

Nova Scotia Council

CAR SCREENING—SCOUTER GUIDELINES

At Scouts Canada, we are committed to using all available avenues to make informed decisions about youth safety matters and the safety of our volunteers. Through enhanced screening measures and by staying up to date with new opportunities, we continually fulfill our duty of care, ensuring we provide safe environments for youth to experience the benefits of Scouting across the country.

Child Abuse Registry (CAR) checks are our latest addition to volunteer screening, and will impact new and existing members in Manitoba and Nova Scotia Councils at no extra cost. Effective at the start of the new Scouting Year on September 1, 2020, CAR checks will be required to maintain or gain active membership at Scouts Canada.

How to complete a Nova Scotia CAR Screening Check

Nova Scotia Community Services (NSCS) requires the individual applying for a Child Abuse Registry check to complete and file paperwork with the province.

- 1. Applicant (Scouter) obtains form from province ([online](#) or in person), and submits directly to the province via mail or in-person drop-off:**

Mail:

Private and Confidential

Child Abuse Register

Department of Community Services

P.O. Box 696

Halifax, NS

B3J 2T7

- 2. The Department of Community Services will share results directly with the applicant via mailed letter:**

Clear check result—Applicant receives embossed letter.

Not clear check—The province will notify the applicant directly.

- 3. The applicant will be required to forward the form to the Scouts Canada Atlantic Service Centre via mail or in-person drop-off (when available).**

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- 4. Results will be recorded in MyScouts external screening under the "CAR" acronym, similar to the Police Record Check / Vulnerable Sector Screening recorded by Member Services Administrators.**

Note: The Child Abuse Registry check is a mandatory screening requirement for residents of Manitoba and Nova Scotia, which must be met in order to be an Active member of Scouts Canada. Should you be aware that your name is recorded on the registry, please contact Safe Scouting (safety@scouts.ca) or your Council Key 3 for further direction.