

ANNOUNCEMENT

Medical Laboratory Assistant/Technicians (MLA) and Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technologists (CLXT) Regulation

The Nova Scotia College of Medical Laboratory Technologists (NSCMLT) is pleased to announce the introduction of new regulations for **Medical Laboratory Assistants/Technicians (MLA)** and **Combined Laboratory X-ray Technologists (CLXT)** in Nova Scotia under the NS Medical Laboratory Technology Act.

Nova Scotia has become the first province in Canada to license medical and laboratory assistants (MLAs) and is following Alberta's lead as the second province to license combined laboratory x-ray technologists (CLXTs). This significant step is intended to enhance public safety and improve the standards of healthcare, ensuring that these essential healthcare professionals are able to work within their full scope of practice.

*"Orders In Council (OIC) Number: 2025 - 59 Date of Order: Mar 04, 2025 Statute: Patient Access to Care Act
OIC Text:*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Health and Wellness dated January 3, 2025, and pursuant to Section 8 of Chapter 3 of the Acts of 2023, the Patient Access to Care Act, is pleased to make regulations expanding the scope of the medical laboratory technology profession to include medical laboratory assistants and combined laboratory and x-ray technologists in the form set forth in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of the Report and Recommendation, effective on and after the date that is 60 days after March 4, 2025."

Effective **May 03, 2025**, both MLAs and CLXTs **will be mandated to have formal licensure with NSCMLT.**



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