

Travel exemption process for film workers employed on a film production in Nova Scotia.

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Individuals or productions who wish to apply for exemption to travel into Nova Scotia must follow the procedure described below. Please note: the application procedure has changed and is now open.

Under the Nova Scotia Health Protection Order (<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/health-protection-act-order-by-the-medical-officer-of-health.pdf>) specialized workers needed for urgent work that cannot be done by individuals from within the Province and are necessary to preserve the viability of one or more Nova Scotia businesses are permitted to enter Nova Scotia from any geographic location outside of Nova Scotia. Specialized workers entering under the above condition will be required to complete a 14-day quarantine before they are able to begin working in the province.

The application process is as follows:

Fill in the Nova Scotia Safe Check-In Form by following these steps:

Go to <https://travel-declaration.novascotia.ca/en>

Select “Apply for essential travel to Nova Scotia”.

Notes:

- Film workers are applying as “a specialized worker coming to Nova Scotia to complete urgent critical infrastructure work that’s crucial for the province to function”
- When you reach the question “Are you travelling to Nova Scotia for an essential reason?” Select “YES”
- When you reach the question “Why are you travelling to Nova Scotia? Select “I’m a worker coming to complete urgent critical infrastructure work that’s crucial for the province to function”

Once your Safe Check-In has been reviewed, the applicant will then receive an email from the province requesting your full application.

Productions or individuals can apply. Please note that should an application be successful, the cast or crew member will receive an email confirmation that their entry has been approved, not the production. It is essential that the exempt individual have this letter with them at the border for entry.

The application requirements are as follows:

You will receive a request for information with a form attached. You can fill out one form for the production and complete a separate section A (employee details) for each applicant below. Please include their role in the production and a brief description of why they are critical to the production and if the work could be completed by a Nova Scotia resident.

Please complete all fields of the form. This information will allow them to:

- Confirm that entry is required to preserve the viability of one or more businesses in Nova Scotia;
- Confirm that the work is urgent;
- Confirm that there is no other person in NS that can complete the job the individual is coming to the province to do; and address the plan for a 14-day quarantine prior to the individual commencing work.

In addition, below is a detailed list of what you could include in this email as well as in a package to arm employed film and television workers as they enter Nova Scotia. Please note that this is only a guide and is not exhaustive:

- The production's complete Health and Safety plan.
- The individual's complete quarantine plan (safe transportation including appropriate PPE, grocery drop-offs, necessities, etc). Include: hotel or alternative reservations, confirming where the 14-day quarantine will take place.
- State that while in their place of quarantine, the individual will have a separate room and will not be in contact with any vulnerable individuals in their location of quarantine.
- Commitment by the employer that the entrant will be paid during their 14-day quarantine period and that they will be employed after the 14-day quarantine period is complete through to the end of their contract.
- That the employer will not put at risk the safety of Nova Scotians by requesting the entrant leave their 14-day quarantine early, for any reason.
- A Letter of employment for the entrant on a production filming in Nova Scotia - include the length and terms of the entrant's employment contract.
- Confirmation that Nova Scotia is open for business. There is a letter on Screen Nova Scotia's website [HERE](#) confirming that film and television production can operate at full capacity. It can be downloaded and included for these purposes.

An assessment will be conducted based on the information you provide. Once all required information is received, you will receive a decision on your request within a week.

Please note that entry to Nova Scotia is not guaranteed. Your request should be made in advance of the individual(s) planned travel dates. No worker should travel to Nova Scotia without receiving permission for entry.