

APPLICATION FOR CREDENTIAL REVIEW & RECOGNITION (PLAR = Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition)

The Cosmetology Association, a provincially regulated body, must be satisfied that any individual requesting a credential review for licensing is likely to be successful in challenging the Cosmetology Association's Provincial examinations, and in the study and practice of cosmetology in Nova Scotia. Under Section 24 of the Nova Scotia *Cosmetology Act*, 2012, c. 39 (the "*Cosmetology Act*") and its By-Laws [By-law 4.3(a)], the Executive Director of the Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia (the "Association") has the authority to request from an applicant further information to establish that the applicant has completed recognized cosmetology occupational training and work experience for the category of licence they are applying for. As part of the application process, an independent 3rd party assessment at a registered school of cosmetology in Nova Scotia may be required.

NOTE: The Association may temporarily waive minimum requirements in special circumstances for persons with disabilities or other social disadvantages (*i.e.*: individuals arriving in Canada with proven refugee status, and victims of war, flood, or fire.) **Please contact the Cosmetology Association directly if any of these situations apply.**

Applications must be completed in their entirety (indicate by drawing an "X" through any section that does not apply to the applicant (including blank pages.) Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Any application received without payment and the described photo ID will not be processed or reviewed.

Note: All submitted applications (with confirmation by the Cosmetology Association of receipt of same) **expire 10 days** following last correspondence to the applicant without follow-up by the applicant. In addition, all applications **expire 30 days** following failure by the applicant to follow-up on any correspondence sent to the applicant after the application has been processed and the initial review is complete. This includes application outcome (decision) correspondence and appeals.

All Cosmetology Association fees are applied in accordance with the *Cosmetology Act*, 2012, c. 39, Schedule B (attached). To view a complete copy of the *Cosmetology Act*, please visit the Association's website at www.nscosmetology.ca, and click on the "About Us" tab.

A Canadian (provincial) issued photo ID must be submitted with application, together with all required information and documentation indicated in the application.

IMPORTANT

Fees applied in accordance with Schedule B of the Cosmetology Association's By-laws are **non-refundable**. All applications **expire 30 days** following last communication from applicant (this includes communication and notification of a scheduled exam date). Reapplication is required if an applicant's file has been closed.

APPLICATION FEE(S)

Applications for Credential Review & Recognition are subject to the following fees (as per Schedule B of the Association's By-laws, attached):

- *Application fee*: due upon submission of application.

If the applicant receives correspondence indicating a successful outcome (decision) in response to their Application for Credential Review & Recognition*, the following Schedule B fees will then apply:

*** Schedule B fees applicable post approval:**

- *Administration*: *will be applied to the applicant's account on the date of above-noted correspondence.
- *Provincial Exam(s)*
- *Temporary Licence (Transfer)*: due upon registration for Provincial Examination(s).
- *Licence for current year*: provided at no charge upon successful completion of Provincial Examinations.

SECTION 1 / LICENCE CATEGORY

Please indicate in the box provided the licence category for which you are applying. (You may choose more than one if required).

- **Cosmetologist (Hairdressing)**
or
- **Cosmetologist (Esthetics)***

*Cosmetology (Esthetics) includes nail technology, make-up artistry, body hair removal, facials, and relaxation massage.

Specific Licence

Please indicate which specific licence(s) you are applying for in the space provided below.

Specific Licence Categories:

- Nail Technician
- Make-up Artist
- Body Hair Removal Services
- Eyelash Enhancements

Licence Category:

Former Member

If you are a former member of the Cosmetology Association, please provide in the space provided below the licence number associated with your account, if known.

Member No.:

Please note: If applicable, Master licence designation will be considered during the credential review process (see section 6, pg. 6).

SECTION 2 / INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICANT

In addition to the information requested below, please include in your application a copy of one (1) of the following pieces of photo identification:

- Canadian (Provincial) Driver's Licence (or proof thereof)
- Canadian government issued photo ID
- Canadian Passport

If you wish to declare aboriginal descent for tax purposes, please provide your Status Identity Card no. in the space provided below.

Last Name:

First Name & Middle Initial:

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy):

**Civic No.,
Street Name
& City/Town:**

Unit No.

Province:

Postal Code:

Country:

Phone:

Email Address:

SECTION 3 / CONSENT AND DISCLOSURE

Release of, or request for, information: it is understood that the Cosmetology Association may request documentation from outside sources or may use and/or release information or documentation submitted by an applicant for credential verification and recognition, as well as for any licensing and/or statistical purposes.

Acknowledgement & Consent

I, the applicant, hereby submit and confirm that the information and documentation provided with my application is provided in compliance with the Cosmetology Association's regulatory requirements under the *Cosmetology Act*.

I further confirm that all documentation and information provided with my application was obtained through legitimate verifiable formal or other recognized training or education and has not been reproduced, copied, or altered in any way using fraudulent means or with fraudulent intention.

Date

Signature (Applicant)

Note: Providing fraudulent or altered documentation to obtain a provincially regulated licence constitutes a violation of provincial laws that may result in disciplinary action, causing the applicant's licence to be revoked by the Cosmetology Association (any action taken against an applicant or a member or former member may affect that individual's eligibility for cosmetology licensing in Nova Scotia).

Employment Status:

A. If you have not practiced cosmetology within the five (5) years immediately preceding this application, please indicate below the last year you practiced cosmetology. (If this does not apply to the applicant, please proceed to section B below.)

B. Are you currently working or do you have a job pending the outcome of this application?

If yes, please provide start date, salon name, and general location below.

CIRCLE ONE
Yes No

Salon Name:

Tentative Start Date:

Salon Location:

SECTION 4 / EDUCATION & OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING

List below all schools, colleges, or training facilities or institutions attended to obtain education and/or education applicable to the licence(s) being applied for. If additional space is required, please add relevant information on a separate sheet of paper.

COPIES OF CERTIFICATES / DIPLOMAS ARE REQUIRED.

Note: The Cosmetology Association does not provide photocopies of documents for the purpose of application.

NAME OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITY:

Instructor / Company:

Contact information:

(incl. website, address, phone)

Start and end date including program length

(i.e. 3 hours or 2 days):

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Contact information:

(incl. website, address, phone)

Start and end date including program length

(i.e. 3 hours or 2 days):

SECTION 5 / EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Briefly describe in the space provided below all cosmetology work related experience applicable to the licence being applied for. **RESUME REQUIRED.**

***Please Note:** Verifiable proof of business ownership is required if employment experience was obtained through self-employment.

Note: The Cosmetology Association does not provide photocopies of documents for the purposes of application.

NAME OF SALON/SPA:

Start and End Dates:

Contact information:
(incl. website, address, phone)

Description of services offered, including other
work related duties:

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(incl. website, address, phone)

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Contact information:
(incl. website, address, phone)

Description of services offered, including other
work related duties:

SECTION 6 / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (FOR MASTER DESIGNATION)

List below any completed **cosmetology** classes or seminars attended **after** completion of initial cosmetology training applicable to the licence for which you are applying. This may include one-day training or weeklong professional development opportunities in technical (practical cosmetology) or business training.

For Master designation, the applicant must have at minimum 3 years' (consecutive) industry employment and 3 Association approved professional development credits (consisting of 3 practical or 2 practical and one approved business course.) List the three most recent and/or relevant below.

Attach copies of related certificates (mandatory requirement for Master designation).

Note: The Cosmetology Association is not responsible for obtaining or filing professional development certificates or information on behalf of an applicant.

NAME OF CLASS OR SEMINAR ATTENDED:

Instructor / Company:

Contact information:

Start and end date including program length
(i.e. 3 hours or 2 days):

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Contact information:

Start and end date including program length
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Contact information:

Start and end date including program length
(i.e. 3 hours or 2 days):

SECTION 7 / APPLICATION SUBMISSION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Please indicate with a checkmark inside each box to confirm that you have read and fully understand each of following statements regarding the credential review process (if English is not the applicant's first language, it is highly recommended that assistance from a certified Canadian translator be obtained).

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT:

- My submitting an incomplete application may result in the Cosmetology Association requesting supplementary documents that may prolong the application process.
- Subject to the mandatory verification of the validity of my education, training, and/or work experience, my application may take from 6 to 8 weeks to process, and that this application processing time frame is not guaranteed.
- Any fees charged by the Cosmetology Association to my account are applied in accordance with Schedule B of the Association's By-laws and the fees are **non-refundable**.
- All documents and information submitted with my application become the property of the Cosmetology Association and will not be returned to me.

Please note: Original documentation submitted with an application will not be returned to the applicant. In addition, the Cosmetology Association does not provide copies of documents for application purposes.

- (First language is not English)** I must provide confirmation of English language proficiency testing (test results) from a recognized English language testing facility, without exception.
- Official translation by a certified Canadian translation service is required for any documentation that I submit to the Cosmetology Association that is not provided in the English language. I further confirm that contacting a translator for document translation and any cost associated with the translation of my documents is my responsibility, and not the responsibility of the Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia.
- It is understood that if documentation provided with an application does not meet the requirements of the *Cosmetology Act, 2012, c. 39*, a third-party independent assessment may be required to further verify my qualifications and experience.

Date

Signature (Applicant)

SECTION 8 / CHECKLIST & PAYMENT INFORMATION

Applications will not be processed without payment of required fee(s).

Method of Payment (Select One)

- Cash (Walk in Only)**
- Debit**
- Certified Cheque**
- Money Order**
- Credit on File**
Please indicate Association member account number below.

Credit Card:

If you select payment by credit, provide credit card information below. **All financial information provided is kept strictly confidential and is not shared with anyone outside of the Cosmetology Association's office for any reason.**

In the alternative, please contact the Cosmetology Association directly with payment information.

Name of Card Holder

Card Number / Expiry Date

Card Holder Signature

Money orders or certified cheques are to be made payable to the:

Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia

CHECKLIST:

Please review the checklist below to ensure you provide the Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia with **all** information and documentation required for credential review and recognition for cosmetology licensing.

- Application for Credential Review & Recognition & Application Fee
- Valid Canadian (Provincial) Gov't issued Photo ID (front and back) **and** digital photo for Association photo ID (pg 9)
- Copy of First Nations Status Card (if applicable)
- Detailed resume indicating all cosmetology related education and work experience.
- Copy of cosmetology training certificates or diplomas with transcripts (English translation required).
- English language proficiency test results from a recognized English language testing facility. (**Mandatory** if the applicant's first language is not English.)
- Proof of Canadian Citizenship Status (birth cert., residency card, work, or study permit)
- Completed Schedule D (attached)
- Consent to Communicate (If the applicant requires assistance from a 3rd party for communication purposes, a Consent to Communicate is required and must be completed with a Cosmetology Association representative.)
- Confirmation of Business Ownership (if applicable – see section 5, page 5)
- Proof of liability insurance (if requested)
- Digital/electronic photo (.jpeg or .png format only – see below).

ALL APPLICANTS: COSMETOLOGY ASSOCIATION MEMBER PHOTO ID

A Cosmetology Association member photo ID is now mandatory. The applicant's initial photo ID will be provided upon completion of the application process, at no charge. Form more information regarding the Cosmetology Association's mandatory requirements for the submission of a photo for ID purposes, visit the Cosmetology Association's website at www.nscosmetology.ca ("Licencing" tab).

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT

To be signed in office prior to receiving qualification.

The applicant is required to execute an *Affidavit in Support* upon completion of the application process. The *Affidavit in Support* confirms that you have read, are aware of, and understand the legislation and by-laws that govern the practice of cosmetology in Nova Scotia, you are at least 18 years of age, and you are a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or have refugee or landed immigrant status (work or study permit). The Affidavit may be signed in office or via virtual platform.

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

Documents may be submitted by:

1. Email: info@nscosmetology.ca
2. Facsimile: (902) 334-7108
3. By regular mail to the address noted below
4. Dropping off at:

Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia
128 Chain Lake Drive
Beechville, NS B3S 1A2

Documents dropped off at the Cosmetology Association **will not be reviewed or processed** on the same day. Applicants requiring assistance with an application **must make an appointment** to meet with a staff member during regular business hours.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia will conduct a credential review, and you will be notified of the results when the review process is complete. Should your application be denied, the Cosmetology Association's correspondence to you will include the reasons for the decision, instructions for appealing that decision, and the options available to you for training in cosmetology (as noted on page 1). A credential review process timeline is attached for ease of reference.

If your application is approved, please refer to Schedule B attached hereto for **additional fees** associated with examination and file administration.

DISCLAIMER

The Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia enforces the following: any individual that acts as a decision-maker with respect to a registration outcome does not and cannot act as a decision-maker in an internal appeal review.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS

Most portions of a credential review application can be submitted **prior to** arrival in Canada (Nova Scotia). National or international applicants may apply for a credential review prior to arrival in Nova Scotia, by submitting the application (with payment) and supporting documentation noted below:

- copies of cosmetology certificates and/or diplomas and transcripts (related to cosmetology)
- English language program certificates from an accredited college or university in a country where English language testing is not required),
- proof of English language proficiency testing from an approved testing site (mandatory - see attached),
- a resume including **all** cosmetology related work experience, and
- country of origin passport (copy) and digital photo (see checklist on page 8).

Upon arrival in Nova Scotia, the applicant must provide documentation confirming immigration status (i.e.: permanent residency card, Canadian work and/or study permit, refugee status, etc.), updated (local) contact information and a Canadian (provincial) government issued photo ID. Updates regarding Canadian citizenship **are required** (failure to provide current, up-to-date citizenship documentation may affect the applicant's eligibility for licensing, and will **VOID** any current cosmetology licences.) Additional fees apply for the reinstatement of an applicant's licence.

IMPORTANT: in cases where an applicant's credentials cannot be verified due to a language barrier or school closure (for example), an independent third-party assessment may be required. If the applicant's first language is not English, an English language proficiency test is required, **without exception**.

Cosmetology Association Office Use Only:

Date Application Received: _____ Application Fee: _____ Paid

Date of initial processing: _____

****Application fee must be received at the Association prior to processing application.***

Additional documents requested (incl. date received):

Commencement of application review (date and initials): _____

Application review outcome:

Approved Denied Independent 3rd Party Assessment Required

Master Designation Qualification: Yes No

Authorized Signature: _____

Date forwarded to Executive Director for review and approval: _____

APPLICABLE FEES POST OUTCOME (IF APPLICABLE):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fee Required</u>	<u>Paid</u>	
Admin	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Temporary Licence (Transfer)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	List theory exams required:
Full Provincial Exams	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Infection Control (Safety) Exam	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
By-Law Test	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Schedule D
Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia
Application for a License to Practice Cosmetology

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)

Category of Licence being Applied for: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Telephone Number: _____

Business Fax Number: _____

Type of License Requested: _____

Reason for License Request: _____

Email Address: _____

Education and Training

School Attended: _____

Date Course Completed: _____

Designation Received: _____

Employment History: _____

Applicant's Signature

Date

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

STEP ONE

Applicant submits *Application for Credential Review & Recognition*, together with all required documentation and payment of application fee as per Schedule B of the Cosmetology Association's By-laws.

STEP TWO

Applicant will receive a response to their application that will indicate one (1) of three (3) possible outcomes. The correspondence will also include the next steps in the application process, or options available to the applicant if their application is denied.

POSSIBLE OUTCOMES

APPLICATION DENIED

The applicant's application for licensing is denied, with reasoning noted in correspondence from the Cosmetology Association.

*The applicant has the right to appeal the Executive Director's decision within 30 days of the outcome and will have the opportunity to submit new evidence once their appeal is acknowledged. Information regarding how to appeal a decision is available on the Cosmetology Association's website under the "Licensing/Appeal" tabs.

PROVINCIAL EXAMS

Applicant has been approved to challenge one or more of the Cosmetology Association's provincial examinations in the field of cosmetology for which they applied. Applicant will contact the Association to schedule exams and arrange for payment of any applicable fees as per the Cosmetology Association's By-laws, at Schedule B.

*Upon scheduling of any applicable exams and payment of associated fees, the applicant will be provided with a Temporary Licence (Transfer) in order to seek employment in a registered salon or spa while waiting to complete the required examination(s).

3rd PARTY ASSESSMENT

Applicant must obtain a 3rd party skill assessment from a registered school of cosmetology offering assessments. Applicant is responsible for arranging the assessment and the payment of any fee(s) applicable to the assessment (to the assessor).

*Applicant must advise the Cosmetology Association of the assessment location and date when the Assessment has been arranged. In addition, the assessment must be arranged within 14 days of the application outcome.

EXAM PASS

If the applicant is successful in challenging all portions of the Association's Provincial exams, the applicant will then be eligible for a cosmetology licence in the field of cosmetology for which they applied, upon payment of any applicable fees in accordance with Schedule B of the Cosmetology Association's By-laws.

EXAM FAILURE

In the event that the applicant is unsuccessful with challenging the Association's Provincial Exam(s), the Applicant will be given the opportunity to rewrite the exam(s) up to a maximum of 2 additional attempts. An exam rewrite is subject to a fee in accordance with Schedule B of the Cosmetology Association's By-laws.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

The Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia's Provincial examination(s) are delivered in (academic) English. The Cosmetology Association must be satisfied that the applicant is likely to be successful in the study and practice of cosmetology, regardless of country of origin or citizenship status.

English as a Second Language

Any individual submitting to the Association an application for licensing in cosmetology (via *Credential Review & Recognition* or otherwise), must provide proof of English language proficiency testing (ELP) with a minimum pass score in all areas noted on page 2 (similar to *Canadian English Language Benchmark Level* equivalencies), if the applicant's first language is not English.

Exemption

If the applicant has successfully completed or possesses one of the following listed below, an exemption may be considered (*effective June 3, 2025*).

The applicant:

- Posses a valid cosmetology licence or *Red Seal Certification* from another regulatory body in Canada (see *Labour Mobility Nova Scotia* for more information).
- Posses a secondary school English delivered Grade 12 (or equivalent) diploma in Canada.
- Completed a *Canadian Adult Education (CAE)* program or *General Education Development (GED)* program in Canada.
- Completed one year of full-time English studies at a recognized and approved Canadian College or University.
- Completed an *English for Academic Purposes* program at a recognized and approved Canadian College or University.
- Completed three (3) years of full-time study in English outside of Canada at a recognized and approved college or university in a country where English language testing is not required.

ACCEPTED CANADIAN LANGUAGE BENCHMARK TESTS

TESTING CENTRE	SCORE REQUIRED	NOTES
IELTS	Minimum Level 5	A Level 5 is required in all areas: reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
CELP	Minimum Level 5	A Level 5 is required in all areas: reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Note: Applicants must register the Cosmetology Association as the “ Professional Designation ” under the primary reason for the test. If this information is not correct on the submitted document, it may be rejected as sufficient proof of ELP.
TOEFL	Minimum Level 60	A Level 60 is required in all areas: reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
CAEL	Minimum Level 60	A Level 60 is required in all areas: reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
Duolingo	Minimum Level 85	Applicants may share their test results with the Cosmetology Association via the Duolingo link provided at the end of the test.

NOT ACCEPTED

CLBPT	The Canadian Language Benchmark Placement Test is <u>not</u> an English Language proficiency test. This assessment is used to place applicants in government funded programs and is not used for the purposes of employment, academic, immigration or citizenship use in Canada.
CLB 5-10 Exit Assessment Tasks	The CLB 5-10 Exit Assessment Tasks is a course for language instructors and assessors.
Pearson Test of English Academic	As of August 20, 2024, the <i>Pearson Test of English Academic</i> ELP tests will no longer be accepted (Pearson has notified the Cosmetology Association they <u>cannot</u> verify test results.)

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.