



# TECH

## A NEW CHAPTER IN TECHNOLOGY.

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With over 31,000 tech-related careers and approximately 1,500 ICT establishments, Nova Scotia's tech industry is booming. In fact, the province's capital, Halifax, was recently recognized as one of North America's key up and coming cities for tech talent.

With the right mix of post-secondary education, established multinational firms, and a startup community fostering innovation and growth, Nova Scotia has grown a well-connected globally recognized tech hub.

Nova Scotia offers world-class infrastructure and a collaborative environment between industry, government and academia. Not to mention a laid-back ocean lifestyle where you are never far from one of our famous coastlines.

# ABOUT THE SECTOR

Our strategic location provides easy, fast, and reliable access to world markets. Because we share the same workday with the United States and Europe, this translates into increased productivity for companies in Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia offers a world-class fibre optic network with gigabit connections available to both consumers and businesses, a digital communications system, a self-generating power grid, and some of the world's best internet connections to Europe and the Eastern US, thanks to GTT Communications network of subsea cables.

## WORKFORCE

In Nova Scotia, we understand that a solid economy is the foundation of a strong province. That's why we offer one of the most progressive business climates, with competitive business costs and business-relevant incentives.

Nova Scotia's universities partner with firms to ensure program curriculum meets the needs of local industry. There are 10 universities and 14 community college campuses in Nova Scotia. Nova Scotia offers degrees that relate directly to industry needs, including graphics, gaming and media, artificial intelligence and intelligent systems, communications technologies, data science, SAP software expertise and cybersecurity.

STEM enrollment across Nova Scotia's universities and colleges has increased 98% over the past 6 years, proving our dedication to ensuring the ICT sector is well equipped with highly educated new graduates.

## ECOSYSTEM

The province boasts one of the most concentrated talent pipelines in Canada supported by incubators and cutting-edge research and development organizations.

## COMPETITIVE COSTS

Nova Scotia offers one of the most competitive business climates, with modest business costs and generous incentives. The province's operating costs are among the most cost-competitive in North America for companies working in the digital services industry.

We also offer:

- Federal research and development tax credits and accelerated capital cost allowances
- Provincial grants, loans, guarantees and tax credits
- Energy efficiency and productivity incentives
- Trade and export support programs

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