

NORTHWEST TERRITORY MÉTIS NATION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THE ENROLMENT APPLICATION FORM

Process

This Background Information document provides information to an applicant about completing an Enrolment Application Form.

Purpose

This enrolment application form is for an applicant seeking to be eligible:

1. to be a member of one of the following Métis Councils:
 - i) Fort Resolution Métis Council;
 - ii) Fort Smith Métis Council; or
 - iii) Hay River Métis Government Council;
2. a) to enrol in an Indigenous Métis Membership Register under a NWTMN Final Agreement upon it being initialled by the Negotiators. Each individual enrolled under the Final Agreement must also be enrolled as a member with one of the three Métis Councils; and
 - b) to be added to a voters list for ratification of a NWTMN Final Agreement upon it being initialled by the Negotiators.

Eligibility Criteria

You are eligible if you are:

1. a Canadian Citizen; and
2. a) an aboriginal person of Chipewyan, Cree or Slavey ancestry who:
 - i. resided in; or
 - ii. used and occupied

any part of the Proposed Agreement Area* (map attached) on or before December 31, 1921; or

b) a descendent of an Indigenous Métis meeting the above requirements;

or

Adoption

3. a) You were legally adopted as a child by an Indigenous Métis meeting the requirements in 1 and 2 above under Eligibility Criteria;

or

b) You were adopted under Métis custom, by an Indigenous Métis meeting the requirements in 1 and 2 above;

or

c) You are a descendent of an adopted child meeting the requirements in 3 a) or b) above.

Ineligibility for Enrolment

You are not eligible to be a member of one of the Métis Councils or to enrol on an Indigenous Métis Membership Register or to be added to a voters list if you:

1. are a Treaty beneficiary; or
2. are registered, as an Indian or on a Band List maintained by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; or
3. i) are enrolled under another Land Claims Agreement (for example: Sahtu, Gwich'in, Tlicho).

ii) However, individuals who are currently enrolled under another land claim agreement, may enrol under a ratified NWTMN Final Agreement provided they remove themselves from the other land claim agreement.

NWTMN Review Committee for Métis Council Membership

A NWTMN Review Committee will be established by the NWTMN to:

- verify the enrolment application forms for completeness;

- provide recommendations to the Métis Councils whether an applicant meets the Indigenous Métis eligibility criteria under the draft NWTMN Final Agreement. A Métis Council will make the decision as to whether it accepts an application for Métis Council membership in accordance with the Indigenous Métis membership criteria set out in the bylaws of each Métis Council;
- to enable each Métis Council to develop a membership list. The Métis Council will provide the membership list to the NWTMN Review Committee; and
- forward the enrolment application forms and the membership list of each Métis Council to the enrolment committee once it has been established under the draft NWTMN Final Agreement.

The NWTMN Review Committee may be assisted by the NWTMN Technical Staff and a genealogist.

Enrolment Committee for NWTMN Final Agreement

In accordance with provisions of the draft NWTMN Final Agreement, an enrolment committee will be established after initialling of a draft NWTMN Final Agreement. It will consist of a representative of each of the three Métis Councils, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada. The enrolment committee will accept the membership lists of the Métis Councils as the basis for the Indigenous Métis Membership Register and may add any new names resulting from any additional enrolment application forms that are submitted.

Ratification Committee for NWTMN Final Agreement

In accordance with provisions of the Draft NWTMN Final Agreement, a ratification committee will be established after initialling of a Draft NWTMN Final Agreement by the Chief Negotiators. It will consist of a representative of each of the three Métis Councils, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada. The ratification committee will accept the Indigenous Métis Membership Register from the enrolment committee. The Indigenous Métis Membership Register will form the basis of a voters list for the purpose of a ratification vote for a NWTMN Final Agreement.

Please read through the complete enrolment application form before filling it out.

Note: This Background Information for the Enrolment Application Form document may be amended in the course of Land and Resource Final Agreement negotiations. In the event of inconsistency between this Background Information for the Enrolment Application Form and the Enrolment Application Form, the Enrolment Application Form will prevail.

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ENROLMENT APPLICATION FORM

This enrolment application form is being completed by (please choose one of the following):

- an Applicant 16 years of age or older;
- an Applicant on his/her own behalf and on behalf of his/her child(ren) under 16 years of age;
- an individual (parent or guardian) applying on behalf of his/her Applicant child(ren) under 16 years of age; or
- a guardian applying on behalf of an Applicant who is over 16 years of age but legally incompetent by reason of mental incapacity.

PART 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION OF APPLICANT

(to be filled out by parent or guardian on behalf of the underage applicant or a guardian on behalf of a person legally incompetent)

Last Name:		Maiden Name or Other Name at Birth (if any):	
First Name:		Middle Name(s) (if any):	
Commonly Used Nickname (if any):			
Date of Birth (YEAR/MONTH/DAY):		Place of Birth:	
Guardian's Name (if applicable):		Guardian's Contact Information (if different from the Applicant):	
Mailing Address:			
Home or Cell Phone:		E-mail:	

PART 2: CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE, INCLUDING ANY ADOPTED CHILDREN, WHO ARE INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth (YEAR/MONTH/DAY)	Canadian Citizen	Treaty Beneficiary	Status Indian	Enrolled in a land claim agreement
1.				Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
2.				Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
3.				Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
4.				Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
5.				Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
6.				Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>

PART 3: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Is the Applicant a Canadian Citizen?

Yes No

2a. Is the Applicant an aboriginal person of Chipewyan, Cree or Slavey ancestry who:

- i) resided in,
- ii) or used and occupied,

any part of the Proposed Agreement Area* on or before December 31, 1921?

Yes No

or

2b. Is the Applicant a descendant of an aboriginal person of Chipewyan, Cree or Slavey ancestry who:

- i) resided in,
- ii) or used and occupied

any part of the Proposed Agreement Area* on or before December 31, 1921?

Yes No

See Proposed Agreement Area map attached.

3. Was the Applicant adopted while under the age of majority under territorial or provincial law (e.g. the age of majority is 19 years of age in the NWT) or under Indigenous Métis custom by an Indigenous Métis person who meets the criteria set out in 2a or 2b or a descendant of such adopted child?

Yes No

4. Please provide information to support your claim for eligibility based upon adoption under territorial or provincial law or under Indigenous Métis custom for children custom adopted under the age of majority. Examples of supporting documentation include: Certificate of Adoption; Certificate of Recognition of Custom Adoption; or affidavit, statutory declaration, and / or letters from elders and community members confirming the custom adoption.

PART 4: INELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLMENT

1. Is the Applicant receiving benefits or exercising rights under a treaty?

Yes No

2. Is the Applicant registered as an Indian or on a Band List maintained by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development?

Yes No

3. i) Is the Applicant enrolled as a beneficiary of another Land Claims Agreement (for example Sahtu, Gwich'in and Tlicho)?

Yes No

If yes, please provide the name of the land claim agreement?

3 ii). If you answered yes to Question 3, is the Applicant prepared to withdraw from enrolment under the other land claim agreement to enrol in a NWTMN Final Agreement?

Yes No

PART 5: MÉTIS COUNCILS

1. The Applicant is ancestrally connected to the following community(ies):

Fort Resolution

Fort Smith

Hay River

The Applicant may provide additional details regarding the Applicant's ancestral connection to the community(ies) below. This information will not affect an Applicant's eligibility:

2. The Applicant's children are ancestrally connected to the following community(ies)?

Fort Resolution

Fort Smith

Hay River

The Applicant may provide additional details regarding the Applicant's children's ancestral connection to the community(ies) below:

3. Indicate the Métis Council you are applying to be enrolled in:

- a) Fort Resolution Métis Council
- b) Fort Smith Métis Council
- c) Hay River Métis Government Council

4. The Applicant wishes for his/her Applicant children to apply for membership in the following Métis Council (indicate name of child(ren) beside the Métis Council):

- a) Fort Resolution Métis Council _____
- b) Fort Smith Métis Council _____
- c) Hay River Métis Government Council _____

PART 6: INDIGENOUS MÉTIS MEMBERSHIP REGISTER

1. Does the Applicant wish to enrol in the Indigenous Métis Membership Register upon the NWTMN Final Agreement being initialed by the Negotiators?

Yes No

2. Does the Applicant or individual wish to have his/her Applicant child(ren) enrol in the Indigenous Métis Membership Register upon the NWTMN Final Agreement being initialled by the Negotiators?

Yes No

The Indigenous Métis Membership Register will also form the basis of a voters list for the purpose of ratification of the NWTMN Final Agreement.

PART 7: FAMILY HISTORY

An applicant need only provide information (from Part 3 questions 2 and 3 as applicable) from the applicant's direct ancestry to support eligibility for membership and to be added to a Indigenous Métis Membership Register. In the event the applicant does not have a complete family history, the NWTMN or a Métis Council may provide assistance subject to available resources.

The family history information relating to any non-Indigenous members is not required.

If the Applicant has two Indigenous Métis parents, the Applicant may provide the information related to only one Indigenous Métis parent, at the Applicant's discretion; however, the Applicant may provide family history from both parents.

In addition to the information provided on the attached Family History Chart, you may provide additional family history below:

Your Family History
(if necessary, use additional sheet for family history information)

PARENTS

Father:
First Name <input type="text"/>
Last Name <input type="text"/>
Date of Birth <input type="text"/>
Place of Birth <input type="text"/>

GRANDPARENTS

Father's Father:
First Name <input type="text"/>
Last Name <input type="text"/>
Date of Birth <input type="text"/>

Father's Mother:
First Name <input type="text"/>
Maiden Name <input type="text"/>
Last Name <input type="text"/>
Date of Birth <input type="text"/>

GREAT GRANDPARENTS

Father's paternal grandfather	
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>

Father's paternal grandmother	
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>

Father's maternal grandfather	
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>

Father's maternal grandmother	
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>

PARENTS

Mother: First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth	<input type="text"/>

GRANDPARENTS

Mother's Father:	
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>

Mother's Mother:	
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Maiden Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>

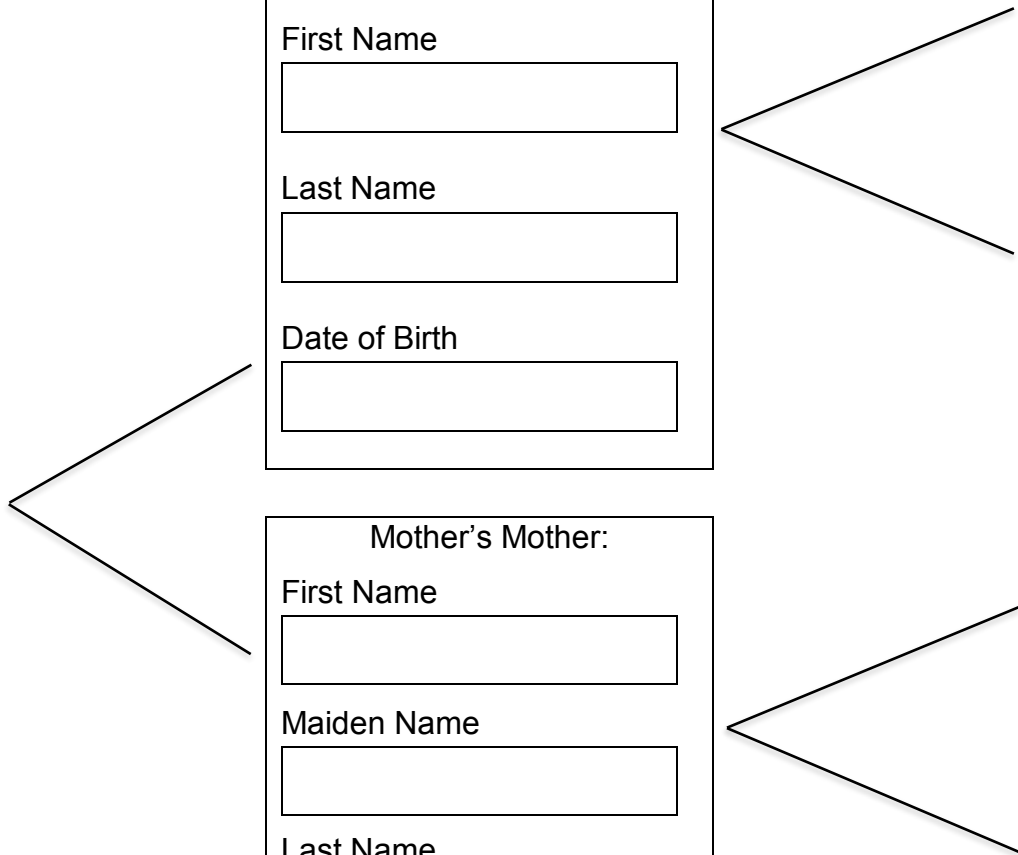
GREAT GRANDPARENTS:

Mother's paternal grandfather	
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>

Mother's paternal grandmother	
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>

Mother's maternal grandfather	
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>

Mother's maternal grandmother	
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>



PART 8: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

An applicant must attach a Birth Certificate or Baptismal Certificate for the applicant and each applicant child. The applicant must also provide a Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate or adoption documentation for the direct ancestor who meets the December 31, 1921 date or such other documentation to provide verification that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria. The NWTMN or the Métis Councils may assist the applicant by cross-referencing other Enrolment Application Forms that contain other supporting documentation verifying the Family History information.

Attached is / are:

- Birth Certificate(s) Long Form (containing names and birth places of parents);
- Baptismal Certificate(s);
- Adoption Documentation (if applicable); or
- Other documentation _____

PART 9: DECLARATION

I declare the information in this Enrolment Application Form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and given voluntarily.

I acknowledge that I may be asked to provide more information upon request of the NWTMN, a Métis Council, enrolment committee or a ratification committee.

I make the application knowing that if any of the information is false or misleading, I may not be considered eligible to be a member of one of the Métis Councils, enrol in an Indigenous Métis Membership Register and to be added to the voters list for ratification of the NWTMN Final Agreement.

Personal information collected in this enrolment application form will only be used for:

- Métis Council membership list;
- Indigenous Métis Membership Register; and
- voters list

and will be protected in accordance with applicable privacy legislation.

I acknowledge and agree that any personal information I provide in completing this enrolment application form may be verified by the Government of Canada or the Government of the Northwest Territories.

I consent to the use of the information contained in "Part 7: Family History" to be included in a genealogy database in support of other applications.

yes

no

Signature of Applicant / Custodial Parent /
Guardian

Witness

Date

CHECKLIST

- Completely fill in and answer the applicable questions on this enrolment application form. An incomplete enrolment application form may not be considered.
- Sign the enrolment application form. An unsigned enrolment application form will not be considered.
- Attach a Birth Certificate Long Form (containing names and birth places of parents) or Baptismal Certificate.
- Complete the Part 5: Family History section.
- Submit the Enrolment Application Form.

You must submit your completed and signed enrolment application form, and required documentation, to any of the following administration offices in person or by mail:

Fort Resolution Métis Council
P.O. Box 137
Fort Resolution, Northwest Territories
X0E 0M0

Fort Smith Métis Council
P.O. Box 1107
Fort Smith, Northwest Territories
X0E 0P0

Hay River Métis Government Council
10 Industrial Drive
Hay River, Northwest Territories
X0E 0R6

Northwest Territory Métis Nation
P.O. Box 720
Fort Smith, Northwest Territories
X0E 0P0

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Proposed Agreement Area

