

# Definition of MÉTIS

The following definition was brought to the Métis Nation within Alberta General Assembly in 2003, accepted, passed, and incorporated into the MNA bylaws under Article 3.1; and the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution as ratified by the citizens of Metis Nation within Alberta in November 2022 under article 4.2.

*“Métis” means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry and who is accepted by the Métis Nation.*

## THE REQUIREMENTS

Citizenship with the Métis Nation within Alberta is based upon the 4.2 definition of Métis, and in order to become a citizen of the MNA, any applicant must satisfy the following criteria as listed in Article 4.3 of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution:

- (a) Historic Métis Nation means the Aboriginal people then known as Métis or Half-breeds who resided in the Historic Métis Nation Homeland.
- (b) Historic Métis Nation Homeland means the area of land in west central North America used and occupied as the traditional territory of the Métis or Halfbreeds as they were then known.
- (c) Métis Nation means Aboriginal people descended from the Historic Métis Nation, that is now comprised of all Métis Nation citizens and that is one of the "aboriginal peoples of Canada" within the meaning of section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*;
- (d) Distinct from other Aboriginal peoples means distinct for cultural and nationhood purposes.

## WHAT YOU NEED

In order to satisfy the requirements, the applicant must present the following required documentation as proof of ancestry as listed in the Citizenship Act article 20:

- (a) A genealogy (family tree) that outlines the applicant's historic Métis Nation ancestry.
- (b) Copy of one (1) of the following:
  - (i.) live birth registration
  - (ii.) birth certificate showing full names of biological parent(s)
  - (iii.) Copy of baptismal certificate with legible church seal and officiates signature
  - (iv.) Any other document that in the opinion of the Registrar demonstrates the applicant's parentage in an objectively verifiable manner
- (c) A copy of one (1) piece of valid photo identification; and
- (d) Additional documents or information in support of an application for citizenship that may be requested by the Registrar.



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