



Nova Scotia School  
for **Adult Learning**  
*Success starts here!*  
École de **formation des**  
**adultes** de la Nouvelle-Écosse  
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## Options for adults who want to complete High School in Nova Scotia

*GED High School Equivalency Certificate*

*or*

*the Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma for Adults*

	<b>GED – High School Equivalency Certificate</b>	<b>Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma for Adults</b>
<b>What is it?</b>	<p>The GED is an international high school equivalency testing program for adults. It is a series of five (5) tests that require the understanding of broad concepts and general knowledge, rather than the ability to remember facts, details or precise definitions.</p> <p>You will earn the certificate by passing all 5 tests.</p>	<p>The Department of Education high school diploma that meets similar outcomes as the Nova Scotia High School Diploma but is more adult-focused.</p> <p>You can earn the Diploma by taking the Public School Program at your local adult high school or the Adult Learning Program at your local community college.</p>
<b>Can I apply?</b>	<p>Yes, if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Do not have a high school diploma;</li> <li>✓ Are 19 years of age or older; and</li> <li>✓ Have been out of public school for one full year or more.</li> </ul>	<p>Yes, if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Do not have a high school diploma;</li> <li>✓ Are 19 years of age or older; and</li> <li>✓ Have been out of public school for one full year or more.</li> </ul>
<b>How do I get the credential?</b>	<p>You must pass five (5) tests to earn your GED certificate. You do not have to take a course to write your GED, but some courses are available that can help you prepare for the tests.</p>	<p>You must successfully complete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 12 credits at the grades 11 and 12 level from the Public School program</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 12 credits from Level 4 of the Adult Learning Program</li> </ul>
<b>What subjects are covered?</b>	<p>The GED exam has 5 tests that cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Language Arts, Writing</li> <li>✓ Language Arts, Reading</li> <li>✓ Social Studies</li> <li>✓ Science</li> <li>✓ Mathematics</li> </ul>	<p>The six (6) compulsory courses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ One (1) credit in each of the following: Mathematics, Science, and Global Studies.</li> <li>✓ One (1) credit in one of the following: Technology, Mathematics, Science or Social Science.</li> <li>✓ Two (2) credits in: English Language Arts, French Language Arts or Communications</li> </ul> <p>* You must also complete six (6) elective credits</p>

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<b>Where can I take the courses or credits that I need?</b>	Courses are not required in order to take the GED test. However, some community groups and school boards may offer courses to help you prepare for the tests.	Credits are available at most community college campuses, school board adult high schools, and through the Department of Education Correspondence Study Program.
<b>Will I get credits for my prior learning and previous courses?</b>	No. You must write and pass all five (5) tests to get your GED certificate.	Yes. You may be able to get credit for prior learning and previous courses. These credits will be evaluated when you enroll in either the community college or adult high school.
<b>Which option is better for me?</b>	<p>The GED Certificate is a good choice if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Have developed skills through work, community, family and study experiences;</li> <li>✓ Want to demonstrate that you have academic abilities that are equal to those of a high school student;</li> <li>✓ Want to earn a high school equivalency certificate but cannot make the commitment to complete the credits needed to get the Nova Scotia High School Diploma for Adults.</li> </ul> <p>Consider that: Universities and other post-secondary institutions may not recognize the GED Certificate as a high school certification.</p> <p>If you are thinking about attending college or university, the GED Certificate may not give you the opportunity to develop the skills you need for the programs you're considering. These skills include research, computer and study skills.</p>	<p>The Nova Scotia High School Diploma for Adults is a good option if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Want to get a high school diploma to continue to college or university;</li> <li>Want to upgrade your education level to advance your career;</li> <li>Want to improve your academic, study, research and computer skills.</li> </ul> <p>Consider that: This option could take a year or longer to complete, depending on your skills and how many high school credits you already have.</p> <p>Some credits may not be available in your community.</p>
<b>How much does it cost?</b>	It costs \$39.84 each time you write the five (5) GED tests. The cost for test preparation courses will vary.	The Nova School for Adult Learning is tuition free for adults who qualify, but there may be fees for registration and textbooks. Seats are limited and some restrictions may apply.
<b>How do I get more information?</b>	Check out the website at: <a href="http://ged.ednet.ns.ca">http://ged.ednet.ns.ca</a>	Check out the website at: <a href="http://nssal.ednet.ns.ca">http://nssal.ednet.ns.ca</a>