. It also allows us to contribute to national and global efforts to combat criminal and terrorist activity.

All transactions must be authorized and handled in an approved manner, and must adhere to applicable standards for knowing your customer. Do not undertake, participate in or facilitate any customer transactions that are prohibited by law or regulation. Follow designated policies and procedures for transactions that, by Scotiabank's standards, could be considered improper or suspect.

b. Detecting and reporting suspicious or improper transactions

Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing, violation of economic sanctions, tax evasion and acts of corruption committed by customers are serious international problems that receive significant attention as nations attempt to deal with the harmful legal, economic, and social consequences of illegal activities. You should familiarize yourself with the Policies, Procedures, and Processes related to anti-Money Laundering, anti-Terrorist Financing and sanctions compliance applicable to you. Be alert to any illegal, suspicious or unusual activity, including fraud, Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing or breach of government-imposed sanctions requirements.

Scotiabankers must promptly report any unusual account activity to their Manager or, in the case of suspected Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing or sanctions breaches, their designated Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer/Local Sanctions Officer. Failure to report a transaction that there are reasonable grounds to suspect is associated with Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing or a sanctions breach, may be viewed as a criminal offence. It is also a breach of this Code, and an offense in many jurisdictions, to warn a customer that a report has been or will be made about them or their activities.

¹³ Note: Some permitted exceptions are discussions regarding syndicated loans, underwritings and other kinds of authorized consortia, and certain government lending programs. In these cases, limit discussions to the specific transaction or program.

- Introduction

- Our guiding principles

- Principle 1

- Principle 2

- ▶ Principle 3**
Conduct yourself honestly and with integrity

 - I. Illegal or fraudulent activities
 - II. Improper transaction prevention
 - III. Ethical business practices
 - IV. Engaging third parties
 - V. Communications and representations
 - VI. Cooperate with audits and investigations

- Principle 4

- Principle 5

- Principle 6

- Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

- Glossary

- Key sources of guidance and advice

III. ETHICAL BUSINESS PRACTICES

a. Offering and accepting gifts and entertainment or charitable donations or sponsorships

Customers and business associates often try to show their appreciation by providing gifts and entertainment or by making charitable donations on your behalf to a charity or through sponsorship. Similarly, you may wish to show your appreciation to our customers and suppliers by offering gifts and entertainment or making charitable donations to a charity on behalf of, or through sponsorship of, a customer or business associate. Offering or accepting gifts or entertainment or charitable donations or sponsorships can be problematic because it may lead others to believe that your decisions have been improperly influenced. In some cases, such as where high-value gifts or entertainment have been offered or accepted, this could be perceived as offering or accepting a bribe.

In general, the giving and accepting of gifts and entertainment or making charitable donations or sponsorship is only permitted if:

- the gift, entertainment, donation or sponsorship is modest¹⁴ and would not affect the recipient’s objectivity;
- there is no suggestion that the donor is trying to obligate or improperly influence the recipient;
- offering or accepting is “normal business practice” for the purposes of courtesy and good business relations;
- offering or accepting is legal and consistent with generally understood ethical standards;

- neither you nor Scotiabank would be embarrassed if the public became aware of the circumstances of the gift or entertainment, donation or sponsorship;
- it is not a gift or prize of cash or cash equivalents, bonds or negotiable securities, personal loans, or other valuable items (such as airline tickets for your personal use, or use of a vacation property); although store or vendor specific gift certificates or gift cards are allowed as long as their intended purpose is for the purchase of what would otherwise be considered a gift and nominal in value.

Before offering or accepting entertainment involving air travel, luxury accommodation or exclusive tickets (such as to the Olympics, US Open, Wimbledon or the World Cup), obtain the approval of your Group or Country Head (or his or her designate), who must consult their Compliance Department for further guidance.

Remember the following when considering whether to **accept a gift** or entertainment or donation to a charity on your behalf or through sponsoring you:

- You may not use your position for improper personal gain. Tactfully discourage customers, brokers, suppliers or others in business with Scotiabank if they suggest offering benefits to you or your family.
- You should not accept any donations on your behalf, or sponsorships, for charities for which you are in some way associated other than donations or sponsorships of nominal amounts.

- Where it would be extraordinarily impolite or otherwise inappropriate to refuse a gift of obvious value, you may accept it on behalf of Scotiabank. In these cases, immediately report the gift to your Manager who will advise you how to deal with it. Such gifts may not be taken for your personal use or enjoyment.

Remember the following when considering whether to **offer a gift** or entertainment or donation or sponsorship to a charity:

- Be especially careful when offering gifts or entertainment to public officials or making charitable donations on a public official’s behalf or at his or her request as this may be perceived as a bribe. In addition, many countries have strict laws regarding offering anything of value to these individuals or to third parties at their request. Please also refer to any specific policies within your business unit relating to the offering of gifts and entertainment.
- Always comply with the *Anti-Bribery & Anti-Corruption Policy* in any dealings with public officials. Hospitality or Entertainment expenses to public officials that exceed US\$100 in value will require additional approvals as set out in the *Anti-Bribery & Anti-Corruption Policy*.

For additional information on acceptable gifts and entertainment, consult the *Gifts and Entertainment Guidelines*.

¹⁴ Through a written policy approved by the applicable Group Head, a Business Unit may set specific acceptable limits or amounts regarding permitted gifts and entertainment.

- Introduction
- Our guiding principles
- Principle 1
- Principle 2
- ▶ Principle 3**
Conduct yourself honestly and with integrity
 - I. Illegal or fraudulent activities
 - II. Improper transaction prevention
 - III. Ethical business practices
 - IV. Engaging third parties
 - V. Communications and representations
 - VI. Cooperate with audits and investigations
- Principle 4
- Principle 5
- Principle 6
- Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities
- Glossary
- Key sources of guidance and advice

Subject to the special considerations discussed below relating to government officials and public office holders (“public officials”), examples of the types of gifts and entertainment, or charitable donations or sponsorships that are acceptable to offer or accept include:

- occasional meals, refreshments, invitations to local events;
- small, occasional gifts for special occasions such as an anniversary, significant event or holiday;
- inexpensive advertising or promotional materials, such as pens or key chains;
- inexpensive awards to recognize service and accomplishment in civic, charitable, educational, or religious organizations;
- donations on behalf of, or sponsorships of, individuals of modest or nominal amounts;
- modest honoraria and reimbursement for reasonable expenses (if not paid by Scotiabank) for Scotiabank-related speaking engagements or written presentations; or
- gifts or entertainment or charitable donations or sponsorships clearly motivated by obvious family or close personal relationships, rather than business dealings.

Where the monetary value of an item is not nominal or modest in nature, you should consult with your Manager regarding the appropriateness of the gesture. Your Manager should consult with the Compliance Department for guidance on difficult situations.

COERCIVE TIED SELLING

Never pressure a customer to buy a product or service that he or she does not want as a condition for obtaining another product or service from Scotiabank. (This practice, which is illegal in some jurisdictions, is sometimes called coercive tied selling).

This should not be confused with other practices, such as giving preferential pricing to customers who already have business with Scotiabank or bundling products and services. These practices are legal and accepted in some countries, but may be illegal in others, so ensure that you are aware of all applicable local Laws.

b. Dealing ethically with our customers, employees and others

As Scotiabankers, we do not compromise our ethics for the sake of meeting our sales, profit or other targets or goals.

Steering a customer to an inappropriate or unnecessary product harms the customer, damages our reputation and may be illegal in certain situations and jurisdictions. Never take unfair advantage of anyone through manipulation, concealment, abuse of confidential business or Personal Information, misrepresentation of material facts, or any other unfair-dealing or unethical business practice.

Scotiabankers who discover misrepresentations or misstatements in information provided to customers or the public must consult their Manager about how to correct those statements.

All applicants for employment at any level within Scotiabank must be considered based on appropriate qualification, and compensation must be appropriate for the work being performed and consistent with the compensation paid to other Employees for similar

work. Never give preferential treatment, including hiring, retaining, promoting, or in respect of compensation, to individuals based on personal relationships, or family, political, governmental or other affiliations. The employment of a public official or a Politically Exposed Person (PEP), or a family member or close associate of a public official or PEP, could give rise to a perception that favourable treatment has been bestowed upon such an individual and could put you and Scotiabank at risk of breaking the law. It is important to be aware of Scotiabank’s relationship with public officials (for example, where Scotiabank is in the process of applying for a license from an official’s department) and how the employment by Scotiabank of a family member or close associate of an official could be perceived.

Furthermore, never engage in behaviour that threatens, pressures, constrains, or otherwise influences an individual to act inappropriately, against their will, and/or in violation of Scotiabank policies.

- Introduction

- Our guiding principles

- Principle 1

- Principle 2

- ▶ **Principle 3**
Conduct yourself honestly and with integrity

 - I. Illegal or fraudulent activities
 - II. Improper transaction prevention
 - III. Ethical business practices
 - IV. Engaging third parties
 - V. Communications and representations
 - VI. Cooperate with audits and investigations

- Principle 4

- Principle 5

- Principle 6

- Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

- Glossary

- Key sources of guidance and advice

Never seek to obtain personal advantages from Scotiabank customers or other business relationships. For example, as a Scotiabanker you must not:

- use your connection with Scotiabank so that you or your family can borrow from or become indebted to customers; or
- use your position to gain preferred rates or access to goods and services¹⁵, whether for you personally or for friends or relatives, unless the benefit is conferred as part of a Scotiabank- approved plan available to all or to designated groups of Employees.

Also, never access, collect, disclose or use confidential information or proprietary information obtained from other organizations or former employers for the benefit of Scotiabank without proper authorization.

c. Respect intellectual property rights

We respect and avoid the unauthorized use of others' intellectual property rights.

Only authorized and registered software and hardware is permitted for use within Scotiabank or for use in respect of any Bank business activities. Scotiabankers may not download any third-party intellectual property including software, creative works or other materials; if to do so would violate any vendor/owner rights. Be aware that software available over the Internet, including free and demo software, and upgrades to software already in use, may have licensing restrictions which are not readily apparent.

When using supplier or service provider and third party systems, programs and content, comply with the licensing, confidentiality and registration requirements.

For example, do not share registration or access information for external databases or online publications with others as this could be a breach of the licensing and copyright subscription terms or could violate any vendor/owner rights. Failure to respect these requirements could subject you or Scotiabank to serious penalties.

When using the Internet, always comply with this Code, and the guidance on respecting intellectual property Laws set out within.

As Scotiabankers, if you develop, as part of your work for Scotiabank or with the use of Scotiabank facilities, any patentable invention, industrial design or creative work, it belongs to Scotiabank unless a specific exception has been made.

IV. ENGAGING THIRD PARTIES

In conducting business, Scotiabank uses suppliers or service providers and contractors and may enter into outsourcing arrangements or other strategic alliances. If you are authorized to engage third parties, you must do so in compliance with the Global Procurement Policy and should engage only those who are competent and reputable, and who have business conduct standards comparable to our own. Service providers, vendors and other third parties providing goods and services to Scotiabank should always follow Scotiabank's Supplier Code of Conduct. Engaging family or household members, or any other person or entity you have a close personal relationship with, to act in such a capacity, is considered a Conflict of Interest.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

Trust is the basis of our relationships with our customers, fellow employees, shareholders and the communities in which we operate. You must not knowingly mislead customers, the general public or other employees by making false or misleading statements or by withholding information.

a. Advertising

Scotiabank is subject to regulations with respect to advertising, which includes any written or verbal representations about Scotiabank products and services that are directed at the general public (e.g., social media, online, telephone, email). This includes representations by third parties made on behalf of Scotiabank (such as influencers and paid partners). Ensure that established approval procedures are followed or get managerial approval or approval from a department head before initiating any advertisements or representations.

b. Proper public disclosure

Scotiabank is committed to providing timely, accurate, balanced and widely distributed disclosure of Material Information, as required by law or regulation. For additional information, consult the *Statement of Disclosure Policy and Practices and Mandate of the Disclosure Committee*. Unless it is part of your job responsibilities, refer inquiries from the financial community, shareholders and media to Global Communications.

¹⁵ For example: Do not use your position to gain access to trading facilities or opportunities to further your personal investments, such as gaining access to new stock issues or hard-to-get securities.



Principle 3 | Conduct yourself honestly and with integrity

Introduction

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

Principle 2

▶ **Principle 3**
Conduct yourself honestly and with integrity

- I. Illegal or fraudulent activities
- II. Improper transaction prevention
- III. Ethical business practices
- IV. Engaging third parties
- V. Communications and representations
- VI. Cooperate with audits and investigations

Principle 4

Principle 5

Principle 6

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

Glossary

Key sources of guidance and advice

c. Making public statements and media contact

Unless authorized to speak to reporters or the media on behalf of Scotiabank, refer all media enquiries to a designated spokesperson. Be especially careful never to respond to questions about a matter where litigation is pending or in progress (without prior authorization of the Legal Department) and always respect Scotiabank’s duty of confidentiality to its customers, Employees and others.

Sometimes Scotiabankers may be asked to give presentations or express views on matters generally relating to banking or other financial services. Speaking opportunities at conferences and industry events should be treated as public events where media may be in attendance or people may share the information presented to social media platforms. Scotiabankers must ensure that their Manager provides approval for any public speaking events they are asked to participate. Even if you are presenting in your own personal capacity and you’ve made that clear, please remember that by the nature of your title, the public may still interpret your views as Bank views. Think carefully about what you say and how you say it in any public forum.

d. Expressing your personal views

As a private citizen, you are entitled to express your personal views. However, be careful not to give the impression that you are speaking on behalf of Scotiabank or expressing Scotiabank’s perspective, unless you have obtained approval from your Manager and Global Communications. This applies to all forms of communication (such as statements, speeches, letters or articles) and all communications media or networks (such as newspaper, radio, television, e-mail, social media or the Internet).

You should also bear in mind that your conduct outside the workplace may reflect on Scotiabank. Use common sense when offering your personal opinions in a public forum (such as social media, internet blogs, or newsgroups) and refrain from disparaging competitors or making statements that might discredit Scotiabank or its products and services. Also, take particular care not to disclose Confidential Information about Scotiabank, customers, Employees or others.

e. Use of the Scotiabank brand, name and reputation

Our brand and reputation are significant corporate assets. They should only be used to further Scotiabank business. Never use Scotiabank’s name, logo, letterhead or reputation to gain personal advantages or to further your own interests, or for anything other than approved purposes.

VI. COOPERATE WITH AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS

Always cooperate fully with any investigations by management or the Compliance, Legal, Internal Audit, Corporate Security, Information Security & Control, Fraud Management or Human Resource Departments. Be straightforward and truthful when dealing with internal and external investigations, external auditors and regulators. However, keep in mind Scotiabank’s confidentiality guidelines and procedures for releasing information.

You must not destroy, discard, withhold or alter records pertinent to a regulatory authority, an audit, a legal or governmental investigation.

Principle 4 | Respect privacy, confidentiality, and protect the integrity and security of assets, communications, information and transactions



Introduction

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

Principle 2

Principle 3

▶ Principle 4

Respect confidentiality, and protect the integrity and security of assets, communications, information and transactions

- I. Privacy and confidentiality
- II. Accuracy and integrity of transactions and records
- III. Security
- IV. Digital communications, use and representation

Principle 5

Principle 6

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

Glossary

Key sources of guidance and advice

I. PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

You have an obligation to safeguard the personal and business information entrusted to us by customers, Employees, suppliers, service providers and others, as well as the confidentiality of Scotiabank’s own affairs. This obligation continues even after you leave Scotiabank.

a. Obligation to protect personal and confidential information

Customers, Employees, suppliers, service providers and others trust Scotiabank to keep their Personal Information and confidential business information safe and secure. Protecting their privacy and the confidentiality of their dealings with us is essential to safeguarding our reputation. Protecting personal and Confidential Information is also a legal requirement.

You are expected to be aware of, and follow, the policies and procedures that Scotiabank has put in place to protect personal and Confidential Information and to comply with applicable Laws and regulations, including the *Scotiabank Incident and Breach Management Procedures*. Those policies and procedures explain how to report, respond to and remediate a breach of privacy or confidentiality.

All information about, or received from, individual or business customers or Employees or others (including prospective customers and Employees) should be presumed to be Confidential Information unless the contrary is clear. Keep in mind that even a seemingly harmless or helpful disclosure of customer or Employee or others’ Personal Information (such as to a customer’s family member) could be a breach of this Code and can have serious consequences for you, Scotiabank and the customers involved.

Never access customer or Employee or other individual’s Personal Information (including your own file), or confidential business information about Scotiabank or a customer, without a legitimate business reason and appropriate authorization. “Snooping” into files of customers or other Employees or others is prohibited. For example, do not view customer profiles or account information of family members, friends or acquaintances without a valid business reason to do so. Scotiabank monitors access to and use of information technology services and physical storage facilities in order to prevent and detect improper access to information. Snooping is a breach of the law and this Code, and could result in discipline, up to and including, termination of employment or, in the case of Contingent Workers, termination of assignment or contract, and legal proceedings against you by Scotiabank and the affected individuals.

Accessing, collecting and/or using Confidential Information from other organizations, including a former employer, is prohibited.

Never access customer or Employee or other Confidential Information without a legitimate business reason and appropriate authorization. “Snooping” into files of customers or Employees or others is a breach of the law and this Code, and could result in discipline, up to and including, termination or, in the case of Contingent Workers termination of assignment or contract, and legal proceedings.

b. Appropriate handling of personal and confidential information

It is your responsibility to safeguard and appropriately handle any personal or Confidential Information which you have custody of or access to, or which you use. This is the case even when you are disposing of waste or damaged materials.

In order to appropriately safeguard personal and Confidential Information, you must ensure that any new Scotiabank initiative or service and any new use of Personal Information that you are involved with has undergone a Privacy Impact Assessment, a Security Threat /Risk Assessment and all suggested privacy and security protections are implemented, before it is launched.

If you become aware of a breach or potential breach of privacy or confidentiality immediately report it to your Manager or through one of the options described in the Key Sources of Guidance and Advice addendum to this Code or in the *Raise a Concern How-to-Guide* so that steps can be taken to prevent, minimize or mitigate any negative impact on customers, Employees, other stakeholders, or Scotiabank.

Principle 4 | Respect privacy, confidentiality, and protect the integrity and security of assets, communications, information and transactions

continued



Introduction

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

Principle 2

Principle 3

► Principle 4

Respect confidentiality, and protect the integrity and security of assets, communications, information and transactions

- I. Privacy and confidentiality
- II. Accuracy and integrity of transactions and records
- III. Security
- IV. Digital communications, use and representation

Principle 5

Principle 6

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

Glossary

Key sources of guidance and advice

c. Disclosures of personal and confidential information

Third parties sometimes request information about customers (including family and friends). Subject to legal exceptions, you must obtain the consent of the customer before releasing a customer's personal or confidential business information. This includes releasing information about whether or not an individual, business or government department is actually a customer.

In some cases, assistance from the Legal Department may be required to verify if a demand for information has been properly made and documented to permit or compel production of information under the law without customer consent. There may also be situations where legal requirements prohibit telling the customer about a demand for information.

APPROPRIATE HANDLING OF PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- Follow policies, procedures and processes for storing and controlling access to electronic and physical confidential information.
- Follow any policies, procedures or processes for transmitting confidential information. Do not send confidential information via non-secure media such as fax, e-mail, SMS/text, instant messaging or the Internet (this includes internal social media platforms). Follow the secure e-mail function procedures where confidential information must be sent outside Scotiabank. See *the Key Sources of Guidance and Advice* addendum for more information.
- Do not carelessly display confidential information (by, for example, leaving it visible on a computer monitor, or leaving confidential documents where they could be viewed, lost or stolen).
- Do not disclose confidential information to persons outside Scotiabank (including family or household members or close associates) or to others who do not require the information for their work.
- Take care when discussing confidential information where it might be overheard or intercepted (such as when using a cell phone) by, for example, being certain to whom you are speaking and ensuring that your conversation cannot be overheard by unauthorized persons. Never discuss confidential information in social settings, such as restaurants, elevators, trains and other public places.
- Destroy or dispose of information according to security requirements and policies and procedures for document retention and destruction.

II. ACCURACY AND INTEGRITY OF TRANSACTIONS AND RECORDS

The expectations of our customers, shareholders, regulators and other stakeholders make it essential that Scotiabank's books and records are complete and accurate. Everyone must play their part in ensuring the accuracy and integrity of our record-keeping and information reporting systems. Follow applicable Policies, Procedures, and Processes to ensure that transactions:

- have a legitimate business purpose (e.g. the objective is not to achieve misleading earnings, revenue or balance sheet effect, mislead a regulator, or another unethical or illegal outcome);
- are properly authorized;
- are promptly and accurately recorded in the right accounts; and
- are adequately supported by back-up documentation.

Internal controls and procedures are in place to protect Scotiabank. Under no circumstances should you try to bypass an internal control, even if you think it is harmless or will save time. If you become aware that an internal control or procedure has been improperly bypassed or overridden, immediately report the incident using one of the options in the *Raise a Concern How-to-Guide*.

Principle 4 | Respect privacy, confidentiality, and protect the integrity and security of assets, communications, information and transactions

continued



Introduction

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

Principle 2

Principle 3

► Principle 4

Respect confidentiality, and protect the integrity and security of assets, communications, information and transactions

I. Privacy and confidentiality

II. Accuracy and integrity of transactions and records

• III. Security

IV. Digital communications, use and representation

Principle 5

Principle 6

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

Glossary

Key sources of guidance and advice

III. SECURITY

a. Keep Scotiabank and customer assets safe

Be alert to the potential for harm, loss, corruption, misuse, unauthorized access or theft of Scotiabank or customer assets. These include:

- funds and negotiable instruments;
- physical property, premises, supplies and equipment;
- technological devices and resources such as computer systems and networks, telecommunication systems and access channels to E-mail and the Internet;
- intellectual property, including software developed by employees or provided by third parties; and
- personal and confidential information, however stored or maintained, including information held on electronic storage devices.

Be careful not to compromise security through the inappropriate or unintended disclosure of information or images (e.g. posting pictures that contain Scotiabank information, taking a photo with a whiteboard in the background). Never discuss or disclose the design or operation of systems or security protection processes or procedures with anyone outside or inside Scotiabank, other than on a need-to-know basis. Never access/use a public cloud service from a Scotiabank Computer System or

device or to conduct any Bank business, unless the service has been approved by the designated committee (Cloud Council). Never copy Bank files or data to a service like G-Drive, DropBox or any other service that provides Internet storage space.

Report any perceived weakness or deficiency in a system or security protection procedure to your Manager or other appropriate senior officers (e.g. Chief Information Security Officer).

b. Integrity of computer and communication systems

Computer systems, programs and other technological assets and resources must be protected from theft, unauthorized access or misuse, and intentional and unintentional loss or corruption. You must comply at all times with security policies, processes and protection requirements, including any specific requirements applicable to a system or program which you use. For example:

- use only Scotiabank-approved computer programs, systems and software; and
- safeguard all access identifiers (e.g., passwords, access codes, badges), combinations, and physical keys in your custody; do not give, lend, share or duplicate them without authorization.

c. Assets or information in the hands of third parties

Scotiabankers who have authorized Assets or personal or Confidential Information to be held in the custody or safekeeping of third parties, you are responsible for ensuring that their security procedures meet or exceed Scotiabank standards. This will typically involve ensuring contractual safeguards are in place with assistance of the Legal Department and that a Risk and Control Assessment has been conducted with the assistance of Information Security & Control.

d. Use of Scotiabank property & information off-premises

As Scotiabankers when you are working at home or off-site, whether occasionally or as part of an approved arrangement, and have Scotiabank Assets in your custody, you are expected to keep those Assets safe by knowing and following security policies and procedures. When working at home or off-site:

- consider the sensitivity of information before taking it off-premises, whether in hard copy or electronic format, and take only the minimum information required;

Principle 4 | Respect privacy, confidentiality, and protect the integrity and security of assets, communications, information and transactions

continued



Introduction

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

Principle 2

Principle 3

▶ Principle 4

Respect confidentiality, and protect the integrity and security of assets, communications, information and transactions

I. Privacy and confidentiality

II. Accuracy and integrity of transactions and records

• III. Security

IV. Digital communications, use and representation

Principle 5

Principle 6

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

Glossary

Key sources of guidance and advice

- ensure all confidential information is safeguarded from unauthorized access, theft, misuse, loss or corruption in keeping with applicable policies, procedures and processes;

- never copy Scotiabank information for your or someone else's non-work-related use without authorization.

Scotiabankers are required to follow the standards noted below when working remotely or from home:

- take reasonable steps to set up a workspace in a private area;

- use only Bank-issued device(s) for all business activities and avoid using personal devices in any circumstances including sending business information to personal emails to print documents;

- properly secure all proprietary information to prevent unauthorized access;

- be vigilant with smart assistant devices (e.g., Google Home, Amazon Alexa, etc.), and ensure they are not in listening range of business conversations; and

- take appropriate precautions to maintain confidentiality should you live with a Bank customer, or someone who works at a competitor bank or supplier.

Except as may be required for working at home or off-premises, Bank Assets, files or other information are not to be removed from Scotiabank premises without authorization.

e. Appropriate use of information technology and services

As Scotiabankers, appropriate use of information technology and services, electronic and telecommunications facilities and systems, such as computers, Internet access, voice mail, e mail, fax machine, scanners and telephone, are provided to you to enable you to do your job. Any other use, except for Reasonable and Occasional Personal Use, is not allowed. Scotiabank information technology services are monitored for inappropriate use.

Additional responsibilities expected from Scotiabankers include:

- do not interfere or attempt to interfere with the security settings or the system configuration of the mobile computing device (e.g., "jailbreaking" or "rooting");

- work-related files are not to be stored on personally acquired storage/sharing services (e.g., Apple iCloud, Dropbox or Google Docs);

- personally acquired webmail services (e.g. Gmail, Yahoo Mail, Hotmail) are not to be used for work related emails. This includes communication, scheduling and storage of attachments.

- work-related photos or scanned images are not to be stored/shared on personally acquired photo storage/sharing services (e.g. Picture Frame, Photostream);

- personally acquired cloud-based data-processing or voice processing services are not to be used for business purposes (e.g. use Scotiabank PROMT Translation - translate.bns); and

- use only applications provided through Scotiabank Information Technology and Solutions when conducting Scotiabank business.

Principle 4 | Respect privacy, confidentiality, and protect the integrity and security of assets, communications, information and transactions



Introduction

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

Principle 2

Principle 3

▶ Principle 4

Respect confidentiality, and protect the integrity and security of assets, communications, information and transactions

I. Privacy and confidentiality

II. Accuracy and integrity of transactions and records

III. Security

• IV. Digital communications, use and representation

Principle 5

Principle 6

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

Glossary

Key sources of guidance and advice

IV. DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS, USE AND REPRESENTATION

Inappropriate internet use outside the workplace could subject you or Scotiabank or its customers or other stakeholders to legal, reputational, privacy, security or other risks. If you choose to offer your personal opinions online, use common sense and be careful not to give the impression you are speaking on behalf of Scotiabank or expressing a Scotiabank-approved perspective.

Scotiabank's policy is to be truthful and non-misleading in all communications and representations, written and verbal. This includes communications by e-mail, or using web-based public forums such as internet "blogs", chat rooms, newsgroups, social media etc. (otherwise known as 'digital communications'). You should also be aware of and comply with all applicable policies or procedures with respect to the sending of e-mails and other digital communications.

Some rules to follow when using digital communications include the following:

- Always use appropriate and professional language;
- Consider the appropriateness of using Scotiabank e-mail as a point of contact for third parties;
- Unless you are a specially designated person for whom it forms part of your normal duties, refrain from commenting on Scotiabank, its business activities or competitors in any online public forum;
- Never post material obtained from or associated with Scotiabank that is damaging to the interests of or embarrassing to Scotiabank;
- Do not use Scotiabank logos, trademarks, trade name or other proprietary materials without prior approval.

Ensure that you follow the branding guidelines of Scotiabank, subsidiary or business line when using Scotiabank logos, trademarks, trade names online;

- Do not promote specific Scotiabank products and services as these may require certain mandatory disclosures when targeted at the public;
- Under no circumstances may inside or confidential information – including information about customers, employees, others or Scotiabank – be posted online. This includes information on Scotiabank's security procedures, practices or vulnerabilities, as well as images or representations of Scotiabank facilities;
- Do not post or otherwise disclose the confidential information of customers, employees or Scotiabank; and
- Be alert for fraudulent activities and social engineering techniques. Social Engineering is a collection of techniques, including phishing, used to trick you into divulging confidential personal or business information or granting access to secure systems. If you become aware of fraudulent activity, notify Corporate Security.

When you use Scotiabank assets to communicate over its electronic networks, to discuss Bank related matters or to access the internet for personal or business related use, you must also comply with the following provisions:

- All e-mails sent to a third party from a Scotiabank network must be sent in a bank approved, secure manner and in compliance with applicable policies, procedures and processes;

- You must not use personal e-mail accounts for business purposes – do not send or forward Bank confidential information to these accounts; and
- It is important to ensure that only authorized employees of Scotiabank create and send digital communications including through social media and e-mail.

Personal use of external or internal digital communications should be done responsibly. In your personal postings and communications, you should never provide financial advice, use Scotiabank logos or trademarks or promote rates, fees or services. You should also never disclose confidential information, including results, strategy or other internal information of Scotiabank and ensure that competitors, customers or colleagues are never discussed.

You represent the Bank in all digital communications sent internally or externally for business or personal use at and outside of work. When using social media, e-mail or other digital communication methods consider the potential impact on Scotiabank's brand, image and reputation. Scotiabank's expectations in relation to digital communications and social media apply wherever you happen to be: whether in a Scotiabank workplace or not.

For specific guidelines for social media usage, please refer to Scotiabank's Social Media Policy.



- Introduction
- Our guiding principles
- Principle 1
- Principle 2
- Principle 3
- Principle 4
- ▶ Principle 5**
Treat everyone fairly, equitably, and professionally
- I. Diversity, equity and human rights
- II. Workplace health and safety
- Principle 6
- Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities
- Glossary
- Key sources of guidance and advice

This includes customers, employees, shareholders, suppliers, service providers, governments, regulators, competitors, the media and the public

Scotiabank is committed to respecting and promoting human rights and treating all current and potential Employees, customers, shareholders, suppliers, service providers, governments, regulators, competitors, the media and the public fairly, and to maintaining a work environment that supports the productivity, personal goals, dignity and self-respect of all.

This includes commitments to:

- having a work force, at all levels of the organization, that reflects the diverse population of the communities it serves; and
- providing reasonable accommodation to permit qualified persons who face some barrier (e.g. persons with disabilities) to do their jobs.

Diversity is important to the Bank, this is why Scotiabank furthered its commitment to human rights as it became the first Canadian bank to adopt the UN Global LGBTI Standards for Business, as well as signing onto the UN Women’s Empowerment Principles.

I. DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Discrimination and harassment

Scotiabank is committed to providing an inclusive, respectful and safe environment that is free from Discrimination and harassment for all as well as to complying with applicable Laws pertaining to Discrimination, human rights, and harassment. This applies to all Employees, Contingent Workers, Directors and officers of the Bank. Your actions are expected to be consistent with these principles and any legal requirements.

Harassment, including sexual harassment, can be a form of Discrimination where there is conduct, comment(s), gesture(s), or contact related to prohibited ground(s):

- that is likely to cause offence or humiliation to any individual (for example, bringing images or text of a sexual nature into the workplace, or making discriminatory or sexualized jokes or remarks); or
- that might reasonably be perceived as placing a condition of a discriminatory nature on employment or employment opportunities such as training or promotion, or on the provision of financial services.

Complaints of Discrimination or harassment will be dealt with promptly, and treated with seriousness, sensitivity and confidentiality. Retaliation against anyone for having raised concerns or complaints in good faith is forbidden and anyone who has raised concerns in good faith are protected from retaliation under the *Global Harassment Policy*. If retaliation is a concern, you can make use of the Whistleblower Policy.

For more information on Scotiabank’s policies with respect to harassment and Discrimination, refer to the *Human Rights Policy and Global Harassment Policy*.

II. WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

Scotiabank is committed to providing a healthy, safe workplace, in compliance with applicable local laws and regulations. This includes a commitment to providing a workplace that is free from violence by maintaining a respectful, non-threatening work environment.

You have an important role to play in creating and maintaining our healthy and safe work environment by:

- becoming familiar with your roles and responsibilities with respect to health and safety, and acquiring the necessary training to fulfill those roles and responsibilities;
- reporting any condition or practice that you believe may be hazardous using one of the options in the Raise a Concern How-to-Guide; and
- treating all those you deal with respectfully and professionally, and never acting in a violent, threatening or abusive manner.

Scotiabankers who hold managerial or supervisory roles may have additional health and safety related responsibilities and should be guided by any supplementary requirements of their local business unit, as applicable.



Principle 6 | Honour our commitments to the communities in which we operate

Introduction

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

Principle 2

Principle 3

Principle 4

Principle 5

▶ **Principle 6**

Honour our commitments to the communities in which we operate

- I. Environmental protection
- II. Charitable and community activities
- III. Political activities
- IV. Other voluntary commitments and codes of conduct

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

Glossary

Key sources of guidance and advice

To succeed, we must all act in a manner that is environmentally, economically and socially responsible. Doing so will ensure that we are viewed as a welcome partner in the markets in which we operate, and those we seek to enter.

I. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

As a major international financial institution, our day-to-day operations have a number of direct and indirect impacts on the environment. Scotiabank has taken steps to mitigate these impacts by adopting Policies, Procedures, and Processes with respect to, for example, environmental credit risk, enhanced social and environmental guidelines for project finance loans, and responsible environmental management of our operational footprint. Scotiabank’s Environmental Policy outlines our approach to managing the Bank’s direct and indirect environmental impacts. In 2019 Scotiabank announced its climate commitments, which describe the Bank’s approach to addressing the risks and opportunities arising from climate change. These five commitments are detailed in an External Position Statement.

You are expected to be aware of and comply with those Policies, Procedures, and Processes that apply to your area of responsibility.

II. CHARITABLE AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

We are committed to making a positive contribution to the communities in which we operate. All donations or support given on behalf of Scotiabank should be made in accordance with applicable Policies, Procedures, and Processes.

In special cases, your Manager or another senior officer may approve the use of Scotiabank equipment, facilities or staff time for charitable activities. Otherwise, as much as possible, charitable and community activities are to be limited to non-business hours.

III. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

a. Political activities and donations in the name of Scotiabank

To avoid conflicts of interests with political or state entities or the perception of an attempt to encourage favourable treatment of the Bank or a Subsidiary, Scotiabank does not make political contributions.

b. Personal political participation

Scotiabank considers participation in the political process to be an important contribution to the community and a personal decision that is subject to their conscience and individual discretion. No one in Scotiabank may require anyone to:

- personally contribute to, support or oppose any candidate or political organization; or

- refrain from personal political activity, providing that activity is not prohibited by law and is not conducted on Scotiabank’s time or using its facilities or resources, does not interfere with job performance, and does not present a Conflict of Interest.

However, the time and attention devoted to these activities should not interfere with your job performance, or present any other kind of conflict. Before running for office or accepting a political appointment, discuss your intention with your Manager to ensure there will not be a conflict.

When engaging in personal political activities outside of work, make it clear that those activities are not being conducted on behalf of Scotiabank. The use of Scotiabank equipment, facilities, staff or other resources to conduct political activities is prohibited.

Any questions about your involvement in political fundraising events or activities should be directed to the Government Affairs Department.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

When soliciting charitable donations or support, whether on behalf of Scotiabank or another organization, you should emphasize the voluntary nature of the donation or support.

No one should feel pressured to contribute to fundraising campaigns and/or under no circumstances are you permitted to give preferential treatment to Employees who may contribute to solicited charities.



Principle 6 | Honour our commitments to the communities in which we operate

Introduction

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

Principle 2

Principle 3

Principle 4

Principle 5

▶ **Principle 6**

Honour our commitments to the communities in which we operate

- I. Environmental protection
- II. Charitable and community activities
- III. Political activities
- IV. Other voluntary commitments and codes of conduct

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

Glossary

Key sources of guidance and advice

IV. OTHER VOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS AND CODES OF CONDUCT

Some countries, subsidiaries or specialized areas may have voluntary commitments or codes of conduct that apply to you (e.g., industry codes of conduct).

a. Commitments by Scotiabank

It is important that we honour our public commitments and adhere to voluntary undertakings to which Scotiabank has agreed to be bound. Scotiabankers are expected to be aware of and comply with those public commitments that apply to their area of responsibility.

b. Professional codes of conduct

Many professions and professional bodies have codes of conduct or ethics to which they expect their members to adhere. If a Scotiabanker comes across an instance where a profession's code of conduct conflicts with this Code, inform your Manager and the Compliance Department immediately. In most cases, you should follow the more stringent requirement to the extent the conflict exists.

Scotiabankers should acquaint themselves with these voluntary commitments or codes of conduct as they may be required to acknowledge them on an annual or other basis.

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

Introduction

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

Principle 2

Principle 3

Principle 4

Principle 5

Principle 6

► **Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities**

- I. Obligation to report
- II. Protection from retaliation

III. How to report

Glossary

Key sources of guidance and advice

I. OBLIGATION TO REPORT

You are required to immediately report any actual, suspected or potential breaches of the Code including:

- any actual, suspected or potential breach by you or any other person of a policy, procedure, guideline, law, regulatory requirement, or code of conduct;
- any weakness or deficiency in Scotiabank's Policies, Procedures, Processes or controls that might enable breaches to occur or go undetected; or
- any failure of a supplier, service provider or contractor to adhere to legal requirements or ethical standards comparable to this Code.

Reporting such matters can help protect you and Scotiabank, as well as other Employees, customers, shareholders and other stakeholders.

Failing to report is grounds for immediate termination of employment for cause, or in the case of Contingent Workers, termination of assignment or contract.

If a problem or concern has been referred to you, resolve the issue or refer it appropriately using one of the options in the *Raise a Concern How-to-Guide*.

II. PROTECTION FROM RETALIATION

Scotiabank will protect from retaliation individuals who, in good faith, reports actual, suspected or potential breaches of this Code or violations of law, regulations or internal policies by Employees, Contingent Workers, Directors, service providers, or problems with Scotiabank's Policies, Procedures, Processes or controls.

Retaliatory action of any kind against individuals who makes a report in good faith could be grounds for termination of employment for cause, or in the case of Contingent Workers, termination of assignment or contract, and may be subject to criminal or civil penalties.

Scotiabank further protects individuals by providing a number of anonymous and confidential methods for the disclosure of wrongdoing or irregularity (see next section).

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

Introduction

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

Principle 2

Principle 3

Principle 4

Principle 5

Principle 6

▶ **Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities**

I. Obligation to report

II. Protection from retaliation

• III. How to report

Glossary

Key sources of guidance and advice

III. HOW TO REPORT

a. Raise a Concern How-to-Guide

You should report any actual, suspected or potential breach of this Code to your Manager or as set out in the *Raise a Concern How-to-Guide*. Consult a more senior officer if you do not receive what you consider to be a reasonable response from the first person. You can also report Harassment of other workplace issues to Employee Relations by contacting Ask HR (in Canada), or to the local Human Resources department or representative.

Actual, suspected or potential breaches of this Code will be dealt with promptly and fairly. However, if you do not feel your complaint or concern has been appropriately resolved, there are other, alternative options available to you.

b. Alternative, confidential avenues

It may not always be appropriate or adequate to report breaches or concerns through *Raise a Concern How-to-Guide* (for example, if concerned about the possibility of reprisal by persons involved in an actual, potential or suspected breach of this Code). Scotiabank has therefore created alternative, confidential avenues to disclose breaches, problems and irregularities:

- The Staff Ombuds Office is available to provide confidential advice or assist in identifying an appropriate way to report your concerns. (For information on how to contact the Staff Ombuds Office, consult the *Raise a Concern How-to-Guide* or *Key Sources of Guidance and Advice addendum*).
- The *Whistleblower Policy* outlines the process for reporting accounting and auditing concerns, fraudulent activity or actual, suspected or potential breaches of this Code including concerns related to retaliation or retribution. It includes information on how to report anonymously through an independent third-party Hotline and/or directly with Scotiabank's Chief Auditor. The Policy also provides details on avenues for confidential reporting to the Bank's Securities Regulators.

c. Getting help or advice

You are expected to know and understand this Code and conduct yourself in accordance with the Code and the Code principles. Scotiabankers who have any questions or are unsure about any of the principles or requirements of this Code, should ask their Manager or a more senior officer. If this is not appropriate, or if you need further guidance, consult the *Key Sources of Guidance and Advice addendum*.

WHISTLEBLOWER PROGRAM

The program provides a confidential mechanism for individuals to come forward and report suspected misconduct. It receives, tracks, and investigates suspected misconduct to determine whether such reports are substantiated. The program ensures that Bank management takes steps to remediate and determine root causes of the misconduct. Investigations are undertaken on a confidential basis in coordination with key areas across the Bank which are also subject to the confidentiality of the program.

Glossary

Introduction

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

Principle 2

Principle 3

Principle 4

Principle 5

Principle 6

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

► Glossary

Key sources of guidance and advice

Asset or Assets refers to any property of economic value, physical or otherwise, owned by Scotiabank.

Bank or Scotiabank means The Bank of Nova Scotia (BNS), including domestic and international locations, and all wholly owned or controlled Subsidiaries of BNS.

Board of Directors means the Board of Directors within BNS, Subsidiaries, or affiliates, unless specified.

Competition Laws or Trade Regulations generally prohibit or attach specific conditions to arrangements that:

- restrain or monopolize trade;
- have discriminatory price or service features, which diminish competition;
- unduly restrain competition by requiring that the customer deal only, or primarily, in the company's products (sometimes called "exclusive dealing") or that the customer, as a condition of acquiring a specific product, also acquires some other company product (sometimes called "tied selling"); and/or
- represent other methods of competition deemed unfair.

Compliance Department means Scotiabank Global Compliance, including Global Compliance Executive Offices (Toronto), and local and subsidiary Compliance departments.

Computer System means any technology device that accepts information (in the form of digitalized data) and manipulates it based on a program or sequence of instructions on how the data is to be processed. Examples include, but are not limited to: desktops, servers, laptops, mobile devices and tablets.

Confidential Information refers to any information that is treated as confidential by the Bank, and includes trade secrets, technology information, information pertaining to business operations and strategies, and information pertaining to customers, pricing and marketing.

Conflict of Interest arises when a person or corporation is in a position to derive personal benefit from actions or decisions made in their official capacity such that the impartiality or objectivity of the person or corporation is undermined.

Contingent Worker means:

- agency workers where Scotiabank has a contract with an agency who is the employer of a worker or has retained a worker who is assigned by the agency to provide services to Scotiabank;
- independent contractors, where Scotiabank has entered directly into a contract with an individual (or the company owned by an individual) to provide services to Scotiabank directly; and/or
- service provider workers, where Scotiabank has entered into a contract with a company to provide services to Scotiabank or to complete a project for Scotiabank.

Contingent Workers are not employed by Scotiabank and are therefore not paid via payroll by Scotiabank.

Various terms may be used to address Contingent Workers throughout Scotiabank globally, including, but not limited to, third party workers, agency temps, freelancers, independent contractors, consultants, and external contractors. The Code only applies to those Contingent Workers with access to Scotiabank networks / systems and applications as part of their

job duties, globally, and any reference in the Code to "Contingent Workers" will only include those Contingent Workers with access to Scotiabank systems (platforms containing company, employee or customer information and data) as part of their job duties.

Data Loss Prevention (DLP) is a process designed to protect confidential data and reduce the risk of it being compromised. This monitoring process helps protect both the data that Scotiabank is entrusted with as well as the Scotiabank community from the potentially serious consequences of losing confidential data, including financial penalties, customer dissatisfaction, increased regulatory scrutiny, and reputational damage.

Director means a member of the Board of Directors of a Scotiabank entity.

Directorship refers to an elected or appointed position on a company's board of directors.

Discrimination means treating people differently, negatively or adversely because of their race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability or other grounds specifically prohibited in the Canadian Human Rights Act or other human rights and anti-discrimination Laws that apply to affiliates, Subsidiaries or to Scotiabank's operations globally.

Employee(s) means any employee of Scotiabank who is paid via Scotiabank payroll including officers, Directors, full-time, part-time, temporary, and casual or contract Employees.

Fiduciary is someone who has undertaken to act for the benefit of another and is in a position of trust.

Glossary

Introduction

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

Principle 2

Principle 3

Principle 4

Principle 5

Principle 6

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

► **Glossary**

Key sources of guidance and advice

Information Barriers are the Policies, Procedures and Processes that collectively create barriers restricting access to Inside Information. This refers in particular to the practice of separating research, sales and trading Employees from Employees whose jobs make it likely they will encounter Inside Information.

Information Security & Control or “IS&C” is the team responsible for overseeing Scotiabank’s Information Security Risk Management.

Inside Information is Material Information that has not been generally disclosed to the public. See also “Material Information”.

Insider Trading is the legally prohibited activity of purchasing or selling securities of a public company, or derivatives linked to that company’s securities, with the knowledge of Inside Information. See “Inside Information” and “Tipping.”

Laws include any applicable legislation, statutes, regulations, policies, rules and codes of conduct established by governmental, legal or regulatory authority, or by any self-regulatory or industry association by which Scotiabank is or has agreed to be bound.

Legal Department means your local or subsidiary Legal Department, or Legal Department Executive Offices (Toronto).

Manager means your branch Manager, department Manager, supervisor or unit head.

Material information is information which would reasonably be expected to significantly affect the market price or value of a company’s securities. It can also be information that an investor would likely consider important in deciding whether to buy or sell a company’s securities.

Money Laundering means an act or attempted act to disguise the source of money or Assets derived from criminal activity.

Personal Information means Information about an identifiable individual. Refers to any information that permits the identity of an Individual to be directly or indirectly inferred, including information that is “linked” or “linkable” to that Individual. This includes, but it is not limited to, name, age/date of birth, address, credit scores, net worth, and government issued identification numbers, such as Social Insurance Number.

Policies, Procedures, and Processes refer to all applicable manuals, handbooks, job aids, forms, policies, practices, procedures, processes, standards, programs and requirements as implemented by Scotiabank, including those that relate to how Scotiabank wishes to manage its business in accordance with its business strategy and risk appetite.

Raise a Concern How-to-Guide means Scotiabank’s published guide, “Raise a Concern How-to-Guide”. Employees or Contingent Workers of Subsidiaries should read this and words such as “Manager” and “department head” in the context of their organizational structure and escalation processes.

Reasonable and Occasional Personal Use is any non-business activity performed on a Bank owned asset that does not consume significant amounts of resources, does not interfere with business operations or staff productivity, and does not introduce increase risk to the Bank, it’s Employees, customers, shareholders, or the informational Assets entrusted to the Bank.

Scotiabanker(s) means Employee(s) and Contingent Worker(s) of the Bank.

Subsidiaries means companies owned or controlled in whole or in majority part by Scotiabank.

Terrorist Financing means the collection, use or possession of money or Assets, or the provision of financial or other related services, for terrorist purposes.

Tipping is the unlawful disclosure of Inside Information about an Issuer to a person who is not authorized to have such information.

You means Employees, Contingent Workers, and Directors.

Key sources of guidance and advice

Introduction

Our guiding principles

Principle 1

Principle 2

Principle 3

Principle 4

Principle 5

Principle 6

Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities

Glossary

► Key sources of guidance and advice

If you have questions or concerns or wish to report to a more senior officer within the Bank, use one of the options in the *Raise a Concern How-to-Guide*. If this is not feasible, or if you require additional assistance, consult one of the sources listed below.

Issue	Additional sources of guidance and advice
Accounting and auditing concerns, suspected fraudulent activity and whistleblowing retaliation/retribution	Submit a confidential, anonymous report through the Whistleblower Policy website at www.gcs-whistleblower.com (English, French or Spanish language) directly to the Chief Auditor or through Whistleblower@scotiabank.com
Bribery and corruption	Refer to Anti Bribery & Anti-Corruption Policy or e-mail: Conduct.Risk@scotiabank.com
Criminal activity (known or suspected)	Incidents may be reported to Corporate Security by phone during business hours at (416) 866-6666 or cs.intake@scotiabank.com After hours emergencies should be reported to the Security Operations Centre at (416) 866-5050 or CS.SOC@bns.scotiabank.com
Customer complaint resolution policies or procedures	In Canada: Office of the President 1-877-700-0043 (English) 1-877-700-0044 (French) E-mail: mail.president@scotiabank.com or All others: Your designated Compliance Department
Conflict of interest (Bank insider and corporate client conflicts)	Compliance Control Room (Toronto)
Conflict of interest (other)	Your designated Compliance Department or Global Compliance Executive Offices (Toronto) E-mail: Conduct.Risk@scotiabank.com

Key sources of guidance and advice*

- Introduction
- Our guiding principles
- Principle 1
- Principle 2
- Principle 3
- Principle 4
- Principle 5
- Principle 6
- Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities
- Glossary

► **Key sources of guidance and advice**

Issue	Additional sources of guidance and advice
Harassment	Employee Relations, by contacting Ask HR (in Canada) or Your local Human Resources Department or If retaliation is a concern, submit a confidential report through the Whistleblower Policy website at www.gcs-whistleblower.com (English, French or Spanish language) or Refer to the Whistleblower Policy and Procedures
Inside information, information barriers, trading restrictions and insider trading	Compliance Control Room (Toronto) E-mail: compliance.controlroom@scotiabank.com
Legal matters	Your designated Legal Department or Legal Department Executive Offices (Toronto)
Media enquiries	Your designated Public Affairs Department or Public, Corporate and Government Affairs Executive Offices (Toronto)
Money laundering/Terrorist financing (known or suspected)	Your designated Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer or AML Risk Executive Offices (Toronto)
Off-the-record, confidential advice regarding workplace concerns	Staff Ombuds Office Phone (from Canada and the U.S.): 1-800-565-7810 (English, Spanish) 1-800-565-7804 (French) Phone (International – Call collect during Toronto business hours): 1-416-866-4330 (English, Spanish, French) E-mail: staff.ombudsman@scotiabank.com

Key sources of guidance and advice*

- Introduction
- Our guiding principles
- Principle 1
- Principle 2
- Principle 3
- Principle 4
- Principle 5
- Principle 6
- Getting help or reporting problems and irregularities
- Glossary

► **Key sources of guidance and advice**

Issue	Additional sources of guidance and advice
Privacy, including releasing information and breaches of privacy (customers, employees or other individuals)	The Canadian Branch Network: Please contact ask.operations@scotiabank.com or 1-844-301- 8822 All others: Use one of the options in the Raise a Concern How-to-Guide guide or contact your designated Compliance Department or Enterprise Privacy Office (Toronto) E-mail: privacy@scotiabank.com
Procurement (sourcing, contracting and purchasing) inquiries	Global Procurement Services (Toronto) E-mail: AskGPS@scotiabank.com
Releasing information about Scotiabank	Your manager, supervising office or department head
Safeguarding Scotiabank facilities and assets	Security Operations Centre at (416) 866-5050 or CS.SOC@bns.scotiabank.com
Safeguarding electronic information (cyber-crime and data security matters)	Information Security and Control Executive Offices (Toronto) E-mail: asksecurity@scotiabank.com or Data Loss Prevention (DLP) E-mail: DLP.support@scotiabank.com or To report an incident, contact the 24/7 Cyber Security Hotline Phone: 416.288.3568 E-mail: cyber.security@scotiabank.com
Workplace issues or concerns	Contact Employee Relations, by contacting Ask HR (in Canada) or Your local Human Resources Department

* Note: Individual business units are encouraged to create and circulate a customized *Key Sources of Guidance and Advice* document using this template.