

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA /
Form 6-K
January 21, 2010

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: January, 2010

Commission File Number: 001-31316

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA
(Name of Registrant)
44 King Street West, 9th Floor, Scotia Plaza, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 1H1
416-866-4269

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

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Yes No

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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: January 21, 2010

By: /s/ Jeffrey Heath
Name: Jeffrey Heath
Title: Executive Vice President and Group
Treasurer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit | Description of Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | Underwriting Agreement dated January 19, 2010 |