

## Important Changes to the Music Nova Scotia Investment Program

Please be advised of the following important changes to the Music Nova Scotia Investment Program:

1. All Music Nova Scotia Investment Program applications are currently offline and suspended while we prepare the website with new and improved forms to better serve our clients. These new forms will allow applicants to save their work and return at a later time to finish and submit the application. The new forms will be activated and online by February 15, 2017. Please contact the Program Manager if you had planned on submitting an application during this offline period in order to incur eligible expenses earlier than the March 15 deadline. The deadline of March 15 2017 will be unaffected by this suspension.
2. **New Eligible Applicant category: “Developing Artist II”**. This new eligible applicant category provides an opportunity for applicants who have achieved notable success within Nova Scotia and who are prepared to begin export activities outside the province. Applicants who meet this category’s required criteria will be eligible to submit to the Live Performance - Tour Support and Marketing Stream programs with a maximum of \$5000 per applicant, per deadline. Developing Artist II applicants are also eligible to submit to the Showcase Component stream, in addition to Developing Artist and Export Ready applicants. Required criteria for this new category can be viewed in the updated Definition of Eligible Applicants PDF document found on the Music Nova Scotia website.
3. Deal memos for Hired Musicians and/or Eligible Crew’s fees will no longer be required for the initial applications to the Showcase Component and Tour Support streams. They will be required as part of the Completion Reports should your application be successful.

These changes are effective immediately and will be recognized for all upcoming deadlines, including the March 15, 2017 round.

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