

MARITIME PROVINCES HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION -- 2007 Maritime
University Credentials Granted Data Released

Today, January 28, 2009, the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission released validated 2007 credentials granted statistics for all public Maritime universities. Updated statistical tables and a database are available for download from the Commission's website, www.mphec.ca.

Highlights:

- The number of credentials granted in Maritime Universities reached an all-time high in 2007. A total of 16,391 degrees, certificates and diplomas were granted: 5,237 in New Brunswick, 10,455 in Nova Scotia and 796 in Prince Edward Island.
- The number of undergraduate degrees granted by New Brunswick Universities (4,372) decreased by 0.5% from the peak in 2006.
- The total number of undergraduate degrees granted in Nova Scotia (7,972) increased by 7.8% over 2006, and in Prince Edward Island it increased by 8.4% to 660.
- The high number of credentials granted in 2007 can be attributed in part to students from the Ontario double cohort who started four-year degrees in 2003.
- Compared to 2006, the number of graduate degrees awarded decreased by 4% in 2007. The total number of Master's and Doctoral degrees awarded in the Maritimes was 2,411 in 2007: New Brunswick (551, +0.4%), Nova Scotia (1,804, -4%), and Prince Edward Island (56, -38%).

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