

What is the Nova Scotia High School Diploma for Adults?

The *Nova Scotia High School Diploma for Adults* is a diploma issued by the Department of Labour & Advanced Education

It recognizes the recipient as having completed a high school or secondary education.

Am I eligible to apply for the diploma?

You may be eligible to apply for this diploma if you:

- ✓ are 19 years of age or older and;
- ✓ have been out of public school for one full year or more and;
- ✓ do not already have a Department of Education recognized high school graduation diploma.

How can the diploma help me?

The *Nova Scotia High School Diploma for Adults* will help you to:

- ✓ improve your employability,
- ✓ gain entrance into post-secondary programs in colleges and universities,
- ✓ learn new skills and improve existing abilities.

Where is the diploma offered?

The diploma may be offered through:

- ✓ regional school boards
- ✓ Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC)
- ✓ Université Sainte-Anne

How many credits do I need to earn my diploma?

To earn your diploma, you will need to successfully complete 12 credits from any one or a combination of the following choices:

- ✓ *Grades 11 & 12 Public School Program* credits offered by regional school boards,
- ✓ *Adult Learning Program Level 4* credits offered by the NSCC,
- ✓ *Correspondence Study Program* credits offered through the Department of Education.

What credits do I need to earn my diploma?

You will need *6 compulsory* and *6 elective* credits. Five of the 12 credits must be at grade 12 level.

The **6 compulsory credits** are:

- ✓ 2 credits - English/French Language Arts or Communications (grade 11 and 12)
- ✓ 1 credit – Mathematics (grade 11 or 12)
- ✓ 1 credit – Biology / Chemistry / Physics (grade 11 or 12)
- ✓ 1 credit - Technology, Mathematics, Science, or Social Studies (grade 11 or 12)
- ✓ 1 credit - Global History / Global Geography (grade 11 or 12)

The **6 elective credits** are:

- ✓ Any courses in any subject area that may assist in meeting personal or professional goals.

You may be granted equivalency credits from prior educational courses in vocational, training and post-secondary programs.

How do I decide which credits best meet my needs?

The credits you select to earn your diploma will depend on your educational and career goals.

Your regional school board or NSCC will discuss your credit requirements and assist in your credit choices at the beginning of the program.

Is there a cost to earn my diploma?

If you do not have a recognized high school graduation diploma, you will pay *no tuition* to earn your diploma (this includes correspondence studies as well). However, there may be registration fees and book costs. Those students who have a high school diploma and wish to upgrade previous credits will be charged fees.

Who can I contact for more information?

Northern Region

- ✓ Adult Education Office.....893-7200
- ✓ Chignecto-Central Regional School Board
 - Truro Adult High School* 897-8957
 - Amherst Adult High School* 661-2482
 - New Glasgow Adult High School* ... 755-8139
- ✓ Nova Scotia Community College
 - Cumberland Campus* 597-3737
 - Pictou Campus* 752-2002
 - Truro Campus* 893-5346

Metro Region

- ✓ Adult Education Office 424-5162
- ✓ Halifax Regional School Board 864-7508
- ✓ Nova Scotia Community College
 - Akerley Campus* 491-4900
 - Halifax Campus* 491-4636
 - Waterfront Campus*.....491-1100

Cape Breton Region

- ✓ Adult Education Office 563-2270
- ✓ Cape Breton/Victoria School Board. ... 562-5178
- ✓ Nova Scotia Community College
 - Marconi Campus* 563-2450

Southwestern Region

- ✓ Adult Education Office 543-2376
- ✓ Southwest Regional School Board
 - Yarmouth Adult High School* 749-2830
 - Queens Adult High School* 354-7630
 - Lunenburg Adult High School* 527-5990
- ✓ Nova Scotia Community College
 - Burridge Campus* 742-0760
 - Lunenburg Campus* 543-4608
 - Shelburne Campus* 875-8640

Valley Region

- ✓ Adult Education Office 679-6204
- ✓ Annapolis Valley Regional School Board
 - Annapolis Comm. Learning Ctr.* 584-4512
 - Hants West Learning Ctr.* 796-6750
 - Kings County Learning Ctr.* 690-3801
- ✓ Southwest Regional School Board
 - Digby Learning Ctr.* 245-7530
- ✓ Nova Scotia Community College
 - Annapolis Valley Campus* 825-2930
 - Kingstec Campus* 679-7361

Strait Region

- ✓ Adult Education Office 625-4031
- ✓ Strait Regional School Board 625-7053
- ✓ Nova Scotia Community College
 - Strait Area Campus* 625-4017

Acadian Community

- ✓ Adult Education Office 722-1146
- ✓ Université Sainte-Anne
 - Halifax* 424-2630
 - St-Joseph-du-Moine* 224-4100
 - Tusket*.....648-3524
 - Petit-de-Grat* 226-3900
 - Pointe-de-l'Église*.....769-2114
 - Pointe-de-l'Église (sans frais)* 1-888-338-8337

Please note: Program schedule and course availability may vary from region to region, depending on enrollment and class capacity