

Professional Notice

To: Pharmacy Practitioners
From: Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
Date: January 19, 2022
Re: RN Prescribers

Registered Nurse (RN) prescribing was enabled in Nova Scotia on January 1, 2022. RN prescribing enables RNs who complete a Certificate Program at Dalhousie University to prescribe medications within a specific area of expertise and practice setting, and only for client conditions as identified by their employer. More information on this initiative that is aimed at improving access to healthcare for Nova Scotians can be accessed on the [NSCN website](#). Please note:

- Some RN prescribers will be working in outpatient clinics. As such, community pharmacies may see prescriptions written by RN prescribers.
- Pharmacists can verify that an RN has been “Authorized to Prescribe” by reviewing their registration and licensure details through the [Search A Nurse](#) function on the NSCN website. Pharmacists are not expected to take steps to confirm that the RN is prescribing within their scope and employer policy.