



WEST HANTS
NOVA SCOTIA

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
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LICENSED GRADER FORM

PERMIT: _____

OWNER _____

PROJECT _____

LOCATION _____

This is to certify that the Licensed Lumber Grader (below) is qualified to grade lumber according to National Lumber Grades Authority (NLGA) "Standard Grading Rules for Canadian Lumber" and has inspected the proposed lumber and certifies that the structural lumber meets or exceeds #1, #2 or better as per the Maritime Lumber Bureau Standards.

NAME/COMPANY _____

ADDRESS _____

CERTIFICATION _____

PHONE _____

NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE BUILDING OFFICIAL'S OFFICE PRIOR TO OBTAINING A PERMIT.



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Quick Facts on the Requirements of Graded Lumber

The Graded Lumber Requirement:

The National Building Code and the Canadian Farm Building Code require that lumber which is to be used for joist, rafters, trusses, load-bearing studs, and beams be graded. A grade stamp indicates a lumber's grade as determined by the National Lumber Grades Authority "Standard Grading Rules for Canadian Lumber" (National Building Code Division B.9.3.2.1).

The Purpose of Lumber Grading:

The National Lumber Grades Authority has grading rules that are to be used by sawmills within the Maritimes. These grading rules are maintained by the Maritime Lumber Bureau (MLB). To ensure these grading rules are being followed properly by each mill's graders, the MLB carries out unannounced spot inspections of mills throughout the year.

The purpose of these requirements is to provide a minimum standard for lumber manufacturing. This ensures a consistent level of dimensional size, strength, quality, and ultimately, the safety of the structure.

Acceptable Options to Grade Lumber:

Two options for ungraded lumber are available which draw upon the Minister's reference to equivalents in the National Building Code. Both options require the applicant to provide sufficient evidence in writing, that the proposed equivalent will provide the level of performance required by the Code.

Option 1 is an alternative to the Maritime Lumber Bureau (MLB) grading and stamping of lumber by the acceptance of a letter from a Nova Scotia Professional Engineer stating that the material (ungraded lumber) is an acceptable equivalent to MLB grade-stamped lumber.

Option 2 is an alternative that allows a qualified person holding bonafide Maritime Lumber Bureau grade-stamping credentials to write a letter stating that the material (ungraded lumber) is an acceptable equivalent to MLB grade-stamped lumber.

For further information, please call the Building Official at (902)798-8391 Ext. 122 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.