

Entrepreneur Application Guide Changes

As of July 2, 2024

- Changes for clarity and consistency: Hiring and investment must be confirmed by a Financial Statement Review Service Provider.

As of April 30, 2024

- Within 180 calendar days of receiving your Invitation to Apply submit preliminary purchase price and evaluation if you are buying an existing Nova Scotia business.

As of April 23, 2024

- The Pearson Test of English (PTE) Core is accepted as proof of language ability.

As of April 15, 2024

- A Financial Statement Review Service Provider who assists an applicant with preparing a Business Establishment Plan cannot also provide review services as it represents a conflict of interest.
- Time limit to submit application, business establishment plan and all other supporting documents is 90 days.
- Other changes for clarity and consistency.

As of February 26, 2024

- For candidates outside Halifax Regional Municipality, minimum investment is \$100,000 and minimum net worth is \$400,000.
- Time limit to submit application, business establishment plan and all other supporting documents is 60 days.
- Applications are only accepted online at novascotia.ca/ensnp.
- LSI will consider real estate construction and real estate development applications on a case-by-case basis. Applicants must demonstrate that their business proposal provides a compelling benefit to the Province of Nova Scotia.
- We're switching to the 2021 version of the National Occupational Classification (NOC). This means that:
 - the NOC 2016 skill type and skill level structure (NOC O, A, B, C and D) will be replaced with a 6-category system representing the training, education, experience and responsibilities (TEER) needed to work in an occupation.
 - 4-digit occupation codes will become 5-digit codes.
- The guide has been updated with Immigration and Population Growth's new address.
- Other changes for clarity and consistency.

As of Sept. 21, 2020

- Financial Statement Review Service Providers replace Audit Service Verifiers
- Other changes for clarity and consistency

As of May 30, 2019

- The Test de connaissance du français (TCF) is accepted as proof of language ability.
- Editing changes for clarity and consistency.

As of January 7, 2019

- A one-time re-issuance of a nomination may be granted on a case-by-case basis.

As of June 14, 2018

- Editing changes for clarity and consistency.

As of Jan. 5, 2018

- All references to the National Occupational Classification (NOC) are now to the 2016 version of the NOC (<http://noc.esdc.gc.ca/English/noc/welcome.aspx?ver=16>); not to the NOC 2011 version.

As of Oct. 24, 2017

- The age limit of a dependent child has increased from “under 19” to “under 22”. Those who are 22 years of age or older and who are unable to support themselves due to a physical or mental condition continue to be eligible as a dependent.