

# Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Required Documents Applicants 15 yrs of age & older

**Please read carefully**

1. Provide a copy of your *family information birth certificate, formerly called a long form birth certificate*. This document contains name, date, gender, registration date and number, parent's names and birth place.
2. Provide a *family information birth certificate* for each subsequent generation that you are establishing your Métis ancestry on going back to at least the year 1901 or earlier. I.e.: parent and grandparent

*If you do not have your family information birth certificate:*

*It can be obtained from the department of vital statistics in the province in which you were born.*

*Or -*

*An acceptable alternative, if applicable, is your baptismal or christening record. This may be obtained from the church where the baptism or christening occurred or from the archdiocese of the church.*

3. A copy of your genealogy *using the 5-generation pedigree chart provided with the application package*. A *pedigree chart must be filled out and submitted for each applicant*. Include as much information as possible, i.e. birth dates, birthplaces, marriage dates and places, death dates and places. Without these specific details the Central Registry may not be able to verify your genealogy. Always use maiden names for women when completing the chart.
4. A *clear legible copy of the front and back* of BC government issued photo identification, such as a BC driver's license or BC identification.
5. A current color passport photograph, please print your name clearly on the back of the photo.
6. If you are a member of a local chartered British Columbia Métis community, please include a copy of your card, or your community membership number. Please contact your regional registry clerk for a list of chartered communities, or view it online at [www.mnbc.ca](http://www.mnbc.ca) If you do not yet have this community membership, you may still proceed with your initial application with MNBC.
7. Sign, date & include BC residential address on the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), *formerly INAC*, screening form. The following is a list of acceptable identification as per Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada (AANDC):

*Male & female applicants 19 yrs of age and older must include the following clearly copied forms of identification:*

- i. *Birth certificate*

*AND one the following forms of identification clearly copied front and back:*

- i. *BC driver's license*
- ii. *BC identification card*

*Male & female applicants 18 yrs of age and under are required to provide a copy of their long form birth certificate AND must include copies of their parent or legal guardian's identification as outlined above. The parent or legal guardian's signature is required on this form for applicants 18 yrs of age & under.*

*\* Please note applicant's are required to contact the appropriate Registry Clerk to obtain an Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) screening form as a supplement to this application. The AANDC form is a duplicate-style form and MNBC is unable to provide it online. Contact information for the Registry Clerks is located on the last page of this document.*

*\* All copies of identification must be 100% clear and legible or AANDC will reject the form*

*\* Applicants are responsible for providing this identification, copied and attached to the AANDC form at the time the application is submitted; Registry staff can no longer copy this from applicant files.*

8. Applicants **19 years and older** are required to provide proof of BC residency. This residency must be established for a minimum of ninety (90) consecutive days immediately prior to the date of application. Any of the following documents will be accepted as proof of residency and must include the applicant's name and current BC address:
  - i. Income support or employment pay stubs for 3 current consecutive months.
  - ii. Utility, telephone, or cable bills for your BC residence for 3 current consecutive months.
  - iii. BC residential property tax bill or assessment for the current tax year.
  - iv. Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment form for the current tax year.
  - v. Canada Revenue Agency T4 form for the current year.
  - vi. Residential insurance; tenant insurance for current year.
  - vii. Confirmation of post secondary registration for current year.

Recent changes in Vital Statistics legislation in a number of Canadian provinces may affect the eligibility of individuals requesting documents for a deceased parent and or grandparent. Due to these changes the Central Registry recommends contacting the appropriate provincial Vital Statistics agency for the most accurate and current information regarding eligibility to access documents.

An alternative is to use a recognized third party agency such as Canadian Vital Certificates at [www.vitalcertificates.ca](http://www.vitalcertificates.ca). The site is available for use by the general public; contains detailed information on obtaining vital certificates for each province in Canada, including who is eligible to apply for the required documents.

**Please note the following important information regarding the application process and Citizenship card distribution:**

- 1) Additional documentation may be requested to support your application. Registry staff will assist where possible although it is the responsibility of the applicant to supply the information required to confirm Métis ancestry. Do not send original documents, please make copies of the documentation for your records prior to forwarding the application for processing.
- 2) The Central Registry is not responsible for information, including application packages or Citizenship cards, damaged, lost or stolen in the mail.
- 3) It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the contact information on the file is updated and accurate should they move during the application process.

**Please read carefully if you are submitting an application and a family member has indicated they hold a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship card.**

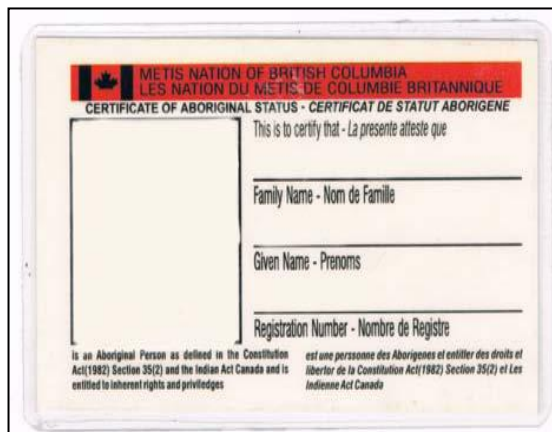
- 1) Please confirm using the card examples on the next page, which card the family member holds, MNBC cards are a hard card like a bank card where as membership cards are a soft laminated card.

- 2) If you have confirmed a family member holds a MNBC Citizenship card please indicate in the space provided on the main page of the application form and include their name and relationship to you i.e.: sibling, parent, grandparent etc.
- 3) Applicants of card holding family members are required to submit:
  - An application package, including the items listed on the previous page
  - A copy of their family information birth certificate or the acceptable alternative
  - A copy of the family information birth certificate or the acceptable alternative for each generation required to connect them to the family member who holds the MNBC Citizenship card

## Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card



## Commonly Issued Membership Card



**Please direct all inquiries regarding requests for application packages and assistance with the application process to the appropriate Registry Clerk.  
To prevent delays in processing please submit application packages to the appropriate Registry Clerk.**

**Residents of:  
Vancouver Island  
Lower Mainland  
Kootenays**

**Residents of:  
North West Region  
North Central Region  
North East Region  
Thompson/Okanagan**

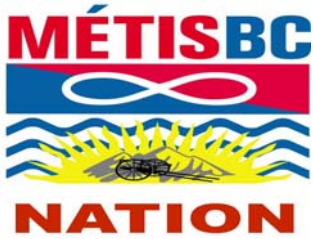
**Please submit citizenship applications to:**

**Angel Fisher**  
**West Coast Registry Clerk**  
30691 Simpson Rd.  
Abbotsford, BC  
V2T 6C7  
Toll free: 1-800-940-1150  
Email: [afisher@mnbcregistry.ca](mailto:afisher@mnbcregistry.ca)

**Please submit citizenship applications to:**

**Audrey Prevost**  
**Northern BC Registry Clerk**  
200 – 513 Ahbau Street  
Prince George, BC  
V2M 3R8  
Telephone: (250) 961-1181  
Fax: (250) 561-2790  
Email: [aprevost@mnbcregistry.ca](mailto:aprevost@mnbcregistry.ca)





**CONSENT TO RELEASE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**  
*(THIS FORM IS MANDATORY)*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

I understand the contents of my Métis Nation BC (MNBC) Citizenship application are confidential. All personal information is protected by the Personal Information and Privacy Act (PIPA) and may not be released to any individual, body or organization without my written consent.

I hereby authorize the MNBC Registry to store in hard and/or electronic copy the following contents of my MNBC Citizenship application file:

- Individual Citizenship Application form;
- Consent to Release Confidential Information form;
- 5- Generation Pedigree Chart;
- Supporting genealogical documentation;
- Photograph;
- Signature;
- Correspondence pertaining to my application(s);
- Application Checklist;
- Contact Log.

I hereby authorize the MNBC Registry to use my 5-Generation Pedigree Chart and supporting genealogical documentation to assist with compiling genealogical charts for other members of my biological family.

I hereby authorize the MNBC Registry to use the information contained in my MNBC Citizenship necessary in the preparation of Voters Lists for the following:

- MNBC Annual General Meetings (AGM);
- Métis Women's Secretariat British Columbia
- British Columbia United Métis Youth Circle

I hereby authorize the MNBC to use the supporting genealogical documentation to assist with research and publications documenting the history of the Métis.

I hereby authorize the MNBC Registry to contact the chartered Métis community in the Region I reside in for the purpose for verification of Métis community membership.

I understand all information in regard to my application for MNBC citizenship will be retained by the MNBC unless I provide written instructions with my signature to destroy and/or return all information I have submitted.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

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**Witness**



**MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**CONSENT TO CONTRIBUTE PERSONAL INFORMATION**  
**AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS**  
*(THIS FORM IS NOT MANDATORY)*

**Personal Information**

Personal information is information that identifies you as an individual. It includes not only your name and address, age and gender, but also your personal financial records, identification numbers which include your social insurance number (SIN), personal references, birth and other personal archival records, records concerning your ancestry, present and past residences and your education, medical and employment records.

**Information That You Consent To Release by Signing This Form**

The information referred to in this consent form are those personal archival records and records concerning your ancestry specifically; if you sign this form these records will be contributed to the MNBC Historical Documents Database, and thus made available to authorized researchers, authorized staff, and authorized citizens of the MNBC. *This consent form does not relate to contemporary personal records; by signing this form you **DO NOT** consent to release information about your birth certificate, current address, personal financial records, or identification numbers.*

**Purpose for the Disclosure of Personal Information**

The MNBC will be using and sharing your information, to the extent necessary, towards historical research in relation to contemporary and historical Métis communities, traditions, and customs. The MNBC has developed a database of historical information concerning the Métis people in British Columbia. Your information will be added to this database to be used as required for the preparation of one or more historical reports authorized by the MNBC. These reports may or may not specifically identify you and may be distributed to others such as Provincial and Federal government departments, tribunals, courts, administrative bodies, the media, Métis communities, Provincial and Federal Métis organizations, and/or the public at large.

The use of your personal information for these purposes is self-evident and should be clear. However, if you have any questions about the purpose of the personal information and how it will be used, please call the MNBC head office and ask.

In addition to the purposes set forth above, your personal information may be used as follows:

- ∞ To trace your ancestry.
- ∞ To research and record personal information as necessary for the exercise and preservation of cultural practices and traditional lore.
- ∞ for use in a public report concerning contemporary or historical communities and traditional Métis customs and practices for use as necessary in Court proceedings,
- ∞ administrative matters and hearings, and such other purposes and uses as may be required and deemed useful in advancing the cause of Métis Citizens, proving and/or;
- ∞ Upholding Métis rights and entitlement and/or publicizing Métis issues.

### **Sharing your Personal Information**

If you consent to the use of your Personal Information as stated above, it will be shared, to the extent permitted by law, within the MNBC and/or its successors, its Chartered Métis Communities, its managers, genealogy research department, authorized researchers, and, where deemed necessary, publicly.

### **Third Party Information**

The information that you provide to us may include the Personal Information of third persons. In many cases, the information you provide may be shared with others as stated above. However, certain information, such as financial, medical, educational or criminal records, will not be shared with other parties unless required by law or if the release of that information is consented to by that third person.

### **Storage of Personal Information**

Your Personal Information will be stored in hard copy and as computer data at the MNBC head office and with authorized researchers as designated by the MNBC.

### **Privacy Officer**

The MNBC and the Authorized Researcher shall designate a Privacy Officer to receive and deal with any and all enquiries, questions, complaints, or suggestions from persons whose personal information is or has been collected by the MNBC. The name and access information for the Privacy Officer will be available by contacting the MNBC head office or through the MNBC website at <http://www.mnbc.ca>

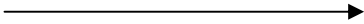
I \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ here by confirm my  
*(please print name)* *(please print city of residence)*  
consent to the collection and use of my personal information as stated herein.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Metis Nation BC  
Central Registry  
5 Generation Pedigree Chart**

**Fill in chart as completely as you can, with as much info as possible. Use maiden name for females. Please indicate clearly which line your Métis ancestry is on.**



**Legend:**  
**b**=date of Birth  
**w**=where  
**m**=date of Marriage  
**w**=where  
**d**=date of Death  
**w**=where

**1**  
 Your name, maiden name if female  
 b  
 w  
 m  
 w

**2**  
 Your Father's Name  
 b  
 w  
 m  
 w  
 d  
 w

**3**  
 Your Mother's (maiden) name  
 b  
 w  
 d  
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**4**  
 Grandfather's Name  
 b  
 w  
 m  
 w  
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**5**  
 G-mother's (maiden) name  
 b  
 w  
 d  
 w

**6**  
 Grandfather's Name  
 b  
 w  
 m  
 w  
 d  
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**7**  
 G-mother's (maiden) name  
 b  
 w  
 d  
 w

**8**  
 Great G-father's name  
 b  
 m  
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**9**  
 Great G-Mother's (maiden) name  
 b  
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**10**  
 Great G-father's name  
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**11**  
 Great G-Mother's (maiden) name  
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**12**  
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**14**  
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