

Requirements for Obtaining and Maintaining a Scaling License

Obtaining a Scaling License

1. Applicant for the Nova Scotia Scaling School will complete the ***Application for Scaling School Form*** which includes providing details of scaling experience and/or forestry education and noting the specific license the applicant wants to obtain. Types of Licenses to apply for:
 - a. A **Stacked Wood License**, which authorizes a scaler to scale primary wood products measured collectively, including making deductions.
 - b. A **Log Scaling License** which authorizes a scaler to scale primary wood products measured individually.
 - c. A **Primary Wood Products Scaling License** which authorizes a scaler to scale all primary wood products.
2. The Scaling Supervisor will review the application and will contact the applicant within 30 days to advise of status of application for scaling school.
3. Fees for Scaling School and Scaling Refresher shall be paid in advance of the date of the opening of the scaling school. Total fee may be forfeited if the candidate does not attend the scaling school without a reason found to be acceptable by the Supervisor of Scaling.
4. Applicant must attend the dates for the Scaling School assigned by the Supervisor of Scaling and the exams will be completed at the end of each module of the school.
5. The applicant must pass both the written exam(s) and the practical field exam(s) given for the specific license that the applicant is trying to obtain. For the Primary Forest Products Scaling License, you are required to pass all the exams for both the Stacked Wood and the Log Scaling License. Pass marks for the exams are set by the Scaling Board of Examiners and can be changed from time to time and will be reviewed with the class prior to examination.
6. The Board of Examiners will review and provide recommendations on the applicant's examination results to the Supervisor of Scaling. The Supervisor of Scaling will provide the results of the written and practical field exams to the applicants within four (4) months of the examination.
7. The applicant then must obtain the required experience for their license under the apprenticeship of an active licensed scaler within two (2) years from the last day of the scaling school that the applicant attended. If the required experience has not been obtained by that date the applicant may complete a refresher course to allow for another two (2) years to complete their compulsory experience.
 - a. Stacked Wood License required experience – scaling 500 cord or more with a metric equivalency of 1812 m³ (stacked)
 - b. Log License required experience – scale a combination of the volume and/or mass of logs listed in the table below

Volume		Plus	*Mass
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200 000	1133	+	----
175 000	991	+	500
150 000	850	+	1000
125 000	708	+	1500
100 000	566	+	2000

*Deductions for non-conforming materials must be made (ie. weigh only can not be used).

- c. Primary Forest Product License required experience - A scaler must fulfill all the requirements for both Stacked Wood and Sawlogs as outlined above to qualify for a Primary Wood Products Scaling License
8. Complete the ***Proof of Experience Form*** and provide a recommendation from an active licensed scaler which will be reviewed and accepted at the discretion of the Board of Examiners.
 9. The Supervisor of Scaling will advise on the status of the application for license within four (4) months of the application.

Applying for a Nova Scotia Scaling Licenses from Other Provinces or Territories

The Board of Examiners may recommend that above requirements be waived if a candidate holds a valid scalers license from within Canada, has met the requirement for scaling experience listed above and is reasonably familiar with the provisions of the Act, regulations, and scaling manual, and is successfully completes the next available refresher course.

The Applicant will be asked to provide the Supervisor of Scaling with copies of their current licenses and details of their scaling experience including contact information for their scaling work experience. This information will be reviewed by the Board and the applicant will be contacted by the Supervisor of Scaling to advise on the status of the application within four (4) months of receiving the application.

Applying for Nova Scotia Scaling License from outside of Canada

Anyone applying for a Nova Scotia scaling license from outside of Canada will have to follow the normal application process detailed previously to in the Obtaining a Scaling License section. At the discretion of the Supervisor of Scaling and the Board of Examiners consideration may be given to those that have already met the required scaling experience and a have valid license from another country.

Special License Authorization

The Supervisor of Scaling may issue a special authorization for a person to act as a scaler in Nova Scotia if deemed competent (can demonstrate proper scaling methodology as per the Nova Scotia Scaling Manual) after assessment in scaling. This special authorization is valid only until the first day of the next scheduled scaler course and only for the work they have been assessed as competent in performing.

Requests for Special Licenses should be sent to the Supervisor of Scaling detailing need for the license, place of work, forestry and scaling experience and contact details.

Maintaining a Scaling License

In order to maintain your scaling license, the Scalers Act requires all scalers to successfully complete refresher courses every five (5) years. Failure to do so will result in the scaler being placed on an "Inactive List". Inactive scalers will not be permitted to scale wood in the province.

1. Application for the Scaling Refresher School will be received by the supervisor of scaling up to two (2) months prior to the course starting.
2. The Scaling Supervisor will advise the applicant on the status of their application within thirty (30) days of receiving their application.
3. Fees for Scaling Refresher shall be paid in advance of the date of the opening of the scaling school. Total fee may be forfeited if the candidate does not attend the scaling school without a reason found to be acceptable by the Supervisor of Scaling.
4. Applicant must attend the dates for the Refresher assigned by the Supervisor of Scaling and the exams will be written at the end of refresher course.
5. The applicant must pass both the written exam(s) and the practical field exam(s) given for the specific license that the applicant is trying to obtain. For the Primary Forest Products Scaling License, you are required to pass all the exams for both the Stacked Wood and the Log Scaling License. Pass marks for the exams are set by the Scaling Board of Examiners and can be changed from time to time and will be reviewed with the class prior to examination.
6. The Board of Examiners will review and provide recommendations on the applicant's examination results to the Supervisor of Scaling. The Supervisor of Scaling will provide the results of the written and practical field exams to the applicants within four (4) months of the examination and advise on the status of the applicant license at that time.