Personal Development Credit
Grade 10 4-H Nova Scotia Credit

Grade 10 4-H Nova Scotia Personal Development Credit and Program Planning for High School Students:

High school students who have earned a Grade 10 4-H Nova Scotia Personal Development Credit by successfully completing the requirements approved by 4-H Nova Scotia, can have their credit recognized in two (2) ways:

1. Grade 10 Personal Development Credit can be applied to meeting the requirements of the five (5) elective credits that all students require for graduation.
2. Grade 10 Personal Development Credit may also appear as an additional credit on a student's high school transcript, in addition to the thirteen (13) compulsory and five (5) elective credits required for graduation.

How to Pursue the 4-H Personal Development Credit:

Students apply to have the 4-H Personal Development Credit recorded on their high school transcript **after** they have completed all the requirements and received their 4-H Certificate of Achievement at their club's Achievement Day. To have your credit recognized on your high school transcript as a personal development credit, follow these steps:

1. 4-H members must register for 'Grade 10 Credit' on their annual 4-H registration form. Once you have registered, you have **two (2) years** to complete all the requirements.
2. Talk with your guidance counsellor about the process. Make sure to find out about the deadlines that have been set by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for submitting the *Student Notification Form,* (Page 5) at (www.ednet.ns.ca/cbl/personal-development-credits) especially if you will be graduating this year. **It is your responsibility to make sure that all the required documents have been provided to your school on or before the deadline.**
3. Once the requirements have been met and you have received your 'Gold' sticker on your 4-H Certificate of Achievement, at your club's Achievement Day, complete the Student Information section on the *Student Notification Form* listed above in #2.
4. Submit your 4-H Certificate of Achievement which must include the required "Gold Sticker" verifying that you have successfully completed all requirements, along with the completed *Student Notification Form* to your school's Guidance Counsellor or appointed staff person.

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'Gold' Sticker Requirements

To receive the required 'Gold' sticker on your 4-H Certificate of Achievement at your club's Achievement Day, members must complete all requirements for gold completion (club contribution & communications) plus 110 documented hours of 4-H Leadership and Skill Development. Note: There is no project to judge such like Vet Science and Heritage so club contribution and communications will make up the Gold Completion

Members must display their record sheet at Achievement Day each year they are in the project to receive a gold completion sticker. When all of the hours are completed and the RPC signs off, this is when members receive their Gold sticker that can be presented to the school

110 Hours of 4-H Related Work

Members are strongly encouraged to have regular communication with their Regional Program Coordinator about what is acceptable as 4-H related work hours.

- This is a Leadership Recognition component of the 4-H Club work. To achieve this credit, members must demonstrate leadership and skill development. This must be more than regular project completion.
- Members will accumulate 110 hours through participation in the following leadership activities: club/county committee and executive work, county council meetings, taking a junior leader project, participating in regional and provincial conferences, involvement in "4-H Members Voice" committee, national leadership activities etc. Follow the guidelines stated in the Record Summary Form (can be found on the 4-H NS website, Record Sheet for Grade 10 Credit).
- Your RPC would be more than willing to help you gain hours in all categories. Keep a look out on your email to ensure you are staying up to date on opportunities that they are providing.
- Members must document hours and activity summaries on the 4-H Personal Development Credit Records Summary Form (Record Sheet for Grade 10 Credit)
- All activities must be approved by an official signature (General Leader, Project Leader, RPC, Committee Chair, etc.). This signature must come from someone who can verify your participation / involvement in the program / hours documented.
- Once you have completed your 110 hours, your General Leader, Project Leader or RPC must sign off on the completed form before being submitted at your club Achievement Day.
- Members must notify their school that they will be seeking credit for their 4-H work. This does not come from 4-H; it is the members' own responsibility to do this.

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Opportunities you may participate in to achieve this credit could include the following, but this is not an all-inclusive list:

Project Skills Development	Club/County Related Leadership	Regional/Provincial/National Leadership
- Attending a training or workshop related to your project outside of project meetings - Leading a project meeting - Junior Leader project work (Junior Leader is the only project work is eligible for the Grade 10 Credit) - Developing judging classes, instructional videos or other project resources	- Serving on the Club Executive - Serving on an event planning committee - Attending County Council Meeting - Assisting with community service projects - Assisting with club level fundraising - Chair Club/County Communication Day - Duties associated with being County Ambassador - Develop posts for club and county Social Media	- Attending regional planning meetings - Attending the 4-H Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting - Volunteering at Provincial Show & Provincial Rally - Participating in a Provincial Committee - Participating in a provincial or national award on behalf of the province - Submit articles and photos for the chronicles, or information for Social Media to 4-H Nova Scotia - Helping RPC with event preparations

What is a Personal Development Credit?

A personal development credit is awarded when a student achieves all the requirements in an area of training or learning. The Personal Development Credit provides another way to encourage students to gain valuable life skills and experiences beyond the classroom, strengthening their connections with their communities.

How does the credit work?

Students who successfully complete a course or program approved by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will earn a full or half-credit to be included on their high school transcript.

Which programs are eligible?

Students can earn the credit for successfully completing approved programs from the list at *https://pdc.ednet.ns.ca/*

Can students earn more than one credit for participating in different programs?

Students can earn only one elective credit towards the 18 credits minimum required for graduation. It can be a grade 10, 11, or 12 credit (the 4-H credit is a grade 10 credit), depending on the designation that the department determines. However, they can have more than one credit appear on their transcript beyond the 18 required.

Can a student get credit for taking part in an approved program before they reach high school?

Students who have earned the credentials required for a Personal Development Credit while attending junior high school are able to apply to have the credit recognized as a grade 10, 11, or 12
(the 4-H credit is a grade 10 credit) elective credit once they enter high school