

## Final Report – November 25, 2019: Carpenter

The mandate of the TAC evolved over the years, but its original focus was to review and make recommendations to the Board on an application to specify the trade as compulsory certified, as submitted by the Professional Carpenter’s Guild of Nova Scotia. This evolved into specialization, the notion of focussing the training for the trade into four areas: formwork, framing, interior finishing and exterior finishing on the path to certification. The TAC initiated many discussions regarding compulsory certification, and multiple consultations were carried out with industry across Nova Scotia. In the end, the findings concluded there was not strong enough industry consensus in support for the concept of compulsory certification, neither was there widespread support for specialization that would have led to the development of additional pathways in the four areas.

Harmonization of training requirements for the carpenter trade was another focus, as were pre-apprenticeship/ apprenticeship program review and the process to support continuous quality improvement of the Carpentry programs at NSCC. The harmonization process began in 2016 with Atlantic Levels 1-3 implemented by 2019 and Atlantic Level 4 due in 2020. Representatives from the TAC and additional subject matter experts from industry met to review the apprenticeship programs currently on offer, resulting in a commitment to review areas of concerns that were identified in relation to teaching, curriculum and learning materials.

The work of this TAC has been concluded.