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Mechanics in Training supervision

Nova Scotia Technical Safety, Elevators and Lifts section recognizes the increased volume of work in both the elevator construction and maintenance sectors. The increased activity combined with the limited ability to recruit skilled labour could have negative affects on the elevator industry. To facilitate in closing the gap in the labour force, Nova Scotia Technical Safety will allow elevator mechanics in training to work with reduced supervision in the following situations.

Mechanics in training who have successfully completed two levels of theoretical training with a minimum of 3600 practical hours or

1 level of theoretical training and 5400 practical training will be permitted to work in the following areas.

- A. New construction in a simplex hoistway
- B. New construction in a multiplex hoistway where no cars are operating on independent service or automatic operation which are not under control of the elevator constructor.
- C. Major Alterations on simplex elevators where the alteration requires an inspection by Nova Scotia Technical Safety before the elevator is returned to service.

Elevator contractors shall comply with the following conditions when assigning tasks to a mechanic in training.

- Mechanics in training will have daily contact with a mechanic through virtual communication.
- At no time will a mechanic in training work in an area where assistance from an elevator mechanic is more than 60 minutes away.
- Mechanics in training shall not work alone.
- Elevator contractors will be required to report the following information by email to the chief elevator inspector. ELA@novascotia.ca
 1. the site location
 2. the name of all employees on site
 3. the scope of work

- Mechanics in training shall and be provided job procedures and have previous experience in all tasks.

At no time is a mechanic in training to perform constructing, installing, altering, repairing, maintaining, servicing, inspecting, examining, and testing on devices which are currently licenced and available for public use unless they are supervised by a licenced mechanic.

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