



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **CNA, MyCreds™ launch platform for students, alumni to access digital credentials**

*Secure and convenient way to share academic documents virtually*

**STEPHENVILLE, NL** – College of the North Atlantic (CNA) students and graduates will have 24/7 access to microcredentials, and eventually transcripts, in their own virtual credential wallet.

CNA will be the first post-secondary education institution in Atlantic Canada to launch this initiative and has plans to expand what's offered via this "one-stop shopping" means of acquiring official CNA documents.

Jason Rolls, Vice-President (Interim) of Academics at CNA, says having this service for students and graduates is a fast way to apply for, receive and send documents anywhere and at any time. This platform will also enable CNA to receive similar documents as credible sources of information from applicants and other institutions.

"We have been working with MyCreds™ for some time to ensure we enhance the services we are able to provide our students," he says. "Operating in a pandemic environment has been challenging for everyone, especially when trying to reduce touchpoint contacts and following public health protocols. Having a virtual means for anyone to obtain and transfer documentation makes sense. It saves a lot of time and can reduce the amount of uncertainty individuals have when they quickly need a transcript or a microcredential certification to give to a potential employer, for example. From an academic standpoint, students and graduates have earned these credentials and now we can provide easy access to them to help build their portfolios for future opportunities."

Through MyCreds™, digital documents are available in your credential wallet, called MyCreds™ Portfolio, and are certified by CNA. Once certified, they are considered official. Documents can easily be shared securely via this virtual platform with other colleges and universities, employers, immigration authorities and other third parties. The data remains under the college's control. This information can only be accessed by the individual, CNA, and whomever the person chooses to share their documents with. Paper copies of these documents can still be accessed at CNA if a person so chooses; however, the process could take a little longer.

"We are delighted to welcome College of the North Atlantic to the MyCreds™ National Network", says Julie Green, President of ARUCC. "As the first institution in the region to fully onboard, ARUCC is grateful to CNA for its leadership and innovation – particularly as an institution with 17 campuses located throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. It is inspiring to see CNA support its learners' ability to access and share credentials. I also commend CNA for its generosity in sharing the benefits of moving to MyCreds™ with regional colleagues. ARUCC is pleased to see a growing number of institutions eagerly adopt the platform in Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec, and now Newfoundland and Labrador."



Information about how MyCreds™ works can be found on its YouTube channel playlist: [HERE](#)

### **About MyCreds™**

[MyCreds™](#) is a national, shared service and platform that provides students and graduates access to a secure, online, password protected learner credential wallet. This virtual wallet allows them to view and share their verified and official transcripts, credentials, and academic documents in a digitized format on a 24/7 basis – anytime, anywhere. It also enables sharing between organizations with the learner's permission. Secure, cryptographically signed documents can be sent conveniently and require no further verification. MyCreds™ is the first and only national bilingual system of its kind in Canada. Visit [www.mycreds.ca](http://www.mycreds.ca) for more details or contact ARUCC's Executive Lead, Joanne Duklas at [info@aruccnationalnetwork.ca](mailto:info@aruccnationalnetwork.ca).

### **About CNA**

CNA is the largest post-secondary educational and technical skills training centre in Atlantic Canada; enrolling learners each year in more than 100 full-time programs across five schools: Academics, Applied Arts, and Tourism; Business and Information Technology; Engineering Technology; Health Sciences; and Natural Resources and Industrial Trades. CNA has multiple campuses and delivers programs and services to students in NL and across the globe, including online delivery and blended learning opportunities. Its geographic reach includes students taking its courses and programs in China and Qatar. CNA also recently ramped up its educational development outreach partnering with other institutions to bring Canadian standards, curriculum, and instructional approaches in trades education to developing countries. Additional information on CNA's mandate and lines of business can be found on the CNA website: [www.cna.nl.ca](http://www.cna.nl.ca).

### **About ARUCC**

The Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada ([ARUCC](#)) owns [MyCreds™](#). ARUCC provides leadership in the post-secondary education field and service to its member institutions nationally and internationally, helping foster the advancement of registrarial practices and learner focused service delivery in Canada.

### **About Digitary**

Digitary provides the underlying engine powering [MyCreds™](#). Digitary was launched in Dublin, Ireland in 2005, and has grown to become a leading online platform for certifying, sharing, and verifying academic credentials. Learner-centric since the very start, Digitary enables millions of learners to share their verified academic achievements online, securely, quickly and easily. Digitary is now used by organizations in over 135 countries. For further details visit [www.digitary.net](http://www.digitary.net).

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