

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IS THERE AN OFFICIAL NATIONAL REGISTRY FOR MÉTIS PEOPLE IN CANADA?

At the current time there is no official national registry for Métis people in Canada that is recognized by the Métis National Council or the federal government. Each one of the governing members of the Métis National Council manages their own provincial Métis identification registry.

What is blood quantum? Is Métis ancestry based on blood quantum?

Blood quantum is a term used to describe the percentage of First Nations blood an individual has. Métis do not measure blood quantum. Métis ancestry is based on an individual's connection to the Historic Métis Nation Homeland and the founders of the First Métis Nation.

I received an application package, is the requested information mandatory?

Yes, the information requested in the application package is mandatory. Your application cannot be processed without the required information and documentation.

If my parents have already applied, should I still send in my application?

Yes. If one or both of your parents have a MNBC Citizenship Card but you have not made your own application, you will not automatically receive a MNBC Citizenship Card regardless of your age. Each Citizen must complete their own application. If you have an immediate family member or grandparent that is a citizen, you can use the Kinship Application Form.

Am I able to pay an additional fee to fast track my application process?

No. To be fair to all applicants, Citizenship applications are handled in the order they are received.

I was born in another province/territory. Where do I submit my Application?

Applications are only accepted based on your province of residency. This will ensure that the information you receive is relevant to the province where you currently reside.

My parent is a Métis Citizen in another province. Are you able to have information from their file forwarded to you to complete my application in British Columbia?

Not at this time. Due to privacy laws, information and documents are not shared between registries. You will need to collect the necessary documents from the other jurisdiction and forward them to the MNBC Registry to complete your application.



Can I request information regarding a family member's file?

The Central Registry regards individuals' privacy with utmost respect and is compliant with provincial privacy laws. Therefore, the Central Registry is not able to release information regarding applicants or Citizens files to individuals other than the applicant and/or Citizens themselves.

If I move outside of the province of British Columbia, will I need to re-apply for Citizenship in my new province?

Yes. All provinces offering a Métis Citizenship registry operate independently from each other. If you move to another province, you will need to contact the Métis Citizenship registry for that province to inquire about their registry process.

I have recently discovered I am Métis. How do I learn more about my culture?

After you submit your application you will be connect with a MNBC Chartered Community. One of the best ways to learn about your Métis culture is to reach out to your local chartered community. They offer events and workshops to help you meet other members of your community and learn more about your culture.

USEFUL LINKS

Vital Statistics Offices

Service Alberta

Tel: 780-427-7013 - recording
<http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/VitalStatistics.cfm>

British Columbia Vital Statistics Agency

Tel: 250-952-2681- General Enquiries
Order by credit card: 250-952- 2557 or toll free (BC only) 1-888-876-1633
www.vs.gov.bc.ca

Manitoba Vital Statistics Agency

Tel: 204-945-3701
email: vitalstats@gov.mb.ca
<http://vitalstats.gov.mb.ca>

New Brunswick

Service New Brunswick
Tel: General Enquiry 506-453-2385
www.snb.ca

Newfoundland Vital Statistics and Government Services

Tel: 709-729-3308
www.servicenl.gov.nl.ca

Northwest Territories Vital Statistics

Toll-free: 1-800-661-0830 (Canada only)
Tel: 867-777-7400
email: hsa@gov.nt.ca
www.hss.gov.nt.ca

Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations Registrar General Division of Vital Statistics

Tel: 902-424-4381
<http://novascotia.ca>

Nunavut Registrar General of Vital Statistics

Tel: 867-645-8002
Toll Free: 1-800-661-0833
www.gov.nu.ca

Service Ontario, Office of the Registrar General

Tel: 416-325-8305
www.serviceontario.ca

Prince Edward Island Vital Statistics Department of Health and Social Services

Tel: 902-838-0880
Toll Free: 877-320-1253
www.gov.pe.ca

Quebec, Le Directeur de l'état civil Ministère de la Justice

Tel: 418-643-3900
Fax: 418-646-3255
etacivil@dec.gouv.qc.ca
www.etacivil.gouv.qc.ca

Saskatchewan Vital Statistics Registry eHealth Saskatchewan

Toll Free: 1-800-667-7551
<http://www.ehealthsask.ca/vitalstats/Pages/default.aspx>

Yukon Department of Health and Social Services

Tel: 867-667-5207
email: Vital.Statistics@gov.yk.ca
www.hss.gov.yk.ca/vitalstats.php



Roman Catholic Diocese Offices

If you are looking for a Diocese not listed here, please contact the Registry Clerk in your area.

R.C. Diocese of Prince Albert

306-922-4747
www.padiocese.ca

R.C. Diocese of Winnipeg

204-452-2227
www.archwinnipeg.ca

R.C. Diocese of Saskatoon

306-242-1500
www.rcdos.ca

St Catherine's Parish

780-623-4371
www.stcatherineparishllb.com

Section A - Personal Information

Legal Name of Applicant (First/Middle/Last) - This is your legal name as it appears on your birth certificate or BC Government issued ID. If different from your Birth Certificate, please provide Legal Name Change or Marriage Certificate.

Address - This address must be your current residential address and match your Proof of Residency. This can not be a PO Box.

Gender - Your gender must match the gender on your supporting documents. (Birth Certificate or BC Government issued ID)

Are you a Veteran? - Please check yes if you have previously or are currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces or RCMP and you would like to be recognized as a Veteran or to participate in our Metis Veterans BC.

Métis Public Health Surveillance Program - The BC Public Health Officer is working with MNBC to learn more about the population health of Métis Citizens in our province to better advocate for increased health services and financial assistance for our Citizens. To assist with this, MNBC and the BC Ministry of Health have an information sharing agreement in place. The BC Ministry of Health will always hold your personal health information as they do now. MNBC will never have access to your personal health information. MNBC will only have access to population health information in the aggregate or total. For example, 49 females between the age of 50 - 75 have been diagnosed with diabetes within Interior Health Authority. MNBC will never receive health information about any individual. That information always stays with the BC Ministry of Health. This population health information will be essential to ensure that services are accessible and culturally appropriate for Métis people. Simply stated, to address Métis health concerns, the BC Ministry of Health must know what the Nation's health priorities and concerns are. Citizens can change their decisions at any time by contacting MNBC. For more information please contact health@mnbc.ca.

Section B - Supporting Documents

Family Information Birth or Baptismal Certificates going back to 1901 or earlier - Provide a copy of a family information birth or baptismal certificates for the following individuals; Applicant, Métis parent*, Métis grandparent*, Métis great grandparent* going back to 1901 or earlier. These documents contain an individual's name, date, gender, parent's names and birth place. Please do not send original documents. A Notary should not be needed for obtaining these documents. If you do not have family information birth certificate/s they can be obtained from the department of vital statistics in the province in which the individual was born. Baptismal certificate/s they can be obtained from the church where the baptism or christening occurred or from the archdiocese of the church.

Please note we are only looking for supporting document going back to 1901. Documents for family members born before 1901 are not required. For more information, please see the Registry Guide or contact your Regional Registry Coordinator. (see back cover for contact information.) Additional documents not required to complete the application will be confidentially shredded.

*If the Applicant has a family member that is an MNBC citizen, you will need to provide the Applicants family information birth or baptismal certificate and the family information birth or baptismal certificates needed to connect the family member that is an MNBC Citizen. In the case of a Grandparent, aunt/uncle of cousin, we would require the applicant and the applicant's Métis parent's family information birth or baptismal certificate.

Indian Registry Screening Consent Form - This form is mandatory. The Central Registry requires this document to process your application.

5-generation Pedigree Chart - The pedigree chart included in the application must be completed for each applicant. Include as much information as possible. Without these details the Central Registry may not be able to verify your genealogy. Always use maiden names for women when completing the chart. See the Registry Guide for more information.

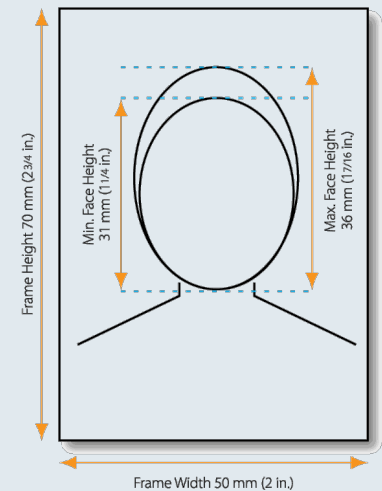
Valid BC Government issued ID - Please include a photo or photocopy of the applicant's valid BC Driver's License, BC ID or Canadian passport. If the applicant is under 18, a current CareCard may be used as ID. The applicant's address must match the applicant's address provided on the application.

A passport quality photo with date stamp - In order to ensure the highest quality, all photos must pass the following quality control guidelines for acceptance.

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Photo Guidelines:

- Photo must be in colour, clear, sharp and in focus
- Clarity and contrast must be correct proper exposure - no washout, shadows or glare
- Background must be plain white (no color or shadows)
- Must be an original photo without filters that has not been altered
- Neutral expression (no smile, open mouth or frown) and looking straight at the camera with eyes open and clearly visible, no sunglasses (prescription glasses can be worn)
- No head piece or hair covering (with the exception of those worn for religious purposes & only if the full facial features are clearly visible)
- The back of the photo must be date stamped with photographer's stamp (stamp must be legible)
- Please clearly print your name on the back of your photo
- Must be taken within the last year (1 year) from the date the application is submitted and reflect your current appearance.



Section C - Oath of Citizenship and Consent to Release Confidential Information

Consent to Release - This explains how your private information will be stored and used by the Central Registry. This form also allows applicants to opt out of the Central Registry using their information for certain purposes.

Oath of Citizenship - The oath of Citizenship verifies the applicant does not hold Indian Status, Treaty Status or Bill C3. It also verifies that if the applicant becomes an MNBC Citizen that they will abide and respect the rules and bylaws of MNBC. For information about MNBC's legislation, please visit www.mnbc.ca/documents-resources/governance-acts

Section D - Signature for Citizenship Card

Signature for Citizenship Card - If the application is approved, this is the signature that will appear on the applicant's citizenship card. To ensure the highest quality, the applicant must use black ink and ensure that the signature does not touch the edges of the box.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions regarding your application, the supporting documents required or the application process, please call 1-800-940-1150

8:30-4:30pm Monday to Friday

email: registryasst@mnbc.ca

Please mail your applications to:

MNBC Central Registry

Suite 380, 13401 108 Ave.

Surrey, BC V3T 5T3