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## **Subject: Important Member Update-A MUST READ!**

### **Guidelines for moving to New Brunswick and traveling to/from New Brunswick for work.**

Dear Members:

We would like to take this opportunity to advise members of recent Province of New Brunswick guideline changes that may **positively** impact REALTORS® who have Canadian resident clients who wish to move to New Brunswick. We would also like to advise REALTORS® of current guidelines for those traveling to and from New Brunswick for work purposes. Finally, we would like to let you know that anyone entering New Brunswick must register with the Province either online before or upon arriving at the border.

#### **Moving to New Brunswick**

Up until recently, persons wishing to move to New Brunswick were not permitted to enter New Brunswick to attend property showings for purposes of purchasing a property if they subsequently had to return to their original province to move of all their household goods. This has now changed.

NBREA has recently received confirmation from the Province of New Brunswick that non-residents of New Brunswick are permitted to enter New Brunswick for purposes of attending showings of a property **PROVIDED** they first self-isolate for fourteen (14) days. To access a copy of the letter please [click here](#).

Once a person who takes advantage of the new guidelines above, secures and purchases a residential property, they may return to their originating province, (subject to any emergency order rules of that province) pack up their household goods and return to New Brunswick to move into their new property. In this situation, individuals returning to New Brunswick would be required to self-isolate for fourteen (14) days **a second time**.

Residents of any province in the Atlantic bubble are not required to self-isolate and are able to attend property showings immediately upon entering New Brunswick (unless they have travelled outside the Atlantic bubble in the previous 14 days and/or have symptoms of COVID-19).





Any Canadian resident who wishes to move to New Brunswick must have the following documentation with them upon crossing the border:

- 1) If crossing the border to commence the process to purchase a property, the individuals should have a letter from a licensed REALTOR® attesting to the individual(s)' intention to search and purchase a residential property in New Brunswick as well as the planned search process and timeframes.
- 2) If crossing the border as part of the final move to New Brunswick, the individuals must show proof of their intention to move to New Brunswick. This may include:
  - a. Documentation from a landlord confirming rent or a lease agreement
  - b. Purchase and sale agreement, deed or mortgage information.
  - c. Documentation from family or friends confirming residence.
  - d. Solemn affirmation.
  - e. For a residence under construction, documentation may include:
    - i. Deed or mortgage of lot.
    - ii. Building permit or other approvals to construct.
    - iii. Contracts for building with estimated completion date.
- 3) All individuals crossing the border must have a self-isolation plan which includes documentation proving they have secured accommodations for their fourteen (14) day self-isolation as well as any time required to complete their property search and conclude their purchase. Temporary accommodations, if required, can include leased condominium, apartment, hotel, motel, cottage or Air BNB. The self-isolation plan must also include a plan for delivery of provisions while in isolation.

It is suggested that anyone planning to enter New Brunswick for purposes of searching for a property or moving should register in advance. See “Travel into New Brunswick – Registration System” [below](#).

### **Travel to/from New Brunswick for Work Purposes**

Any New Brunswick resident who works outside the province (in another Canadian province or territory) is permitted to return to New Brunswick and is **not** required to self-isolate upon their return to New Brunswick. However, it is suggested that you do self-monitor and if you have symptoms of COVID-19, you contact 811 and follow all public health recommendations.

Any Canadian resident who resides outside the Atlantic bubble is permitted to enter New Brunswick for work purposes however, they must either self-isolate for fourteen (14) days or have a WorkSafe NB approved self-isolation plan.

### **Travel into New Brunswick – Register System**



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Anyone entering New Brunswick by land, sea or air must register so information can be collected to support public health. Persons may register either online, by phone or at the border. Registration online in advance also helps you determine what documents you will need at border screening so you can avoid being turned away. If you choose to register when you arrive at the border your travel may be delayed. For more information on how to register please visit <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/travel-registration.html#howtoregister>

**As we enter the fall season, please keep in mind that COVID-19 is still with us and we remind you to continue to follow all public health and WorkSafe NB guidelines such as frequent handwashing, proper screening for symptoms, physical distancing and use of masks etc. Please stay vigilant to minimize any further outbreaks of COVID-19.**

