



RESOLUTION UB1

SUBMITTED TO THE JUNE 2023 MNGA AND
POSTPONED TO THE DECEMBER 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: MNBC Citizenship for Métis with Connections to BC Living Out-of-Province

Legislation Affected: *Citizenship Act*

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Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: April 24, 2023

Vote Required for Approval 75%

WHEREAS:

- A. All Métis are entitled to be connected to their Métis heritage and have their Métis identity validated;
- B. All BC Métis are entitled to stay apprised of events and information available through Métis Nation British Columbia;
- C. It is in the interests of the Métis Nation British Columbia and its citizens to have as many people with ties to British Columbia as possible represented by MNBC;
- D. All Métis persons should have the right to be connected to their Métis Community and/or their Métis Immediate or Extended Family Members; and
- E. Not all Provinces have representative Métis bodies recognized by the Métis National Council, in which MNBC is a member.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The following be added as a new 3.2 to the *Citizenship Act*

Any person who submits an application for Citizenship as described in Article 3.1 and meets the citizenship criteria set out in Section 61 of the *Constitution*, and:

- resides outside of British Columbia,
- can demonstrate historical or family ties to British Columbia, including a link to a Chartered Community, and
- Does not hold a Métis Citizenship card from other representative Métis governments or organizations,

is eligible for MNBC Citizenship.

B. In current Article 3.2:

- Strike the word “and” following the number 3.1.1 and insert a comma in its place;
- Add the words “or 3.2” following the number 3.1.1 so that the article will read:

“Once the Registrar is satisfied that the Applicant has met the conditions in Articles 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, or 3.2, the Registrar may issue the Applicant notification of community acceptance not exceeding 90 days, and then issue a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card.”

C. Renumber the remaining sub-Articles in Article 3 as required.