

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA /
Form 6-K
May 29, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of May, 2012

Commission File Number: 002-09048

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

(Name of Registrant)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes No

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This Report on Form 6-K and the exhibit hereto are incorporated by reference as an exhibit to The Bank of Nova Scotia's Registration Statement on Form F-9 which was filed on February 6, 2012 (File No. 333-179383).

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: May 29, 2012

By: /s/ Jake Lawrence
Name: Jake Lawrence
Title: Managing Director, Alternate Funding

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit | Description of Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | Terms Agreement dated May 25, 2012, between The Bank of Nova Scotia and Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. |