

Appendix 1 – Documentation Requirements

Option 1: Written Documentation

- A true copy of an Indian status card issued by the Government of Canada.
- A true copy of a Métis Nation citizenship card or a complete confirmation letter from one of the Métis provincial governments: Métis Nation of Ontario, Métis Nation Saskatchewan, Métis Nation of Alberta, Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation of Alberta, the Northwest Territory Métis Nation, or the Manitoba Métis Federation.
- A true copy of an Inuit enrolment card issued by any one of the four Inuit modern treaty bodies—Nunavut, Nunatsiavut, Nunavik, or Inuvialuit.
- A true copy of the Haudenosaunee Passport or any citizenship document issued by a tribal nation.
- Written confirmation of membership/enrollment from a US or Canadian federally recognized band/tribal authority.
- A true copy of American Indian, Alaskan Native, or Native Hawaiian citizenship document from tribes that are state or federally recognized or recognized by the [National Congress of American Indians](#).
- A letter of "Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent" provided by an Indigenous Community organization.
- Documentation is required by legitimate Indigenous communities or governments within other countries. These documents must be stamped with the organization's common seal of certification.
- If an individual is not connected with their community (whether by means of being adopted out and/or other reasons), they may submit at least two sworn affidavits from family members (including customary adoptive and legal adoptions) that clearly identify their nation, community, and reason why they are not connected to their Indigenous community.

Option 2: Self-Declaration

If an individual does not possess proof of the documentation listed in Option 1, they must submit a declaration about their existing lived experiences and ongoing relationship to a legally recognized and rights-bearing Indigenous community, Nation, or People. This declaration must be accompanied by a letter confirming its veracity from a recognized Tribal or Indigenous nation authority. The statement must provide specific information about the First Nation, Inuit, or Métis community, such as their treaty, scrip, land claim, and territory or region. The statement should address the individual's Indigenous community engagement, relationship, and lineage. This statement, or supporting information, may be presented orally and will be transcribed for record-keeping purposes.