



RESOLUTION 1

SUBMITTED TO THE 2022 MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Subject: Revocation of MNBC Citizenship due to Ineligibility

Legislation Affected: *Citizenship Act*

Submitted by: MNBC Board of Directors

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

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WHEREAS:

- A. It is essential to the integrity of the MNBC Registry that all Citizens meet the criteria for registration.
- B. It is good practice to review citizenship files to ensure that no factual errors, omissions, or a change in eligibility after acceptance has occurred by seeking Status under the Indian Act.
- C. The Registrar must have all the tools necessary to maintain the MNBC Registry in good order.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The MNBC *Citizenship Act* be amended as follows:

Strike the current Article 2.6 and replace with:

"Appeal" or **"Appeals"** means a written document submitted by: an Applicant who has been rejected entry in the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry, a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizen who is objecting to the registration of any Applicant to the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry, or a person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six of this Act;

Insert the following after Article 2.31:

"Under Review" means a previously registered Citizen whose citizenship is currently being reviewed by the Registrar following an audit or review of the Central Registry;

Insert the following at the end of Article Five:

Article Six – Removal from Registry due to Ineligibility

- 6.1 If, due to information found during an audit or review, a person on the Central Registry is found to be ineligible for Métis citizenship:
- a) The Registrar will notify the person, in writing, that their Métis citizenship is under review, and provide the reason(s) for ineligibility, and, if relevant, the Supporting Documentation required to restore citizenship status.

- b) Supporting Documentation requested to restore citizenship status must be provided within sixty (60) days of the review notice being sent by the Registrar. This time frame can be extended, by request of the Citizen, by a further ninety (90) days.
 - (i) Extension requests are granted solely at the discretion of the Registrar.
- 6.2 If the Registrar has received Supporting Documentation to their satisfaction that the person is eligible for Métis Citizenship, the review status of their citizenship will be immediately removed.
- 6.3 If the Registrar has not received any further Supporting Documentation, or, the Supporting Documentation is insufficient to objectively verify and meet the criteria for Métis citizenship, the citizenship of the person will be revoked, and the person will be notified of this revocation in writing.
- 6.4 A person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six may appeal the Registrar's decision to the Senate, within sixty (60) days of the date removal notice is sent by the Registrar. The Senate's decision on this Appeal will be final and binding.
- 6.5 A person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six may re-apply for Registration upon following the procedure for Registration as a Métis Citizen as set out in this Act.
- 6.6 A person who is placed under review by the Registrar is not eligible to apply for any further supports, programs, or funding through MNBC until their citizenship has been reaffirmed. A person currently receiving supports will continue to receive them for at least sixty (60) days following the notice sent by the Registrar. This time frame can be extended, by request of the person under review, by a further sixty (60) days.
 - (i) Extension requests are granted at the discretion of the responsible program director. A negative decision can be appealed within thirty (30) days to the MNBC Board, who can overturn the decision by a majority vote.

Re-number subsequent Articles in the *Citizenship Act* as needed.