



# **Association of Newfoundland Land Surveyors**

## **Professional Examinations**

Including  
Suggested reading list  
Regulations governing examinations

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## General Information

The information contained within this handbook is for the purpose of both licensed and unlicensed candidates. Therefore, it must be noted that licensed candidates will be tested specifically on material related exclusively to Newfoundland & Labrador.

## Professional Examinations

The candidate is eligible to write three examinations and sit at an oral exam after the Board has determined eligibility. These examinations must be taken in a specific order to ensure the candidate's preparedness for each following component.

The Professional Exams consist of the following four components:

1. *Professional Practice*: an exercise of knowledge on the Land Surveyors Act, Association bylaws, regulations and policies. Also included will be the regulations for legal surveys from Crown Titles Office.
2. *Statute Law*: examination on legislation governing land tenure within Newfoundland & Labrador.
3. *Practical Application*: an exam to test the candidate's ability to apply his/her knowledge from 1 & 2 (above).
4. *Oral Examination*: the candidate meets the Board in a **formal manner** to be tested orally on all three components.

### Notes :

1. Numbers 1 & 2 may be written at one sitting. There will be two separate exams.
2. Numbers 3 & 4 will be conducted separately and in that order.
3. Numbers 1 & 2 must be completed and passed prior to sitting at 3 & 4.
4. The pass mark for all components is 70%.
5. After the third attempt to pass any component, the candidate **will be** recommended to obtain the required knowledge through whatever training he/she deems fit.

## **1. Professional Practice**

Candidates will be expected to demonstrate a thorough knowledge of :

1. Scope of the surveying profession ;
2. Ethical basis of the profession ;
3. Current affairs of Newfoundland Land Surveyors;
4. Current bylaws , regulations & policies governing standards of practice ;
5. Crown Titles Regulations for survey returns;
6. Interrelationships between member associations and other land related disciplines in the field of Geomatics.
7. Structure of Crown Lands Administration. Knowledge of the application process for all types of land tenure, the separate regions, terminology,..etc.

### **Suggested Reading: Textbooks & Printed Material :**

1. Land Surveyors Act 1991.
2. Bylaws of the Association of Newfoundland Surveyors.
3. Crown Titles Regulations for Survey Returns.
4. CCLS Newsletters – review three years from current date.
5. Regulations & Policies adopted by the Association of Newfoundland Land Surveyors.
6. Association of Newfoundland Land Surveyors Newsletters.
7. Association of Newfoundland and Surveyors Manual of Practice.
8. Crown Lands Administration [www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/lands/cla](http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/lands/cla)

**Note :** For all material related to the Association, visit [www.surveyors.nf.ca](http://www.surveyors.nf.ca)

### **Reference Books :**

1. Survey Law in Canada – Chapter 11, The Surveying Profession, Allred, G.K. (Carswell 1989).

## **2. Statute Law**

The candidate will be examined on legislation governing land tenure within the province of Newfoundland & Labrador. Knowledge of our Deeds Registry System, Crown Titles System, Mineral Lands Claim Registry System and Registration of Letters of Probate is vital. The candidate will be expected to understand the principle workings of each, including the physical location of each and the governing Department.

The province of Newfoundland & Labrador is unique in its method of dealing with land tenure. The basis of a majority of land ownership is adverse possession. The Government of Newfoundland & Labrador over the years has struggled with issues related to land ownership and developed statutes to address problems surrounding land claims.

In addition to adverse claimants, there exist a Land Titles System (administered by the Department of Government Services & Lands) and a Minerals Registry System (permits issued for mineral exploration and extraction/mining).

Below is a list of provincial statutes recommended for studying:

(Can be viewed @ [www.hoa.gov.nl.ca/hoa/sr](http://www.hoa.gov.nl.ca/hoa/sr) )

1. Limitations Act (1996)
2. Lands Act amend (1991)
3. Condominium Act
4. Quieting of Titles Act
5. Aquaculture Act & Regulations for Legal Surveys
6. Undeveloped Mineral Areas Act
7. Urban & Rural Planning Act
8. Works Services & Transportation Act
9. Conveyancing Act
10. Evacuated Communities Act
11. Expropriation Act
12. Fraudulent Conveyances Act
13. Forestry Act
14. Labrador Lands Reservation Act
15. Labrador Act
16. Leaseholds in St. John's Act
17. Mining Act
18. Newfoundland & Labrador Act
19. Oath's Act
20. Public Utilities Acquisition Act
21. Registration of Deeds Act
22. Wills Act
23. Municipalities Act
24. Quarry's Act

### **3. Practical Applications**

This written exam tests the candidate's ability to apply the knowledge obtained through the full process of Articleship (not applicable to licensed surveyors from another jurisdiction), the Professional Survey Project, the Professional Practice & Statute Law exams.

The exam will involve determining procedures to resolve issues of actual situations related to the profession. It is important that the candidate review his/her material and discuss examples of issues of a problem solving nature with a Newfoundland Land Surveyor.

For this exam the candidate will be permitted to bring any material he/she deems useful or necessary.

#### **Note to licensed surveyors from another jurisdiction**

*It is the Board's intent to provide examinations that are unique to its jurisdiction. Therefore, all material contained within this examination will deal exclusively with Newfoundland & Labrador.*

#### **4. Oral Examination**

This examination is a formal meeting with the Board of Examiners. The candidate is to dress appropriately for a face-to-face testing of his/her knowledge.

The candidate will be asked a series of questions from the material covered in the previous sections of this handbook.

Through this interview, the Board expects the candidate to demonstrate his/her ability to perform as a Newfoundland Land Surveyor.

A review of all examination material is recommended.

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