

# Provincial Flag Act

CHAPTER 9 OF THE ACTS OF 2013



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**An Act Respecting  
the Official Flag of Nova Scotia**

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WHEREAS Armorial Bearings were granted to Nova Scotia by King Charles I and recorded in the Office of Our Lyon King of Arms in Scotland in 1625;

AND WHEREAS the 1625 Armorial Bearings are reputed to have been used on flags flown at the mastheads of Nova Scotian wooden sailing ships;

AND WHEREAS the first known recorded use of the 1625 Armorial Bearings on a flag was, as reported by the *Acadian Recorder* on June 12, 1858, a celebratory offering to a cricket club;

AND WHEREAS by Royal Warrant bearing date the twenty-sixth day of May, 1868, Her Majesty Queen Victoria granted and assigned a new Armorial Ensign to the Province of Nova Scotia along with certain Armorial Ensigns to the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, and a great Seal for the Dominion of Canada;

AND WHEREAS by Royal Warrant bearing date the nineteenth day of January, 1929, His Majesty King George V in his Princely Grace and Special Favour did cancel and annul the said Royal Warrant bearing date the twenty-sixth day of May, 1868, in so far as it related to the Armorial Ensigns of the Province and in substitution therefor granted and confirmed the 1625 Armorial Bearings;

AND WHEREAS the 1625 Armorial Bearings have been used as the Nova Scotia flag continuously:

**Short title**

**1** This Act may be cited as the *Provincial Flag Act*. 2013, c. 9, s. 1.

**Official flag**

**2** The flag, bearing the 1625 Armorial Bearings for the Province and described in the Schedule to this Act, is confirmed as the official flag of the Province. 2013, c. 9, s. 2.

SCHEDULE

Armorial Bearings

Argent, a Cross of St. Andrew Azure, charged with an escutcheon of the Royal Arms of Scotland. 2013, c. 9, Sch.

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