

Overview of certification programs

NOVA SCOTIA ENVIRONMENT

NSE's certification programs

A wide range of certificates

- ▶ **9 programs** with up to **17 different certificates**
- ▶ 7 programs have a re-certification requirement
- ▶ 4 programs (~12 certificates) require continuing education
- ▶ The most common renewal cycle is 4-5 years

Onsite Regulated Classes

Who can work in the industry?

- ▶ Engineers (Regulated by provincial engineering association)
- ▶ Qualified Persons (QPs) – **135**
- ▶ Installers – **490**
- ▶ Septic Tank Cleaner – **140**

Year 2019 certification numbers shown

Onsite Certification Requirements

How to get initially certified

▶ Qualified Persons and Installers

- **1000 hours** of onsite work experience
- Installation of **6 systems**
- Complete Installers course (QPs and Installers)
- Complete Qualified Persons course (QPs only)

▶ Septic Tank Cleaner

- Complete the Septic Tank Cleaners Course

Onsite Renewal Requirements

Renewal is administered by industry association

- ▶ Certifications are on a **4-year cycle**
- ▶ Renewal fee is **\$166.05** every four years
- ▶ QPs and Installers require 100 points
- ▶ Septic Cleaners require 50 points

Onsite Program Roles

A cooperative approach

▶ Nova Scotia Environment

- Provides and receives application forms
- Issues certifications
- Manages database of eligible professionals

▶ Wastewater Nova Scotia

- Provides training courses and exams
- Provides marks and CEU records to NSE
- Sends information regarding CEUs to certificate holders

An aerial photograph of a construction site. A large, rectangular concrete foundation is visible, with a white van parked nearby. The site is surrounded by green grass and trees. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue and white graphic on the right side.

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