

## ATLANTIC APPRENTICESHIP HARMONIZATION AND YOUR TRADE

### COMMON TRAINING, LOGBOOKS AND LEVEL (PROGRESS) EXAMS

Dear client:

The Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency is part of the Atlantic Apprenticeship Harmonization Project (AAHP). Under this project, several trades will be harmonized across the Atlantic Provinces (New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island). Harmonization means that there will be common training, bilingual logbooks and Atlantic level (progress) exams available to all apprentices across Atlantic Canada. This will enable apprentices to more-easily move from one Atlantic province to another, knowing that their training and hours will be recognized in the other jurisdictions.

In 2015, common training and exams started to be phased-in one level/year at a time in various trades. **In the September 2017/18 training year**, the following harmonized levels will be delivered in these trade(s):

- Construction Electrician: Harmonized Level 1
- Industrial Electrician: Harmonized Level 1
- Instrumentation and Control Technician: Harmonized Level 1
- Plumber: Harmonized Level 1
- Steamfitter/Pipefitter: Harmonized Level 1

#### IMPORTANT:

- A new bilingual Atlantic logbook is available for each of the harmonized trades listed above
- At the end of each level-1 training session for the harmonized trades, all apprentices will be required to successfully complete an Atlantic Harmonized level exam to progress to the next level of training
- More information about level exams is available on the “Level Exam Information Sheet” on the following page
- More information about training is available on the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency’s online Training Schedule: [nsapprenticeship.ca](http://nsapprenticeship.ca)
- At any time, feel free to contact the Industry Training Consultant for your trade/region. for further information about training and exams

## LEVEL EXAM INFORMATION SHEET

### What is a level exam?

- A level exam is a written exam administered by the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency following completion of an apprentice's level of technical training.

### What is the purpose of a level exam?

- To test knowledge and skills gained from in-school technical training and on-the-job work experience;
- To ensure apprentices are meeting the occupational standards set by industry;
- To familiarize apprentices with exams that are similar in style to the Red Seal Exams; and
- To increase the apprentices' potential for success when they write the Red Seal Exam.

### Do I have to apply to write the level exam?

- No. On the first day of class, your Industry Training Consultant will provide you with the details about when you will be scheduled for the exam. Please note that there is no fee.

### When do I write the level exam?

- Level exams are usually written at a general exam sitting after a level of training has been completed. For information about level exam dates, please refer to the Exam Schedule on the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency website, and/or contact the Industry Training Consultant for your trade/region.

### What happens when I pass the level exam?

- You will be able to progress to the next level of technical training (once you have accumulated the required hours in the trade).

### What happens if I don't pass the level exam?

You will be granted one exam re-write, which you will need to arrange with your Industry Training Consultant.

- If you pass the re-write, you will be able to progress to the next level of technical training (once you have accumulated the required hours in the trade).
- If you do not pass the re-write, you will be required to take technical training.

If you have any questions, please contact the Industry Training Consultant for your trade/region.