Exam Schedule

2026–2027

NOVA SCOTIA APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY

All Clients currently enrolled in harmonized technical training will be automatically scheduled for a level exam. Apprentices who are not successful on the first attempt of their level exam, must submit an exam application to rewrite that level.

Certification, Rewrites and Trade Qualifier Exams

General Sitting Exam Date	Apply Before	Exam Location	AMS Sitting ID
September 12, 2026	August 12, 2026	IT Campus	11441
September 19, 2026	August 19, 2026	Lunenburg Campus	12522
September 26, 2026	August 26, 2026	IT Campus	11442
		Burridge Campus	12262
		Sydney Waterfront Campus	11478
October 23, 2026	September 23, 2026	Welder Practical (NSCC Akerley Campus)	11505
October 24, 2026	September 24, 2026	IT Campus	11443
		Lunenburg Campus	11470
		Pictou Campus	11492
		Sydney Waterfront Campus	11479
October 31, 2026	September 30, 2026	IT Campus	11444
		Truro Campus	11500
November 7, 2026	October 7, 2026	IT Campus	11445
		Sydney Waterfront Campus	11480
November 21, 2026	October 21, 2026	Sydney Waterfront Campus	11481
		Lunenburg Campus	12523
November 24, 2026	October 24, 2026	Kingstec Campus	12582
November 28, 2026	October 28, 2026	IT Campus	11446
December 12, 2026	November 12, 2026	IT Campus	11447
		Pictou Campus	11493
		Strait Campus	11497
December 18, 2026	November 18, 2026	Welder Practical (NSCC Akerley Campus)	11507
December 19, 2026	November 19, 2026	IT Campus	11448

		Lunenburg Campus	11471
		Sydney Waterfront Campus	11482
January 16, 2027	December 16, 2026	IT Campus	14449
		Lunenburg Campus	11472
		Sydney Waterfront Campus	11483
January 30, 2027	December 30, 2026	IT Campus	11701
February 20, 2027	January 20, 2027	IT Campus	11450
		Sydney Waterfront Campus	11484
February 26, 2027	January 26, 2027	Welder Practical (NSCC Akerley Campus)	11506
February 27, 2027	January 27, 2027	IT Campus	11451
		Lunenburg Campus	11474
		Truro Campus	11501
		Sydney Waterfront Campus	11485
March 6, 2027	February 6, 2027	IT Campus	11452
		Pictou Campus	11494
		Kingstec Campus	11468
March 13, 2027	February 13, 2027	Cumberland Campus	11467
		IT Campus	11453
		Lunenburg Campus	11473
		Strait Campus	11498
April 02, 2027	February 02, 2027	Welder Practical (NSCC Burridge Campus)	11464
April 03,2027	February 03, 2027	Burridge Campus	12041
April 10, 2027	March 10, 2027	IT Campus	11454
April 17, 2027	March 17, 2027	IT Campus	11455
		Lunenburg Campus	11475
		Sydney Waterfront Campus	11486
April 23, 2027	March 23, 2027	Welder Practical (NSCC Akerley Campus)	11508
April 24, 2027	March 24, 2027	IT Campus	11456
		Pictou Campus	11495
May 1, 2027	April 1, 2027	Burridge Campus	11465
		IT Campus	11457
		Kingstec Campus	11469
		Sydney Waterfront Campus	11487
May 8, 2027	April 8, 2027	IT Campus	11458
		Lunenburg Campus	11476
May 14, 2027	April 14, 2027	Truro Campus	11502
May 15, 2027	April 15, 2027	IT Campus	11459
		Sydney Waterfront Campus	11488

May 22, 2027	April 22, 2027	Lunenburg Campus	11477
June 5, 2027	May 5, 2027	Burridge Campus	11466
June 12, 2027	May 12, 2027	IT Campus	11460
		Sydney Waterfront Campus	11489
June 18, 2027	May 18, 2027	Welder Practical (NSCC Akerley Campus)	11509
June 19, 2027	May 19, 2027	IT Campus	11461
		Strait Campus	11499
June 25, 2027	May 25, 2027	Pictou Campus	11496
July 24, 2027	June 24, 2027	IT Campus	11462
		Sydney Waterfront Campus	11490
August 20, 2027	July 20, 2027	Truro Campus	11503
August 21, 2027	July 21, 2027	IT Campus	11463
		Sydney Waterfront Campus	11491

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOLLOW

How do I apply for an exam?

- Make sure you are a Registered Apprentice or have been approved through the Trade Qualifier Program before you apply.
    - Log in to AMS (**Access the Apprenticeship Management System via the following link)**
    - Apply for your exam based on the availability of your preferred exam location and pay the applicable exam fee online. If you do not meet the eligibility requirements or are unable to apply, please contact your Case Manager or Industry Training Consultant for assistance.

How do I reschedule an exam?

- If you need to reschedule your exam, you must first submit a **Withdrawal Request** through AMS account, ensuring that you include the reason for your request. Withdrawal requests are typically processed within **five (5) business days**. Once your withdrawal has been approved and you have been withdrawn from your current exam session, you may reapply for a new exam date based on your preferred schedule and seat availability. Please note that apprentice is responsible for submitting a new exam application and paying the applicable exam fee online, as submitting a withdrawal request does not automatically register you for a future exam.
- If an Exam is Cancelled due to weather or any other unforeseen circumstances, you will be contacted by your Industry Training Consultant by phone and email as soon as we are aware of the cancellation. You will Automatically be rescheduled into the next upcoming sitting and sent a new confirmation with the sitting details within 5 business days.

General exam sitting information:

Exam Date

- If an exam date is no longer displayed in AMS when you are trying to apply, it means that the exam sitting is no longer available. This may be because the registration deadline has passed or the exam has reached full capacity. Please select another available exam date or contact your Case Manager or Industry Training Consultant if you require assistance.

Apply Before Date

- The Apply Before date is the deadline to register for an exam in AMS. Once this date has passed, the exam will no longer be available for registration. To avoid missing your preferred exam date, please submit your application and payment before the Apply Before deadline.

Start Time

- Morning exam sittings are held at 8:30 AM (unless otherwise specified).
    - Clients must be present at the exam location at the designated start time to ensure all exam procedures and rules can be reviewed before the exam starts.
    - The exam will start once all clients have been fully seated and are ready to begin writing. Clients who are late may have to be rescheduled to write at the next exam date.

Time Limit

- Four (4) hours.
    - All clients will have a maximum of four (4) hours to complete the exam from the time the exam starts (as determined by the exam invigilator).

Exam Materials

- All exam materials required to write your exam will be provided.
    - Exam materials include exam booklet, bubble sheet, pencils, eraser, calculator, and codebook (when applicable).

Passing Standard

- A passing standard of 70% is required on all Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency exams.

Rewrites

- Clients who are unsuccessful with their Level exam on the first attempt are permitted a second attempt at no charge.
- Clients who need to re-write Certification exams will have to pay an exam fee each time they write.
- Any Further attempts of any exam may require additional training that would be approved by an Industry Training Consultant prior to writing.

Cancellations

- An applicant who is unable to attend their scheduled exam may withdraw from that sitting and reschedule one time only without penalty. The candidate must notify Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the exam sitting.
    - Exam fees will be forfeited if you fail to report for the scheduled exam without informing the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency to reschedule within twenty-four (24) hours in advance.

Denied Applications

- In the event your application is denied, the reviewing Industry Training Consultant will contact you to go over the details and explain what options are available to you.

Frequently asked questions:

- For a comprehensive list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding our exams, please visit the Training and Exams section of our

website.

- https://www.nsapprenticeship.ca/agency/ams.
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How do I apply for a Technical Safety exam?

• Make sure you have been approved by Technical Safety

• **Applications must be received by Technical Safety 35 days prior to the exam date to allow for review and approval of exams.**

• Complete and submit by mail the Certificate of Qualification application (Payment Required) https://novascotia.ca/lae/equipmentsafety/docs/Applicationforcertificateofqualification.pdf.

• Submission of the form does not guarantee you a seat at the selected exam sitting. Your application will be reviewed by Technical Safety to ensure all qualifications have been successfully met before being approved for processing and scheduling.

• Once your application has been fully processed, you will receive a confirmation email containing details about your official exam**. (within 10 business days of the exam date)**

• Confirmation letter that will include important details about your exam sitting within 10 business days prior to the exam.

• All applications are subject to space availability at time of application approval. In the event an exam sitting reaches capacity before your application is approved, agency staff will contact you to reschedule you to the next available exam sitting at the location of your choice.

How do I reschedule an exam?

• If you need to reschedule an exam; please email safetybranch@novascotia.ca and request to be rescheduled to a new available exam sitting within one week (1 week) of exam date. With your rescheduling request, include your Full Name, NSID, and Exam Sitting Location/Date.

• Please complete the Re-write application to Technical Safety by mail https://novascotia.ca/lae/equipmentsafety/docs/RewriteapplicationforexaminationJuly2015.pdf

• To withdraw from exam sitting, please send in writing to safetybranch@novascotia.ca Include Full name, NSID and exam location and date. Failure to withdraw from the exam sitting in writing one week (1) prior to the exam date will result in forfeiting of exam fees.

• Submission of a reschedule request does not guarantee you a seat at the selected

General exam sitting information:

Apply Before Date

• Your application must be received by Technical Safety on or before the apply before date (**5 weeks)**.

• Applications received after the apply before date will be processed for the next available exam sitting at the location of your choice.

Start Time

• Morning exam sittings are held at 8:30 AM (unless otherwise specified). No afternoon sittings.

• Clients must be present at the exam location at the designated start time to ensure all exam procedures and rules can be reviewed before the exam starts.

• The exam will start once all clients have been fully seated and are ready to begin writing. Clients who are late may have to be rescheduled to write at the next exam date.

Time Limit

• Exam sittings are held at 8:30 AM (unless otherwise specified).

• Clients must be present at the exam location at the designated start time to ensure all exam procedures and rules can be reviewed before the exam starts.

• The exam will start once all clients have been fully seated and are ready to begin writing. Clients who are late may have to be rescheduled to write at the next exam date. Time Limit

• Three (3 hours): Power Engineer Class 4th, 3rd and 2nd class and all crane operator exams.

• Three and one half (3.5 hours): Power Engineer 1st Class. Except B4 exam is 3 hours

• The time the exam starts (as determined by the exam invigilator)

Exam Materials

• All exam materials required to write your exam will be provided. • Exam materials include exam booklet, bubble sheet, pencils, eraser, calculator, and codebook if available (upon request to Technical Safety).

Passing Standard

 A passing standard of 65% is required on all Nova Scotia Technical Safety exams.

Rewrites

 Clients who are unsuccessful with their exam on the first attempt must wait 60 days from the exam date before attempting the paper again.

 Clients who need to re-write exams will have to pay an exam fee each time they write.

Cancellations

 An applicant who is unable to attend their scheduled exam may withdraw from that sitting and reschedule. The candidate is required to contact Technical Safety notice via email to safetybranch@novacotia.ca within one week of the exam date. • Exam fees will be forfeited if you fail to report for the scheduled exam without informing the Technical Safety to reschedule within one week prior to the exam.

Denied Applications

 In the event your application is denied, the reviewing Technical Safety will contact you to go over the details and explain what options are available to you exam sitting. All requests are processed in the order in which they are received. In the event an exam sitting reaches capacity

before your request could be processed, agency staff will contact you to reschedule you for the next available exam sitting at the location of your choice.

• If an Exam is Cancelled due to weather or any other unforeseen circumstances, you will be contacted by Technical Safety by phone and email as soon as we are aware of the cancellation. You will automatically be rescheduled into the next upcoming sitting and sent a new confirmation with the sitting details within 5 business days prior to the exam date.