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Understanding the Section Numbers

Why the Table of Edits refers to section numbers you will not find in the 2026 Band Regulations — and where to find each change instead.

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Why the numbers do not line up

Several Members have noticed the same thing, and the observation is a fair one. The *Table of Edits* points to sections such as **Annex A s. 25** and **Annex B s. 31** — but when you turn to those Annexes in the 2026 Band Regulations, Annex A stops at section 17 and Annex B stops at section 27 — there appears to be nothing there to look at.

Here is what is actually going on.

1. **The Table of Edits uses the old section numbers.** It follows the table of recommended edits prepared by the Nation's legal counsel, which described changes to the Band Regulations as they have stood since 2006. Every section number in it is an *old* number.

2. **The 2026 Regulations were re-typed, and the numbering shifted.** In the course of preparing the new version, some sections that used to stand on their own became lettered paragraphs inside the section before them. For example, old Annex A s. 4 (Elections) is now s. 3(a) and (b).

3. **Each time that happened, a section number disappeared from the list.** Ten section numbers were absorbed this way in Annex A and four in Annex B. That is why the last section in Annex A is now 17 rather than 27, and the last in Annex B is 27 rather than 30.

4. **The rules themselves are still in the document.** A provision that moved from its own section number into a lettered paragraph still reads the same and still applies. It simply has a different address.

The one section that was genuinely removed

Old **Annex A s. 27** — which barred any person who knowingly broke the election rules from holding office or taking part in Band elections for ten years — has been taken out. That removal is a proposed change in its own right, and it is listed in the Table of Edits under Part 1 ("Edit removing section re: penalty"). The reason recorded by the Nation's legal counsel is that it repeated a bar already set out in old s. 10, which is now s. 9. It is the only section number in either Annex that is missing because the provision itself is gone rather than renumbered.

WORKED EXAMPLE

THE TABLE OF EDITS SAYS	Annex B s. 31 — new Council review provision
WHY THAT NUMBER	Old Annex B ended at s. 30, so a new provision added to the end was the 31st item
WHERE TO FIND IT NOW	**Annex B s. 27** — "Band Regulation Review", the last section of the document

The tables that follow are a ***numbering key only****: they show where each old section now sits. They do not restate the wording of each amendment — for that, read the Table of Edits alongside the Regulations themselves.*

Annex A — Band Elections

Annex A had 27 sections and now has 17. Ten section numbers were absorbed into the section before them, and one section was removed. Rows in **red** are the sections that lost their own number and became lettered paragraphs — these are the rows that cause the confusion.

OLD	SUBJECT	2026 REGULATIONS
1	Citation — Glooscap Band Election Regulations	s. 1
2	Interpretation — definitions	s. 2
3	Band Council — composition	s. 3
4	Elections — five-year cycle; conduct of the poll	s. 3(a)–(b)
5	Term of Office	s. 4
6	Vacancy — when office becomes vacant	s. 5
7	By-Election	s. 6
8	Eligibility of Electors	s. 7
9	Eligibility for Office	s. 8
10	Ineligibility following a conviction	s. 9
11	Ineligibility following removal from office	s. 10
12	Appeal Board — composition and appointment	s. 10(a)–(d)
13	Amendments	s. 11
14	Deposits — candidate deposits	s. 12
15	General Band Meeting — nominations	s. 12(e)–(j)
16	Manner in Which Voting Shall be Carried Out	s. 12(k)–(w)
17	The Poll	s. 12(x)–(ee)
18	Counting the ballots after the poll closes	s. 13
19	Declaring the successful candidates	s. 14
20	Equal votes — Electoral Officer's casting vote	s. 15
21	Statement of votes cast — who receives copies	s. 15(a)–(c)
22	Disposition of Ballot Papers	s. 16
23	Election Appeals — lodging an appeal	s. 16(a)–(d)
24	Appeal Board — further investigation	s. 16(e)–(g)
25	Setting aside an election	s. 17
26	Secrecy of Voting	s. 17(e)–(g)
27	General penalty — ten-year bar for any violation	Removed

Annex B — Band Procedural Regulations

Annex B had 30 sections. One new section was added and four numbers were absorbed into the section before them, so Annex B now ends at 27. Rows in **red** lost their own number and became lettered paragraphs.

OLD	SUBJECT	2026 REGULATIONS
1	Citation — Glooscap Band Procedural Regulations	s. 1
2	Interpretation — definitions	s. 2
3	Meeting of the Council — first meeting, quarterly meetings, absences, notice	s. 2(d)–(h)
4	Appointment of the Deputy Chief	s. 3
5	Quorum of Council	s. 4
6	Where no quorum is present	s. 5
7	Who presides at a meeting	s. 6
8	Taking the chair and calling the meeting to order	s. 7
9	Maintaining order; questions of procedure	s. 8
10	Order of business	s. 9
11	Moving and seconding resolutions	s. 10
12	Withdrawing a resolution	s. 11
13	Addressing the presiding officer	s. 12
14	More than one member wishing to speak	s. 13
15	Points of order	s. 13(a)–(b)
16	Appealing a ruling of the presiding officer	s. 14
17	Questions decided by majority vote; deciding vote	s. 14(a)–(b)
18	Obligation to vote; personal interest	s. 15
19	Refusal to vote	s. 16
20	Council voting by a show of hands	s. 17
21	Re-reading the question under discussion	s. 18
22	Meetings open to Members; expelling a person	s. 18(a)–(b)
23	Standing committees	s. 19
24	Special committees	s. 20
25	Committee quorum	s. 21
26	Chief as ex-officio member of all committees	s. 22
27	General duties of committees	s. 23
28	Special meetings of committees	s. 24
29	Council may make further rules of procedure	s. 25
30	Violation by a Council member — suspension and honorarium	s. 26
(31)	Band Regulation Review — new provision; there was no s. 31 in the old Annex B	s. 27

Every reference in the Table of Edits

This is the quick key. Find the section the Table of Edits names in the left-hand column, and the right-hand column tells you where to turn in the 2026 Band Regulations. Sections of the main Regulations (s. 1 to s. 14) did not change their numbers at all.

TABLE OF EDITS SAYS	THE CHANGE	TURN TO
Part 1 — Plain-language and clarifying updates		
s. 11(c)	"51%" becomes "50%+1"	**s. 11(c)**
Annex A s. 6(b)	"51%" becomes "50%+1"	**Annex A s. 5(b)**
s. 12	A Member may verify their own address information	**s. 12**
s. 14(a)	"wilfully" and "by-lays" spelling corrections	**s. 14(a)**
s. 9(a)(b)	Job title updated; Financial Administration Law clarified	**s. 9(a), (b)**
Annex A s. 14(c)	Job title updated — where deposits are lodged	**Annex A s. 12(c)**
Annex A s. 21(b)	Job title updated — who receives the vote statement	**Annex A s. 15(b)**
Annex A s. 22	Job title updated — custody of ballot papers	**Annex A s. 16**
Annex B s. 2(b)	Job title updated — definition	**Annex B s. 2(b)**
Annex B s. 3(a)(e)	Job title updated — notice of Council meetings	**Annex B s. 2(d) and 2(h)**
Annex A s. 2(e)	"Glooscap First Nation" terminology	**Annex A s. 2(e)**
Annex A s. 2(d)(3)	Disqualification clause removed from "Elector"	**Annex A s. 2(d)**
Annex A s. 7	By-election within 60 days, unless an election is imminent	**Annex A s. 6**
Annex A s. 9(a)	"Registered Band Member of Glooscap First Nation"	**Annex A s. 8(a)**
Annex A s. 10	Ineligibility runs from the date of conviction	**Annex A s. 9**
Annex A s. 11	Ineligibility runs from the date of removal	**Annex A s. 10**
Annex A s. 15(c)	"shall" becomes "may" — candidate's introduction	**Annex A s. 12(g)**
Annex A s. 17(a)	"on" becomes "in"	**Annex A s. 12(x)**
Annex A s. 17(c)	"mode voting" becomes "mode of voting"	**Annex A s. 12(z)**
Annex A s. 18	Ballot box opened "in the band hall"	**Annex A s. 13**
Annex A s. 18(f)	"ballot papers" becomes "ballots"	**Annex A s. 13(f)**
Annex A s. 25(a)	Corrupt practice "by a candidate"	**Annex A s. 17(a)**
Annex A s. 25(b)	"might have" becomes "potentially"	**Annex A s. 17(b)**
Annex A s. 27	Section removed — general ten-year penalty	**Not in the 2026 Regulations**
s. 10(e)	Votes by show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested	**s. 10(e)**
s. 10(k)	No vote "on a particular question" where there is personal gain	**s. 10(k)**

TABLE OF EDITS SAYS	THE CHANGE	TURN TO
Annex B s. 12	Withdrawal by "mover and seconder"	**Annex B s. 11**
Annex B s. 20	Council votes by a show of hands	**Annex B s. 17**
Annex B s. 22	Members not excluded "unless it is an in-camera meeting"	**Annex B s. 18(a)**
Annex B s. 29	"Counsil" corrected to "Council"	**Annex B s. 25**
Annex B s. 31	New — Council must review the Regulations once per term	**Annex B s. 27**
Part 2 — A fourth Councillor		
s. 6(a)	Council of one Chief and four Councillors	**s. 6(a)**
Annex A s. 3	Council of one Chief and four Councillors	**Annex A s. 3**
Part 3 — Online voting		
s. 11(a)	Amendments voted by postal ballot, online voting or in person	**s. 11(a)**
Annex A s. 16(b)	Electoral Officer mails the list of Electors	**Annex A s. 12(l)**
Annex A s. 16(e)	Ballot papers and the secured online voting website	**Annex A s. 12(o)**
Annex A s. 16(h)	Online voting system provided to eligible Members	**Annex A s. 12(r)**
Annex A s. 16(m)	Online ballot submissions marked read before the poll	**Annex A s. 12(w)**
Annex A s. 17(a)	"a ballot paper or on-line ballot"	**Annex A s. 12(x)**
Annex A s. 17(b)	"a ballot paper or on-line ballot"	**Annex A s. 12(y)**
Annex A s. 17(f)	How an online ballot is marked and submitted	**Annex A s. 12(cc)**
Annex A s. 18(c)	Electoral Officer examines online submissions	**Annex A s. 13(c)**
Annex A s. 18(d)	Objections to online ballots and submissions	**Annex A s. 13(d)**
Annex A s. 20	Electoral Officer's deciding vote in a tie	**Annex A s. 15**
Annex A s. 26(b)	Secrecy when voting online	**Annex A s. 17(f)**

Questions

If you cannot locate a provision, or you want to compare the old and new wording of any section, contact the Band Office — 159 Smith Road, Bishopville, NS · PO Box 449, Hantsport, NS B0P 1P0.