



Acceptable Equivalents to High School Diploma/GED Policy

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Applicants to the Nova Scotia Real Estate Commission for a real estate licence must provide proof of high school completion. This can be in the form of:

- High school transcript showing completion
- High school diploma
- General Educational Development (GED) certificate

Requesting Consideration of Alternative Information

An applicant who cannot provide proof of high school graduation or GED completion should contact the Registrar in writing to request that the Commission accept alternative education.

The Registrar may request that the applicant provide additional information or evidence to demonstrate why the applicant's education credentials are equivalent to a high school diploma/GED.

Acceptable Alternate Educational Credentials

The Registrar will accept the following education credentials as acceptable for licensure:

- University degree or university transcripts demonstrating completion of a university degree;
- College degree or college transcripts demonstrating completion of a college degree;
- College diploma or college transcripts demonstrating completion of a two-year college diploma program **subject to the prior approval of the Registrar;**
- Documentation that demonstrates the level of secondary or post-secondary education obtained internationally is the equivalent to or exceeds the requirements of a Canadian high school diploma;
- any other information offered by the applicant evidencing their academic qualifications are equal to exceed a high school diploma or GED certificate.

The Nova Scotia Real Estate Commission recognizes that there are circumstances where an applicant will not be able to provide certain required documents for reasons beyond the applicant's control. For acceptable alternatives to required documentation, see the *Accepting Alternative Information to Required Documentation Policy*.