

## Step 9 - Canadian Workplace Cultural Training

If you are not sure what to expect in the workplace, we recommend you attend MISA's Canadian Workplace Cultural Workshop. It's a good way to prepare for employment in Nova Scotia.

## Step 10 - Employment

Start the process of looking for a job. Open the career section in the newspaper or go online to a job site. Then get in touch with the Automotive Sector Council. Together with your employment counselor through MISA, we will assist you in finding employment. Our goal is to match you with the right employer for your automotive skills and career goals.

*"I came to Canada with fifteen years of automotive skills and wanted to start work right away. I was fortunate to meet Peter Wolf and his staff at Wolf Collision, Halifax. They welcomed me into their workplace, assigned a mentor and for three weeks tested my skills. Everyone was very friendly and welcoming.*

*While I had success I wish this process had been in place when I arrived to Nova Scotia. Having information, resources and industry contacts is key to successfully entering the automotive industry."*

**Mojtaba Talebzadeh** (below)



## Immigration Resources

Automotive Human Resource Sector Council  
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Dartmouth NS B2Y 1N7  
Phone: 902-464-0168  
Fax: 902-465-5734  
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www.AutomotiveSectorCouncil.ca

Apprenticeship Training and Skill Development Division  
2021 Brunswick Street, PO Box 578  
Halifax NS B3J 2S9  
Phone: 902-424-5651  
Toll Free: 1-800-494-5651  
Email apprenticeship@gov.ns.ca  
www.apprenticeship.ednet.ns.ca

Metropolitan Immigrant Settlement Association [MISA]  
7105 Chebucto Rd, Ste 201  
Halifax NS B3L 4W8  
Phone: 902-423-3607  
Fax: 902-423-3154  
www.misa.ns.ca  
Email: info@misa.ns.ca

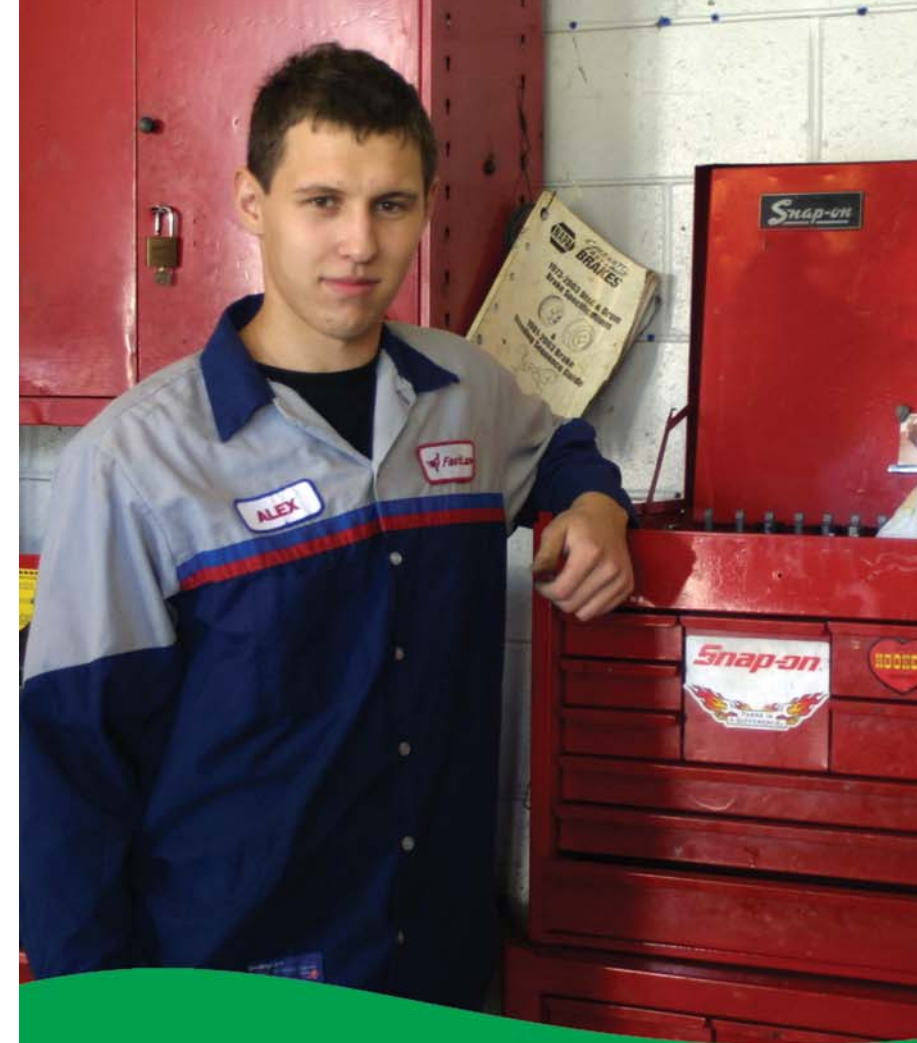
Nova Scotia Office of Immigration & Nova Scotia Nominee Program  
This program is designed to help Nova Scotia employers fill skills shortages in the permanent workforce and to create economic benefit for the provincial economy.  
1741 Brunswick Street, Suite 110A  
PO Box 1535  
Halifax NS B3J 2Y3  
Tel: (902) 424-5230  
Toll Free: 1-877-292-9597  
Fax: (902) 424-7936  
Email: immigration@gov.ns.ca  
Web: www.novascotiainmigration.com

World Education Services (WES)  
WES provides foreign credential assessment services to immigrants, employers, academic institutions and occupational regulatory bodies across Canada.  
Canadian Office  
45 Charles Street East, Suite 700  
Toronto, ON M4Y 1S2  
Tel: (416) 972-0070 or 866-343-0070  
canada@wes.org  
www.wes.org/ca

Halifax Immigrant Learning Centre (HILC)  
HILC provides many different types of language training services, such as: Computer Assisted Language Training; English in the Workplace; Sector-specific language training  
7105 Chebucto Place, Suite 201  
Halifax, NS B3L 4W8  
Tel: (902) 443-2737 or (902) 423-3607  
www.hilc.ns.ca

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**NS Automotive Immigration Pathway  
For the foreign skilled worker**

**Trained & Ready to Work?**

**For the Automotive  
Service & Repair Industry**



# Welcome to Nova Scotia!

The demand for skilled workers is very high in Nova Scotia-especially service technicians, auto body technicians and service advisors. If you are trained and ready to work in the automotive industry, then we are here to help you succeed.

This brochure has a simple 10 - step process to help you become employed. We call this process the **Automotive Immigration Pathway**. It has been designed to help you prepare to enter the automotive workforce.

We look forward to meeting you!

*David Mogford, technician (Immigrated from England)  
Hillcrest VW (below left).*



## Step 1 - Meet with the Automotive Sector Council

Call the Automotive Sector Council today and increase your chances of getting the job that's right for you. We know where opportunities are in the automotive industry. We also know how hard it can be for a newcomer to find a job. Pick up the phone and call - we're here to help you. *Refer to the Resource Section for contact information.*

## Step 2 - Contact Metropolitan Immigrant Settlement Agency (MISA)

MISA can help you get settled in Nova Scotia. They offer a wide variety of services, from language training and translation services to job training and employment programs. All you have to do is call. *Refer to the Resource section for contact information.*

## Step 3 - Foreign Credential Assessment

Do you have a formal automotive education? Have you received apprenticeship training from your home country? If your answer is yes to either of these questions, you may be eligible for a free foreign credential assessment service provided by organizations such as World Education Services and Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials. Contact MISA for more information.

## Step 4 - Automotive Occupational Profile

Would you like help matching your skills with a job? Call the Automotive Sector Council. We provide a service that can increase your chances of getting the job that's right for you. For a small cost, you'll receive a personal automotive profile that will help you determine the best career match.

For more information, visit [www.AutomotiveSectorCouncil.ca](http://www.AutomotiveSectorCouncil.ca)

## Step 5 - Safety Training

Job safety is very important in the automotive industry. If you don't have it already, you will need safety training in Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Systems (WHMIS), Occupational Health and Safety and St. John Ambulance First Aid/CPR. For more information, contact the Automotive Sector Council.

## Step 6 - Learn Automotive English Terminology

Want to know the English words and terms of the automotive trade? Translation websites can help you understand automotive terminology. The following are a number of free online translators. Remember, it's a good idea to know the words and terms of your business before looking for work.

<http://dictionary.reference.com/translate/text.html>

<http://www.word2word.com/dictionary.html>

<http://babelfish.altavista.com>

<http://ets.freetranslation.com>

## Step 7 - Industry Workplace Skills Assessment

How are your technical skills? You may need to have them checked by an employer before entering the workforce. A review of your skills is very important in the hiring process. It will help employers and the Apprenticeship Training and Skill Development Division fit you into the system at the right level. This is a non-paid assessment that could range between one to six weeks depending on your background. *The Workplace Skills Assessment is run by the Automotive Sector Council, and may also be available through MISA.*

## Step 8 - Consultation with Apprenticeship Division

The automotive service & repair and collision repair trades are governed by the Department of Education, Apprenticeship Training and Skill Development Division. You are required to meet with a Industry Training Certification Officer to discuss your skills accreditation.

