

Chief's Message (December 19, 2013)

For individuals who are providing additional documents to Winnipeg for the Enrolment process of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band, outlined below is a check list to ensure you do not miss submitting any critical information:

If you need to meet Self-Identification (see scenario #4 in my earlier message) provide the following:

- Document(s) to prove self-identification. For further details review section A of the information which was attached to your letter.

If you need to meet Self-Identification and Group Acceptance (see scenario # 3 in my earlier message) provide the following:

- Document(s) to prove self-identification. For further details review section A of the information which was attached to your letter.
- Documents for Group Acceptance if you live outside a Mi'kmaq Community
 - Photocopies of telephone bills, airline tickets, and credit card transactions including purchases made in a Mi'kmaq Community to correspond with credit card statements. For more details of other evidence that can be submitted; see section B of the information that was attached to your letter. Note, this section requires that some documentation can be original and other documentation can be photocopies. Persons who do not wish to submit original documentation can submit certified true copies instead. A Commissioner of Oaths, Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths can certify a copy to be a true copy of the original document after reviewing the original.
 - Sworn Declaration must be included with your package if you are providing any evidence of group acceptance (a template is available at the following link however; feel free to use one of your own if you so desire (http://qalipu.ca/site/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/QALIPU_-_SWORN_DECLARATION.pdf) . Sworn declaration is a statement given by the applicant describing the authenticity of and how his/her evidence such as telephone bills, airline tickets, and credit card transaction, newspaper articles, photographs, etc relates to his/her connection with the Mi'kmaq Community. Note, this declaration must be made before a Commissioner of Oaths, Notary Public or other officer authorized to take oaths in that jurisdiction. Please note that if you are under the age of 18 and neither of your parents has submitted an application, then you have to provide a Sworn Declaration. The Sworn Declaration should be from a parent or Legal Guardian (where proof of a Court Order appointing the Legal Guardian is provided) and describe how the documentation provided relates to your connection or the connection of one or both of your parents with the Mi'kmaq Community.

- A minimum of two affidavits must be included with your package. Affidavits must be written by residents of a Mi'kmaq Community. These affidavits must be sworn before a Commissioner of Oaths, Notary Public or other officer authorized to take oaths in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. The content must describe how you, the applicant, have been maintaining a connection to at least one Mi'kmaq Community by participating in the type of activities listed in section 18 of the Directive. Please ensure that the residents completing the affidavits on your behalf indicate where they reside and their relationship to you. For further information on what information should be in the Affidavit's review sections 11 and 18 of the Directive.
<http://qalipu.ca/site/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Directive.pdf>

If you need to meet only Group Acceptance (see scenario # 2 in my earlier message) provide the following:

- Everything that is listed above under the heading "Documents for Group Acceptance if you live outside a Mi'kmaq Community"

'Mi'kmaq Community' as referenced in this document is defined as one of the geographic locations of Mi'kmaq Groups of Indians on the Island of Newfoundland that is listed on page 5 of the information that was attached to your letter. Further note that if a person lives within 20 kilometers of the boundaries of a Mi'kmaq Community (or 20 kilometers from the center of a Mi'kmaq community that does not have official municipal boundaries), that person shall be considered to reside in that MI'kmaq Community.