

# OTIPEMISIWAK MÉTIS GOVERNMENT

# HARVESTER APPLICATION

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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The Otipemisiwak Métis Government of the Métis Nation within Alberta (MNA) provides identification to eligible Métis harvesters who complete the MNA's harvester application process and demonstrate that they:

1. Self-identify as Métis;
2. Have a direct ancestral connection to one or more of the Métis Harvesting Areas identified in the Government of Alberta's Métis Harvesting in Alberta Policy (see maps of Métis Harvesting Areas attached); and
3. Have a contemporary connection to the same Métis Harvesting Area(s) to which they establish an ancestral connection.

Applicants who satisfy these three criteria will be issued a new Citizenship ID card with a Métis Harvester Identification Sticker indicating the specific Métis Harvesting Area(s) in which they are eligible to harvest. These criteria are further explained below.

### Self-Identification as Métis

Eligible Métis harvesters must self-identify as Métis. All MNA Citizens are understood to self-identify as Métis. Applicants who are current Citizens must provide a valid Métis ID number issued by the MNA Registry Department. Your Métis ID number is found on your Citizenship ID card. People applying for MNA citizenship and harvester identification at the same time will have the two assessed together.

### Ancestral Connection

Eligible Métis harvesters must show a direct pre-1900 ancestral connection to one or more Métis Harvesting Areas. The MNA will review the genealogical records it has on file to determine your ancestral connection. If you have additional documents regarding your genealogy to which the MNA may not already have access, you are welcome to include copies of them with your application.

### Contemporary Connection

Eligible Métis harvesters must show a contemporary connection to the same Métis Harvesting Area(s) to which they have shown an ancestral connection. Our Harvesting Policy determines an MNA Citizen's contemporary connection to a Métis Harvesting Area. According to the MNA's Harvesting Policy, a contemporary connection to a Métis Harvesting Area is established by having a history of harvesting and/or intention to harvest in that area.

### Applicable Laws and Policies

Eligible Métis harvesters must adhere to all applicable federal and provincial laws and policies regarding safety, wastage of meat, sale of wildlife, registration of kills, export of wildlife from Alberta, and migratory birds. MNA Citizens must also comply with the MNA's Harvesting Policy. For more information on applicable laws and policies, please contact the MNA.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

My Otipemisiwak Métis Government Card ID# is: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Pending citizenship application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: Alberta Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different from Physical Address):

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: Alberta Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

## HARVESTER INFORMATION

**Please *initial* the boxes that are applicable. Fields with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory.**

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\*I have a history of harvesting and/or intention to harvest in the Métis Harvesting Area(s) to which I ancestrally connect.

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I have a Wildlife Identification Number (WIN) card.

If so, my WIN is: \_\_\_\_\_

\*I currently hold a harvesting letter issued by the Government of Alberta (GoA):

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Yes

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No

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\*If YES, I consent to my file (i.e. harvesting letter) being sent from the GoA to the MNA.

## DECLARATION

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**I certify** the information in this Harvester Application Form is true and accurate. I acknowledge that providing false information is grounds for termination of my Métis Harvester Identification Sticker.

**I acknowledge** that harvesting activities involve inherent risks and that the MNA and its agents, employees, officers, directors, or subcontractor will not be liable or responsible for any losses, claims, costs, expenses, injuries, deaths, damages or other liabilities that may occur as a result of my engaging in harvesting or related activities.

**I consent** to the use and disclosure of my personal information by the MNA to the Government of Alberta and/or third parties to defend my harvesting rights and against any legal action challenging the validity of the MNA-Alberta Métis Harvesting Agreement or a decision made by the MNA in relation to whether an individual is an eligible Métis harvester.

**I authorize** the MNA, in the event that I am charged, have property seized, or am under investigation for exercising my aboriginal harvesting rights, to request such information as required to determine the nature of such charges, seizures, and /or investigations, and hereby authorize the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada to release such information and documentation to the MNA and its representatives in respect to such charges, seizures, and/or investigations.

**I authorize** the MNA (in keeping with its bylaws, policies, and the Regional Consultation Protocol Agreements) to defend, assert, and advance collectively-held Métis harvesting rights, interests, and claims on my behalf by conducting consultations and negotiating accommodations, and I consent to the MNA using and disclosing my personal information in doing so.

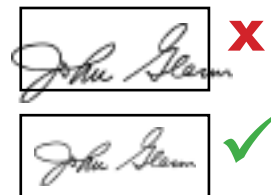
**I consent** to the MNA adding the information provided in this application to its database and to communicating with me, including by electronic messaging, regarding the business of and initiatives being undertaken by or of interest to the MNA and its affiliates (this information will not be shared, unless as stated above, with any third parties).

The above consents and authorizations will remain in effect until I cancel them in writing.

I solemnly swear the statements made in this application are true.

**Signature of Applicant\* (Parent or Guardian if applicant is under 18 years of age):**

**ENTIRE SIGNATURE MUST BE WITHIN THE BOX BELOW**



**\*NOTE:** Signature will be reproduced on the applicant's Citizenship ID and harvester card. Please print and sign by hand. Typed text is **NOT** acceptable.

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or Guardian if applicant is under 18 years of age)

**Please submit all completed forms to the MNA Provincial Head Office or email them to [harvesting@metis.org](mailto:harvesting@metis.org).**