

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA
Form 6-K
December 16, 2015

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

Form 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of December 2015

Commission File Number 002-09048

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA
(Registrant's name)

44 King Street West, Scotia Plaza 8th floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 1H1

Attention: Secretary's Department (Tel.: (416) 866-3672)

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Form 20-F Form 40-F

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INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

This report on Form 6-K shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in The Bank of Nova Scotia's registration statements on Form F-3 (File No. 333-185049) and Form F-3 (File No. 333-200089) and to be a part thereof from the date on which this report is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**THE BANK OF NOVA
SCOTIA**

Date: December 16, 2015 By: /s/ Christy Bunker
Name: Christy Bunker
Managing Director,
Title: Secured & Capital
Funding

EXHIBIT

Exhibit Description of Exhibit

- 5.1 Opinion of Shearman & Sterling LLP, U.S. counsel for the Bank.
- 5.2 Opinion of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, Canadian counsel for the Bank.
- 23.1 Consent of Shearman & Sterling LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 above).
- 23.2 Consent of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP (included in Exhibit 5.2 above).