

Nova Scotia Experience: Express Entry Application Guide Changes

As of November 16, 2022

- We're switching to the 2021 version of the National Occupational Classification (NOC). This means that:
 - the NOC 2016 skill type and skill level structure (NOC O, A, B, C and D) will be replaced with a 6-category system representing the training, education, experience and responsibilities (TEER) needed to work in an occupation
 - 4-digit occupation codes will become 5-digit codes

As of Aug. 31, 2022

- Editing changes for clarity and consistency.

As of June 9, 2022

- Do not apply if your qualifying work experience was gained while on a federal post-graduation work permit based on the completion of studies outside Nova Scotia.

As of May 11, 2022

- Authorized representatives and employers who commit misrepresentation or fraud in relation to the Nova Scotia Nominee Program will NOT be allowed to participate in any provincial immigration programs for a period of five (5) years.

As of March 11, 2022

- Do not apply if you have been found to have committed misrepresentation in relation to an immigration application in the last five years.
- Work experience must have been with a Nova Scotia employer that met the stream criteria during the period of the work experience.
- Employment with the employer must have met these criteria:
 - The employee must be paid a salary that meets provincial employment standards and the provincial wage range for the specific occupation.
 - Hiring the applicant must not contravene NSOI policies related to:
 - On-site Home-based Businesses
 - Service Home-based Businesses
 - Business with a Telework Arrangement

As of Jan. 5, 2021

- Do not apply if you have received a nomination or endorsement (NSNP or Atlantic Immigration Pilot) within the last 12 months.

As of Dec. 1, 2020

- Editing changes for clarity and consistency.

As of May 30, 2019

- The When Not to Apply section has been updated and no longer excludes applicants who are:
 - intending to start a business and/or be self-employed in Nova Scotia;
 - a passive investor (individuals who intend to invest in a Nova Scotia business with very limited or no involvement in the day-to-day management of the business)
- The Test de connaissance du français (TCF) is accepted as proof of language ability.

- Résumé and curriculum vitae no longer required as evidence of work experience.
- Editing changes for clarity and consistency.

As of Nov. 23, 2018

- A one-time re-issuance of a nomination may be granted on a case-by-case basis.

As of July 10, 2018

- The When Not to Apply section has been updated and no longer excludes applicants who are:
 - the spouse of an international student at a Canadian post-secondary institution who is not in his/her last academic year of studies.

As of Dec. 4, 2017

- All references to the National Occupational Classification (NOC) are now to the 2016 version of the NOC (<https://noc.esdc.gc.ca/Home>); not to the NOC 2011 version.

As of Oct. 24, 2017

- The age limit of a dependent child has increased from “under 19” to “under 22”. Those who are 22 years of age or older and who are unable to support themselves due to a physical or mental condition continue to be eligible as a dependent.

As of May 1, 2017

- Editing changes for clarity and consistency.

As of Oct. 25, 2016

- The When Not to Apply section prohibits applications from individuals who have already received a nomination under the Nova Scotia Nominee Program dated within the last 12 months.

As of June 22, 2016

- The guide has been updated with the Nova Scotia Office of Immigration’s new civic address:

1469 Brenton Street
3rd Floor
Halifax NS

As of Dec. 17, 2015

- The disclaimer has added sections on misrepresentation and withdrawal of applications.
- Changes made in When Not to Apply criteria.
- Further editing changes for clarity and consistency.

As of Oct. 15, 2015

- Candidates advised to create an Express Entry profile before applying to the Nova Scotia Office of Immigration.

As of May 28, 2015

- Amended the criteria to require that a copy of an Educational Credential Assessment report must not be more than **five** years old on the date that NSOI receives an application and on application for permanent residence to CIC.