

# Have Questions About Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship?

... professional program potential in NS



*Is Landscape Horticulturist a Red Seal designated trade in Nova Scotia?*

Yes!! Landscape Horticulturist is a Red Seal designated trade in Nova Scotia and the Landscape Horticulturist Interprovincial Red Seal Exam is available for qualified candidates. Individuals who successfully complete the exam will have the Red Seal endorsement on their certificate are permitted to work in all jurisdictions across Canada without further training or examination.

*Is there a Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship training program in Nova Scotia?*

Currently, apprenticeship training is not currently offered in the Landscape Horticulturist trade in Nova Scotia. In order for the province to support an apprenticeship program there needs to be enough certified journeypersons in the trade to mentor apprentices. There are two options, developed in collaboration with Apprenticeship Nova Scotia and the CNLA, to qualify industry professionals in securing journeyperson status. See: What is Landscape Horticulturist Trade Qualification and Certification Recognition?

*What is Landscape Horticulturist Trade Qualification and Certification Recognition?*

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

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## *What are the two options to secure a Landscape Horticulturist Red Seal designation?*

### **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 that 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 (NOA) found on the Interprovincial Standards Red Seal website at: <http://www.red-seal.ca/tr.1d.2@-eng.jsp?tid=403> & click on the "check mark" PDF file for the NOA in the Trade Information Chart.

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. [http://nsapprenticeship.ca/contact\\_information/apprenticeship\\_offices.shtml](http://nsapprenticeship.ca/contact_information/apprenticeship_offices.shtml)

### **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**

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). Visit [http://nsapprenticeship.ca/forms\\_and\\_publications/Exam\\_App.pdf](http://nsapprenticeship.ca/forms_and_publications/Exam_App.pdf) for a copy of the exam application form.

## *What are the benefit of becoming certified Journeyperson?*

### **Certified Journeyperson's:**

Who choose the 'option 2' certification pathway, also have the benefit of securing their Landscape Industry Certified - Technician designation, an internationally recognized, industry-developed program that sets and maintains standards for the landscape industry. A Landscape Industry Certified person has achieved excellence in the combined written and practical examination that tests knowledge, technical skills and safety practices.

Are highly trained and qualified with developed skills and competencies that meet industry standards.

Are safer, which results in reduced compensation costs and leads to reduced insurance costs for the company some employers because insurance companies.

Are more knowledgeable and productive, maintaining high standards and quality on the job, which increases product or service, customer satisfaction and business reputation.

Can use their credentials as a marketing tool to customers to show them it is better to conduct business with a company that employs quality certified journeypersons.

Develops a critical mass of qualified journeypersons in order to support the development of a formalized Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship program in NS.

Some LNS members have already been approved as Journeyperson's, some are waiting to hear back on their applications, and some are very close to being ready to put in their applications only needing to complete one or two certification designations. LNS will be contacting members that are close to being ready to apply in the next few weeks - once we gain a critical mass in the province, we can request the implementation of an apprenticeship program in Nova Scotia!



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