



Transitional proAction® Registration Policy

Purpose: As per DFNS' *Milk Producer Licensing Regulations*, producers at 105 consecutive days of proAction® program non-compliance are subject to a shutoff of their milk pickup. This shutoff results in the withdrawal of the producer's registration under the proAction program. The proAction Registration System Manual dictates that once a producer loses their registration, all previous records are no longer valid and, "If a farmer wishes to recover proAction registration status after having registration withdrawn, the farmer must submit an application and enter the registration process once again."

Registration with proAction is a mandatory requirement to ship milk in Nova Scotia.

Application Process: Following a shut-off for proAction non-compliance, a producer may apply for a six-month transitional registration under the proAction program using a form supplied by DFNS. The intent of the transitional registration would be to provide the opportunity to accumulate the three months of new records of operating data required for a new proAction validation followed by an additional 30 days to close any corrective actions, if necessary

The application may be submitted at any time following the shutoff; however, the shut off will remain in place for a minimum of six days as per DFNS' *Milk Producer Licensing Regulations*. Essential elements to be included on the written application include:

- a detailed description of how the producer intends to implement the proAction program and bring their farm into compliance;
- agreement to undergo a proAction validation after three months; and following validation, submit corrective actions (if necessary) according to the timelines and requirements indicated by the proAction Coordinator;
- agreement to be subject to regular farm visits from a proAction Coordinator to ensure efficient implementation of the program;
- a declaration that the producer is committed to fully implement and become compliant with the proAction program as soon as possible.

Review and Decision: Upon receipt of a completed application form that includes the required elements detailed above, the Board will consider a request for a six-month transitional proAction registration. All decisions regarding issuance of transitional registrations are made on a case-by-case basis. In reviewing the application, the Board will seek input and advice from a proAction Coordinator.

If approved, the transitional registration will be effective as of the date of approval, or on the seventh day following shutoff, whichever is later. If the shutoff has been in place for more than 12 days, the producer will be required to pass a farm premise inspection prior to resumption of milk pickup. Additional terms and conditions of a transitional registration may be imposed at the discretion of the Board following consideration of the producer's proposed plan. During the transitional registration period the producer will be subject to regular farm visits from a proAction Coordinator to ensure the program is being implemented efficiently, and the transitional registration may be revoked immediately with justification. Failure to comply with proAction within the allotted timeline would result in the transitional registration being revoked and immediate shut-off.

If not approved, the shutoff will remain in place. After the shutoff has been in place for 60 consecutive days, the Board may cancel the producer's license following a hearing with the producer as per Sections 7 and 22 of DFNS' *Milk Producer Licensing Regulations*.