

APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS REGISTRATION
Chair or Room Rental
(Cosmetology Act, 2012, c. 39, sections 31 and 33)

Application Processing: 4 to 6 Weeks

Estimated Start Date: _____

County: _____

Indicate if the business is a Chair or Room Rental:

Chair: Room:

Application Fee(s): Charged in accordance with Schedule B of the Associations By-laws (attached to this application).

Note: if a room is being rented by more than one individual, a new permit is required for each individual providing cosmetology services in the rented room unless the individuals work as a registered partnership or corporation (proof of such partnership required).

PARENT BUSINESS

Indicate below the name and contact information of the business renting a room or space to the applicant.

Business Name: _____

Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____
(Must be a physical location.)

Primary Contact Number: _____

Owner's Email Address: _____

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Membership No.: * _____ Primary Contact Number: _____

Business Address: _____

(Must be a physical location.)

If the applicant prefers invoices be sent to an alternate address, please indicate billing address below.

BILLING INFORMATION

Address: _____

Applicant's Address: _____ Email _____

BUSINESS PERMIT REGISTRATION

Provided below is a list of required information and documentation required for the registration of a business.

Note: pursuant to the Nova Scotia *Cosmetology Act*, s. 30, applications will not be processed until all required documentation is confirmed received by the Association, and application and any other applicable fees per By-law Schedule B have been paid.

INSPECTION

Inspection of a cosmetology establishment is mandatory. The goal of coordinating an inspection is to ensure that cosmetology establishments are operating in compliance with industry legislation and policies, as well as operating in compliance with all other legislated safety protocols (i.e.: OHS requirements, etc.) for the safety of all cosmetologists, their clients, and other workers in the salon. Although inspections are typically conducted randomly, the Association is aware that salon hours may vary and will make every effort to accommodate operators during inspection (unless the Association has received a complaint against a cosmetologist and/or salon).

Note: it is an offence to deny an Association inspector entry to a cosmetology establishment for the purposes of salon inspection (*Cosmetology Act*, s. 41).

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST: SELF-EMPLOYMENT

Required Documentation:

- Schedule A-2** (*Permit to Operate*)
- Schedule C** (*Cosmetology Establishment Undertaking*)
- Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stock Certificate of Incorporation**
Registration of Business Name or Certificate of Incorporation

NOTE: a business name that contains a descriptive element that is not part of an individual's legal name as printed on their birth certificate must be registered with the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stock Companies (i.e. **Esthetics**). In this instance, a permit will not be issued without prior business name approval from the Registry of Joint Stock Companies. In addition, business corporations must provide evidence of operating name registration.

Example: JANE SMITH **ESTHETICS**

- Proof of Business Insurance** (including liability)
- Applicant's Provincial Photo ID**
- Fees** (per Schedule B attached)

IMPORTANT

- **Permits are not transferrable.**
- All Cosmetology Association Licences and Permits (including Membership) expire on December 31st of each calendar year. Late fees apply. (If a Member's licence or permit is expired for more than 90 days, that Member's account will be suspended and their licence revoked.)
- An incomplete application may cause the Association to request supplementary documents and/or information which may prolong the application process. In addition, the Association may ask for additional proof that a business owner has fulfilled all other regulatory requirements to operate a cosmetology establishment prior to application approval.
- It is the responsibility of a business owner to contact the Association to obtain the required documentation and information for submission when a business (salon, school, or otherwise) has ceased to operate or has relocated to a new location.
- It is the responsibility of the business owner to advise the Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia of new contact information, including but not limited to mailing and email addresses. If the Association receives returned mail on behalf of a Member, the Member's account will be suspended until such time as the Member has been in contact with the Association to update their contact information.
- A cosmetology establishment is mandatorily required to have at minimum one individual with First Aid (active certificate) and WHMIS training working during open business hours.
- **LIFE INSURANCE:** All active licence holders (including registered cosmetology students) are eligible for Blue Cross Life Insurance, with no cost or obligation to the Member. Beneficiary designation forms are available on the Association's website under the "For Members" tab.

*****FOR OFFICE USE ONLY*****

Application Received (d/m/y):	
Application Reviewed (d/m/y):	
Application Reviewed by:	
Additional documents required:	
BY-LAW SCHEDULE B: FEES	
Business Registration	\$ _____
Permit to Operate	\$ _____
Permit Type:	

****Plus applicable taxes.***
Please note Schedule B fees are not pro-rated.

SCHEDULE B

(as referred to in the Cosmetology Association's By-laws)

Membership		
	Active Member	\$95
	Associate Member	\$95
	Honorary Member	N/A
Licensing		
	Cosmetologist (Hairdressing or Esthetics)	\$95
	Master Cosmetologist (Hairdressing or Esthetics)	\$100
	Master Cosmetologist Instructor (Hairdressing or Esthetics)	\$105
	Specific Licence	\$95
	Specific Licence Master Cosmetologist Instructor	\$105
	Temporary Licence (Graduate)	\$95
	Temporary Licence (Transfer)	\$95
	Temporary Licence (Visitor) – non resident	\$95
Salons/Spas		
	Salon/Spa Registration	\$260
	Salon/Spa Relocation	\$160
Permits		
	School Permit (1-50 Students)	\$210
	School Permit (50+ Students)	\$310
	Salon Permit: 1 Cosmetologist	\$80
	Salon Permit: 2-5 Cosmetologists	\$90
	Salon Permit: 6-10 cosmetologist	\$125
	Salon Permit (11+ Cosmetologists)	\$150
	Mobile Services Permit	\$80
	Special Event Permit (maximum 3-day period)	\$30
Cosmetology Schools/Colleges		
	Student Enrollment / Registration	\$110
	School/College Registration	\$810
	School/College Relocation	\$210
	Program Review and Registration	\$160
Provincial Examination		
	Provincial Examination	\$160
	1 st Did Not Attend (DNA)	\$220
	2 nd DNA	\$270
	3 rd DNA	\$320
Other		
Admin. Fee	Administration (applicable <i>but not limited to</i> all new files)	\$65
	Special Event Permit Application	N/A
	Credential Review (licence transfer / application for licensing)	\$160
	Master Cosmetologist Designation Application	\$65
	Master Cosmetologist Instructor Designation Application	\$105
	Visitor Licence Application	\$65
	Lapsed Licence Application	\$65
	Advanced Training Course Approval Application	\$105
	Failure to Attend (FTA) Professional Development Classes	\$45
	Copy of Certificate, Licence, and/or Photo ID	\$30
	Salon/Spa Inspection	N/A
	Returned Cheque (NSF)	\$45
	Late Fee (applicable as of January 1 st on overdue licences/permits)	\$45*

Effective as of February 16, 2026. *HST is payable on all fees, unless otherwise indicated.

Fees may be amended by the Association's Board of Directors, at its sole discretion, from time to time.

REGISTERING YOUR BUSINESS

COSMETOLOGY
ASSOCIATION OF NS

IMPORTANT INFO

WHO MUST REGISTER?

- **Everyone** doing business in Nova Scotia under a name other than their own **must** register their business with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies (RJSC)



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STEP 1 – RESERVE BUSINESS NAME

- Find form on RJSC website
- Your name must be a unique & an accurate description of your business
- It should have the following 3 elements:
 - a) Distinctive – Maritime; Sally's; Glamour
 - b) Descriptive – Hair & Nail; Esthetics; Spa
 - c) Corporate* – Limited; Incorporated

*only requires corporate designation if incorporated

STEP 2 – SELECT TYPE OF BUSINESS

- Three main types:
 1. Sole proprietor – you alone
 2. Partnership – 2 or more persons
 3. Incorporation – creates separate legal entity
- Discuss which option is best for you with a **lawyer** and/or **accountant**

STEP 3 – FORMS & FEES

- Once your business name reservation is approved, you have **90 days** to complete registration by paying the applicable **fee** and filing (available on RJSC website):
 - a) Partnership form (applies to sole proprietors)
 - b) Incorporation form
 - c) Any other paperwork the RJSC requires
- You must **renew** your registration with the RJSC annually

CONTACT

Mailing Address
Registry of Joint Stock
Companies
P.O. Box 1529
Halifax, NS
B3J 2Y4

Telephone:
902-424-7770
(toll-free) 1-800-225-8227

Email:
joint-stocks@novascotia.ca

Hours of Operation:
Monday to Friday, 8:30-4:30

Schedule A-2
Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia
Permit to Operate/Annual Renewal Form
Cosmetology Establishment

Please send completed form to:
Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia
126 Chain Lake Drive
Halifax, NS B3S 1A2
(902) 468-6477 (ph.)
(902) 468-7147 (fax)

Business Name: _____

Membership Number: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Telephone Number: _____

Business Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Position: _____

Type of Permit: _____

Number of Cosmetologists/Students: _____

By applying for this permit/annual renewal form, I agree that the Executive Director of the Cosmetology Association and/or Inspectors engaged or employed by the Cosmetology Association may enter the premises of this cosmetology establishment during reasonable working hours and inspect all aspects of the cosmetology establishment.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Schedule C
Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia
Cosmetology Establishment Undertaking

Please send completed form to:
Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia
126 Chain Lake Drive
Halifax, NS B3S 1A2
(902) 468-6477 (ph.)
(902) 468-7147 (fax)

Cosmetology Establishment Name:

I, _____, owner/operator of this cosmetology establishment _____ agree and promise to ensure that all cosmetologists, master cosmetologists, master cosmetologist instructors, and students, employed or otherwise engaged at this cosmetology establishment will, at all times be licenced and fulfil any professional responsibilities set out in the *Cosmetology Act*, the Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia's By-laws, and all policies and procedures developed by the Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia.

Applicant's Signature

Date