



# UPGRADING & LITERACY PROGRAMS IN HRM

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## LEARNING TO READ & WRITE

Basic Literacy, ALP levels 1 and 2

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>
Bedford-Sackville Learning Network (BSLN) <i>232 Cobequid Road, Lower Sackville</i>	Free	(902) 869-3838 <a href="mailto:bsln@chebuto.ns.ca">bsln@chebuto.ns.ca</a> <a href="http://chebucto.ns.ca/education/BSLN">chebucto.ns.ca/education/BSLN</a>
Black Educators Association (BEA) <i>2136 Gottingen Street, Halifax</i>	Free	(902) 424-7036 TF: 1-800-565-3398 <a href="mailto:info@bea2learn.ca">info@bea2learn.ca</a> <a href="http://bea2learn.ca">bea2learn.ca</a>
Dartmouth Learning Network <i>260 Wyse Road, Dartmouth</i>	Free	(902) 463-9179 Fax: (902) 464-3052 <a href="mailto:executivedirector@dartmouthlearning.net">executivedirector@dartmouthlearning.net</a> <a href="http://dartmouthlearning.net">dartmouthlearning.net</a>
Halifax Community Learning Network <i>Various locations across HRM</i>	Free	(902) 422-7648 <a href="mailto:info@hcln.ca">info@hcln.ca</a> <a href="http://hcln.ca">hcln.ca</a>
HRM Public Libraries Adult Literacy & Upgrading Program <i>Various locations across HRM</i>	Free	Captain William Spry (902) 490-5818 Central Library (902) 490-5706 Halifax North (902) 490-5811 Keshen Goodman (902) 490-5738 <a href="http://halifaxpubliclibraries.ca">halifaxpubliclibraries.ca</a>

## PREPARATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY

GED Preparation Courses

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Bedford-Sackville Learning Network (BSLN) <i>232 Cobequid Road, Lower Sackville</i>	Free	(902) 869-3838 <a href="mailto:bsln@chebuto.ns.ca">bsln@chebuto.ns.ca</a> <a href="http://chebucto.ns.ca/education/BSLN">chebucto.ns.ca/education/BSLN</a>
Dartmouth Learning Network <i>260 Wyse Road, Dartmouth</i>	Free	(902) 463-9179 Fax: (902) 464-3052 <a href="mailto:executivedirector@dartmouthlearning.net">executivedirector@dartmouthlearning.net</a> <a href="http://dartmouthlearning.net">dartmouthlearning.net</a>
Metro Works: Cunard Learning Centre <i>7071 Bayers Road, Suite LL05, Halifax</i>	Free	(902) 453-6246 Fax: (902) 453-4793 <a href="mailto:info@mymetroworks.ca">info@mymetroworks.ca</a> <a href="http://mymetroworks.ca">mymetroworks.ca</a>



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Solutions Learning Centre  
15 Poseidon Court, Dartmouth

Free

(902) 468-1320  
Fax: (902) 468-7633  
[sollc.ca/academics](http://sollc.ca/academics)

## HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TESTS

GED Testing (High School Equivalency Certificate – not all colleges and universities recognized a GED)

GED tests are to be written on the computer through GED testing centres. Current testing centres in the HRM are the NSCC Akerley, IT, and Centre of Geographic Sciences (COGS) Campuses.

**COST:** Free for Nova Scotia residents.

**More information:** Visit [gonssal.ca/adult-learner/write-my-ged](http://gonssal.ca/adult-learner/write-my-ged) or call 1-877-466-7725

## HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FOR ADULTS

Adult Learning Programs for the Nova Scotia High School Diploma for Adults

ALP Level 1 – Same as Grade 1 through Grade 6

ALP Level 3 – Same as Grade 9 and Grade 10

ALP Level 2 – Same as Grade 7 and Grade 8

ALP Level 4 – Same as Grade 11 and Grade 12

PROGRAM	COST	CONTACT INFORMATION
Bedford and Forsyth Education Centres 426 Rocky Lake Drive, Bedford; 136 Pine Crest Drive, Dartmouth	Varies	(902) 832-8630 Fax: (902) 832-8409 <a href="mailto:bfec@hrsbc.ca">bfec@hrsbc.ca</a>
Metro Works: Cunard Learning Centre Levels I, II, III of ALP, Level II EAL 7071 Bayers Road, Suite LL05, Halifax	Free	(902) 453-6246 Fax: (902) 453-4793 <a href="mailto:info@cunardlearning.ca">info@cunardlearning.ca</a> <a href="http://mymetroworks.ca">mymetroworks.ca</a>
Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre Levels I, II, III of ALP 2158 Gottingen Street, Halifax	Free (for First Nations people)	(902) 420-1576 Ext. 236 Fax: (902) 423-6130 <a href="mailto:brittany.whynot@mymnfc.com">brittany.whynot@mymnfc.com</a> <a href="http://mymnfc.com">mymnfc.com</a>
NSCC Adult Learning Program Dartmouth, Halifax	Free	(902) 491-4911 <a href="mailto:admissions@nsc.ca">admissions@nsc.ca</a> <a href="http://nsc.ca">nsc.ca</a>
Université Sainte-Anne (French only) 1598 Walnut Street, Halifax	Small fee	(902) 424-0956 (Pierre Blanchette) <a href="mailto:pierre.blanchette@usaintanne.ca">pierre.blanchette@usaintanne.ca</a> <a href="http://usaintanne.ca/fga">usaintanne.ca/fga</a>



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## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS) will assess needs & refer onwards if necessary

PROGRAM	COST	CONTACT INFORMATION
East Coast School of Languages (ECSL) <i>1256 Barrington Street, Halifax</i>	Varies	(902) 491-1526 Fax: (902) 429-3275 <a href="mailto:info@ecslcanada.com">info@ecslcanada.com</a> <a href="http://ecslcanada.com">ecslcanada.com</a>
International Language Institute <i>1190 Barrington Street, Halifax</i>	Some fees	(902) 429-3636 Fax: (902) 429-2900 <a href="mailto:study@ili.ca">study@ili.ca</a> <a href="http://ili.ca">ili.ca</a>
Halifax Regional School Board Adult EAL <i>Low to advanced: 1326 Bedford Highway, Bedford</i>	Free (for landed immigrants)	(902) 421-7779 (Margie Hopkins) <a href="mailto:mhopkins@hrsb.ca">mhopkins@hrsb.ca</a> <a href="http://hrsb.ca">hrsb.ca</a> 2 weeks for referral 902-431-8879 test & language assessment
Halifax Public Libraries ELL Program <i>Various locations across HRM</i>	Free	Alderney Gate: (902) 490-4268 Bedford: (902) 490-4073 Central: (902) 490-5990 Dartmouth North: (902) 490-4268 Halifax North: (902) 490-6557 Keshen Goodman: (902) 490-6408 Woodlawn: (902) 490-3707 <a href="http://halifaxpubliclibraries.ca">halifaxpubliclibraries.ca</a>
Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia <i>6960 Mumford Road, Halifax</i>	Free (for eligible participants)	(902) 423-3607 Toll free: 1-866-431-6472 <a href="mailto:info@isans.ca">info@isans.ca</a> <a href="http://isans.ca/english">isans.ca/english</a>
Université Sainte-Anne (French speakers) <i>1598 Walnut Street, Halifax</i>	Inquire32082	(902) 223-2632 <a href="http://usaintanne.ca/als-distance">usaintanne.ca/als-distance</a>