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MyCreds™ Announces NSAA as First Canadian Apprenticeship Authority to Adopt Digital Credentialing

MyCreds™, a platform enabling the secure exchange of official digital credentials, today announced that the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency (NSAA) has begun to issue digital credentials through the MyCreds™ platform. The NSAA is the first apprenticeship authority in Canada to adopt MyCreds™, allowing the agency to issue secure digital credentials to apprentices and certified trades professionals across Nova Scotia.

Through the MyCreds™ platform, the NSAA will issue official digital Certificates of Qualification (CQ) and identification cards. Apprentices and certified trades professionals will be able to share their digital credentials instantly and securely for employment opportunities, career advancement and further education.

The MyCreds™ platform provides a secure, online credential wallet for students, graduates and skilled trades professionals to receive, access and share their official digital credentials from accredited post-secondary institutions, training providers and credentialing organizations. The platform enables the exchange of credentials in open standards across Canada's post-secondary education and skills training systems.

Quote

"This platform is one of the many steps we're taking to modernize the apprenticeship system as part of our action plan to accelerate skilled trades growth. Nova Scotia is a province on the move, and we need trades people to be part of that growth. This tool reduces barriers by allowing skilled trades people to access their credentials faster and seamlessly, through a self-serve, digital app."

– Jill Balser, Minister of Labour, Skills and Immigration

Quote

“We are delighted to introduce an improved experience for apprentices and certified trades professionals to securely access and share credentials. The Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency (NSAA) is the first apprenticeship authority in the country to adopt MyCreds™. This secure and innovative system is introducing efficiencies and streamlining processes for apprentices, trades professionals, training institutions and employers, and it reaffirms NSAA’s commitment to modernize the apprenticeship and trades certification system in Nova Scotia.”

– Michelle Bussey, CEO, Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency

Quote

“We are delighted to announce that NSAA is the first government apprenticeship organization to become a part of the ARUCC MyCreds™ National Network, underscoring the value of innovative, collaborative efforts across government departments, post-secondary institutions and non-profit associations to ensure learners have swift access to credentials. MyCreds™ will offer learners throughout Nova Scotia a digital platform to streamline registrations and provide learner support during their journey to certification. We are excited to share that all learners enrolled in apprentice programs in Nova Scotia will now have the capability to securely and seamlessly share their credentials as they pursue their career goals. EduNova is delighted to have played a role in the province-wide collaboration contributing to the launch of MyCreds™ for the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency (NSAA).”

– Shawna Garrett, President & CEO, EduNova

Quote

“We are thrilled to welcome the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency as the first apprenticeship authority in Canada to join the MyCreds™ platform. The NSAA’s adoption of our platform is an important milestone in enabling the exchange of trusted credentials across Canada’s skills training systems. Apprentices and trades professionals in Nova Scotia will benefit greatly from receiving and sharing their official digital credentials through our platform.”

– Jodi Tavares, Executive Director, MyCreds™

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About NSAA

The Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency (NSAA) operates and stewards a responsive and accessible skilled trades training system for the province of Nova Scotia. The NSAA is a Special Operating Agency, with authority to issue trades credentials under the Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act. The Agency is committed to creating a trades system where all are welcome, supported in their learning, experience respect and inclusion throughout their journeys and achieve certification in their trade.

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.

About EduNova

[EduNova](#) is a co-operative non-profit industry association of education and training providers in Nova Scotia, Canada. With an office in the province’s capital city of Halifax, they are the only provincial education and training co-operative in Canada.

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.

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