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# ANISHINABEK NATION

**E-DBENDAAGZIIG NAAKNIGEWIN**  
(Citizenship Law)

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##### Short Title

1. This law may be cited as the ‘Anishinabek Nation Citizenship Law’.

##### Anishinabek Citizenship

2. Every citizen of an Anishinabek First Nation is an Anishinabek Nation citizen.
3. A person is entitled to be an Anishinabek Nation citizen provided that the person:
  - (a) can trace their desendancy through at least one parent to the original people of an Anishinabek First Nation; or
  - (b) has at least one parent who is a member currently registered with an Anishinabek First Nation; or
  - (c) the person can trace their desendancy through at least one parent to a status Indian who is registered or entitled to be registered with an Anishinabek First Nation.

##### Loss of Citizenship

4. A person ceases to be an Anishinabek Nation citizen if the person:
  - (a) who is at least eighteen years of age, provides written notice to the Board of Anishinabek Citizenship that they renounce their citizenship; or
  - (b) the Board of Anishinabek Citizenship determines, after appropriate notice to the affected person and consideration of all relevant information and documentation that a person was registered on erroneous or fraudulent grounds and would not have otherwise qualified as a citizen. Such a person shall be deemed to never have been a Citizen.
  - (c) the Anishinabek First Nation provides written notice of the removal of a citizen from their citizenship list.

## Registrar

5. The Anishinabek Nation Citizenship Registrar shall be appointed by resolution of the Anishinabek Nation Grand Council.
6. The Anishinabek Nation Citizenship Registrar shall:
  - (a) maintain the Anishinabek Nation citizenship list;
  - (b) receive and acknowledge receipt of applications from persons applying for citizenship;
  - (c) ensure that the applicant provides all necessary information and documentation before forwarding such application to the Board of Anishinabek citizenship;
  - (d) notify each applicant of the decision of the Board of Anishinabek citizenship;
  - (e) advise the applicant in writing of the appeal process if his/her application is not approved by the Board of Anishinabek citizenship; and
  - (f) place the name of the applicant on the Anishinabek Nation citizenship list if his/her application is approved by the Board of Anishinabek citizenship.

## Board of Anishinabek Nation citizenship

7. There shall be a Board of Anishinabek Nation citizenship composed of four representatives. Each of the regions of the Anishinabek Nation shall, according to its own procedure, appoint one representative to sit on the Board of Anishinabek Nation citizenship.
8. The term of the members of the Board of Anishinabek Nation citizenship shall be two years. The members may be reappointed to the Board of Anishinabek Nation citizenship.
9. The Board of Anishinabek Nation citizenship shall:
  - (a) provide fair and confidential hearings of applications for Anishinabek Nation citizenship;
  - (b) publicize and provide information in respect of the eligibility process and requirements;

- (c) shall review and determine applications within three months of receiving the application;
  - (d) notifying the registrar in writing of its decisions;
  - (e) record all the minutes and motions and filing such with the registrar; and
  - (f) provide written reasons to any applicant whose application is not approved.
10. The Board of Anishinabek Nation citizenship shall have the power to make regulations for the conduct of its meetings, proceedings and hearings.
11. The Board of Anishinabek Nation citizenship may seek the advice of the Anishinabek Elders Council on any issue.

#### Certificate of Citizenship

12. Subject to any regulations made under paragraph 10, the Registrar shall issue a certificate of Anishinabek Nation citizenship to any person who has made application for Anishinabek Nation citizenship and whose application has been approved by the Board of Anishinabek Nation citizenship.

#### Anishinabek First Nation Citizenship Regulations

13. An Anishinabek First Nation may adopt and amend Anishinabek First Nation Citizenship regulations not inconsistent with Anishinabek Nation Citizenship Law.

#### Appeal

14. Any person whose has made application to the Board of Anishinabek Nation Citizenship shall have a right to appeal any decision made by the Board of Anishinabek Nation Citizenship.