

Temporary Workplace COVID -19 Update

(April 1, 2020)

On March 22, 2020, Premier McNeil declared a provincial state of emergency. This empowers government to make decisions to further strengthen safety and protect the citizens of Nova Scotia.

Health and safety are our priority. We will follow all direction and advice from Public Health and continue to enforce public health practices including personal hygiene practices, cleaning protocols and physical distancing in our workplaces and classrooms.

We recognize the impact this can have on individuals and businesses working directly within traffic control and temporary workplaces throughout Nova Scotia. To help reduce the impact, we have temporarily implemented changes in how we operate.

Working directly with internal Occupational Health and Safety division and the Department of Labour and Advanced Education, we have developed the following strategies going forward, and until further notice:

- Traffic Control Person (TCP) and Temporary Workplace Signer (TWS) certifications expiring January 1, 2020 or later will continue to be valid until further notice
- Workers not previously certified, or their certification has expired prior to January 1, 2020, will not be permitted to carry out TCP/TWS duties
- Workers must carry their TCP/TWS certification with them while performing TCP/TWS duties. There is no need to request a new certificate at this time
- Digital copies of TCP/TWS certificates are not considered acceptable
- Workers requiring a new certificate due to loss or damage, may contact trafficpermits@novascotia.ca to make arrangements, until the original Certificate can be printed and mailed
- The Department of Labour and Advanced Education has been notified of the expiry date extension and have agreed to the terms and will not be enforcing expiry dates meeting the above noted criteria until further notice
- As of April 1, 2020, TCP/TWS training classes may resume. However, restrictions and guidelines have been put in place
- **TCP/TWS accredited trainers will receive further instructions and documentation on how to proceed with future training via their on-file email**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact trafficpermits@novascotia.ca or call (902) 424-7769.

Kind regards,



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