



# DIRECTIVE



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## **Adoption of the CSA B44 Elevator Maintenance Control Program (MCP)**

### **Directive**

Licensing renewal requirements are now based on the completion of both the annual and 5-year testing. Building owners must complete the first cycle of Category 5 testing before December 31, 2026.

Considering the shortage of skilled labour in the province we are issuing the following directive for building owners and representatives,

**Category 5 testing must be scheduled with a registered contractor, before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. This scheduling directive will enable the registered contractors to manage the testing activities leading up to the deadline in 2026. Without this scheduling directive building owners and representative run the risk of missing the deadline.**

### **Summary**

On December 31, 2021, Nova Scotia adopted the elevator device maintenance control program (MCP) controlled by the ASME A17.1/CSA B44 Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators. This elevator safety code directs the design, construction, inspection, maintenance and testing elevating devices such as elevators, escalators, material lifts, dumbwaiters, LULAs and numerous special application elevators.

In Nova Scotia, elevating device maintenance is a mandatory requirement for owners of elevator equipment. It was determined through equipment safety audits, that a comprehensive maintenance approach was needed to increase the safety of elevator equipment. After a public review and feedback period, the maintenance control program was adopted.



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The maintenance control program is comprised of:

- 1) Category 1 Testing (Annual Cycle) – All elevating devices,
- 2) Category 3 Testing (3-year Cycle) – Generally not applicable for elevator equipment in NS
- 3) Category 5 Testing (5-year Cycle) – Traction type elevating devices / some hydraulic elevators

Visit the [Elevators and Lifts](#) webpage for the document that details the testing which must be included in the elevator maintenance agreement.

<https://novascotia.ca/lae/equipmentsafety/docs/elevator-lift-industry-factsheet.pdf>

## **Elevator Licence renewals**

Licensing renewal requirements are now based on the completion of the MCP testing. The condition report verifying MCP testing will be submitted annually to Service Nova Scotia for each elevating device.

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