

Notification of Public Consultation – May 16, 2022

“CAN/HRSO-500.01-2022 DEVELOPMENT OF A MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ANIMAL-ASSISTED HUMAN SERVICES (AAHS)” is currently available for public consultation from May 16th until July 15, 2022.

How to Participate

To review and comment on this draft National Standard of Canada (NSC), please click this link: <https://www.hrso-onrh.org/you-and-hrso/public-consultation-on-draft-national-standards/>

What are the National Standards of Canada?

National Standards of Canada (NSCs) are NOT policies, guidelines, procedures, accreditation, or certification programs. **National Standards of Canada (NSCs) ARE** expressed through requirements based on current normative references such as government regulations, policies, guidelines, and informative references like publications, articles, and journals reflecting current industry sector practices and research that highlights gaps and issues that still need to be addressed.

AAHS, also commonly referred to as Animal-Assisted Services (AAS) has evolved into a rapidly growing competitive marketplace whereby anyone can hang a shingle on their door to work or volunteer within this promising yet unregulated industry sector. There is no public sector provincial, territorial, or federal regulations developed through an impartial national or international consensus-decision-making process.

This NSC provides a basis for the establishment of a consistent, well-balanced, unambiguous, and essential Canadian procedural requirements for all Animal-Assisted Human Service Providers (AAHSP), whether they be an individual or organizations, for-profit or not-for-profit, held publicly or privately, engaged in the business of Animal-Assisted Human Services (AAHS).

Some of the many benefits of adopting this NSC are to enhance public confidence, safeguard consumer and human rights, the health and welfare of Human Service Assistance Animals (HSAA), and promote continuity, and innovation across Canada. This NSC is also an incentive that encourages a third-party, conformity assessment program to cultivate a national credibility chain to endorse and sustain service excellence.

For more information concerning this initiative please visit <https://www.cf4aass.org/notices-of-intent.html>.

Thank you for contributing to the success of this groundbreaking NSC!