

# APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

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## Landscape Horticulturist



### Trade Qualification

Landscape Horticulturist is a designated trade under the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act*. Apprenticeship training is not currently offered in this trade, however, there are options for certification. One option is for individuals with extensive experience; a second option is for individuals with a combination of experience and a recognized certification(s).

#### Option 1 - Trade Qualification

The Apprenticeship Training division will approve individuals to challenge the Interprovincial Red Seal Examination (Red Seal Exam) if they can provide proof they:

- have the required 9,000 hours of hands-on work experience in the trade, and
- can provide two qualified references who can attest to their skills in the trade.

To determine if your skills and work experience meet the standards set for a skilled tradesperson you can review the detailed national occupational analysis found on the Interprovincial Standards Red Seal website at [www.red-seal.ca/images/ECS\\_Landscape.html](http://www.red-seal.ca/images/ECS_Landscape.html)

Individuals who pass the Red Seal exam will be issued a Nova Scotia Certificate of Qualification with the Red Seal endorsement. This endorsement is a recognized standard in jurisdictions across Canada.

For more information on the Trade Qualification process (and fee), including how to apply for the Red Seal exam, please contact the Training Officer for your [trade/region](#).

#### Option 2 - Certification Recognition

The Apprenticeship Training division has approved a certification recognition option for industry practitioners. The Canadian Nursery and Landscape Association (CNLA) provides training and certification to its industry members through the Landscape Industry Certified Technician program.

The Apprenticeship Training division will issue a Nova Scotia Certificate of Qualification (provincial certificate) to individuals who can provide proof they:

- have the required 6,000 hours of hands-on work experience time in the trade, and
- hold these four certifications from the Landscape Industry Certified Technician program:
  - » Hardscape Installation,
  - » Softscape Installation,
  - » Turf Maintenance, and
  - » Ornamental Maintenance

To apply for provincial recognition, click [here](#) for a copy of the certification recognition application form.

Once you have obtained the Nova Scotia Certificate of Qualification, you are eligible to write the Red Seal exam (at the cost of the exam fee only). Click [here](#) for a copy of the exam application form.

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