

Nova Scotia Examination (NSE): English 10 Teacher Information Sheet

Administration: the Nova Scotia Examination: English 10 will be administered on **January 27** and **June 19, 2025**.

Documents: many documents and resources are available on the Program of Learning Assessments for Nova Scotia (PLANS) website (<https://plans.ednet.ns.ca/english10/documents>). Examples include the following:

- **Information Guide** – includes important information about NSE: English 10.
- **Sample Questions** – includes sample reading and writing tasks for students; an Annotated Marking Guide (requires a GNSPES teacher login) is also available for teachers.
- **Lessons Learned** document – teaching resources which address areas of the examination that students across the province found challenging.

Adaptations: the Information Guide provides details about permitted adaptations; see below for deadlines related to adaptations that require requests.

- **Request for Alternate Formats:** for students who have documented adaptations for enlarged-print, black and white, Braille for English 10, complete and finalize the TIENET Request for Alternate Format form by **December 1** for first semester course examinations and by **April 1** for second semester or full-year course examinations. The *Request for Alternate Formats (NSA and NSE) – Quick Reference Guide* is available online (<https://inschool.ednet.ns.ca/board-school-administration/tienet/user-guides/top-nav>). Please note: PowerSchool roles that have TIENET access to create/finalize these forms are: Resource Teacher, Guidance Counsellor with Resource Component, and School Administrator.
- **Registration for Nova Scotia Assessment – Read-aloud (NSA-RA):** for students who have documented adaptations for a read-aloud, and meet the eligibility criteria, teachers must register their students between **November 1–December 15** for first semester course examinations and between **March 1–May 1** for second semester or full-year course examinations. NSA-RA overview, registration, and access information is included in the Appendix of the English 10 Information Guide which is available online (<https://plans.ednet.ns.ca/english10/documents>).

Scoring: the NSE English 10 is scored by course teachers to provide each student with a mark on their report card. Teachers are to follow the Marking Guide provided by the Department. All examinations are then scored at a provincial scoring session to provide the province, regions, and schools with data regarding student performance. Any open Expressions of Interest forms for teacher participation in scoring sessions will be available on the Professional Opportunities page of the PLANS website (<https://plans.ednet.ns.ca/professional-opportunities>).

Reporting: following the administration, scoring, and analysis of student examinations, results are shared with parents and guardians, teachers, schools, and regions. The following reports help schools identify areas of strengths and challenges.

- **Individual Student Reports** are provided to parents and guardians and teachers and are accessed through PowerSchool.
- **Regional and provincial results** are available on the PLANS website (<https://plans.ednet.ns.ca/results>).
- **Item Description Reports** (provide background information about examination items by region/school/province) are available through your Regional Assessment Coordinator.
- **Cohort Comparison** reports (compares individual student performance from one assessment/examination to the next) are available through your Regional Assessment Coordinator.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Assessment Coordinator.