

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA /  
Form 6-K  
May 22, 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 22, 2012

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
99.1	Terms Agreement dated May 17, 2012, between The Bank of Nova Scotia and Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.