

WHAT'S IN YOUR WALLET?

MANY MÉTIS PEOPLE IN BC BELIEVE THEY ARE REGISTERED WITH MÉTIS NATION BC BECAUSE THEY HAVE A "MÉTIS MEMBERSHIP CARD"

MNBC PROVINCIAL CITIZENSHIP CARD



- ⇒ MNBC PROVINCIAL CARD IS A HARD CARD LIKE A BANK CARD
- ⇒ MNBC PROVINCIAL CARD HAS A BAR CODE
- ⇒ MNBC PROVINCIAL CARD HAS AN EIGHT (8) DIGIT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP CARD



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Métis Nation
British Columbia
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Frequently
Asked
Questions



Have a question for Registry?

You can now submit your question online at
<http://www.mnbc.ca/registry-questions>

What is the Supreme Court of Canada Daniels decision about?

The plaintiffs originally requested the court issue three declarations pertaining to Métis and non-status Indian people in Canada:

1. Recognition and inclusion as “Indians” in s 91 (24) of the Constitution Act, 1867.
2. That the Queen (in right of Canada) owes a fiduciary duty to Métis and non-status Indians as Aboriginal people.
3. The Métis and non-status Indian people of Canada have a right to be consulted and negotiated with, by the federal government on a collective basis through representatives of their own choice.

What does the April 14, 2016 Supreme Court of Canada ruling mean for Métis Citizens in BC?

In a unanimous decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, the highest Court in the land has ruled that Canada has a constitutional and jurisdictional responsibility for Métis under s. 91(24) of the Constitution Act, 1867. This decision in the Daniels case is a huge victory for all Métis people, including Métis people here in British Columbia because the federal government must now step up to the plate and negotiate in good faith with the Métis Nation. MNBC will also be engaging with the Province of British Columbia on the implications of this decision. Métis wanted to be included in s. 91(24) because uncertainty about jurisdiction for Métis has been used by Canada to avoid dealing with Métis rights, interests and needs. With the Supreme Court decision, that uncertainty no longer exists.

Does this decision mean Métis Citizens are entitled to the same benefits as Indians?

The Supreme Court of Canada ruling did not make any orders to begin providing benefits such as medical, dental, housing, tax exemptions etc. Such issues would possibly form the basis of future negotiations with government but it is too early to say when such issues would be on the table.

Are Métis Citizens in BC tax exempt as a result of the Daniels ruling?

No, Métis citizens are not PST or GST tax exempt because of the decision. That may occur in the future, but it would be subject to negotiations with government.

Are Métis Citizens in BC Fuel Tax exempt?

The Ministry of Finance document, revised September 2014, clearly states that Métis are not eligible for exemption under the Motor Fuel Tax Act and Carbon Tax Act. This means you **cannot** use your Métis Citizenship card when purchasing fuel for your vehicle. The Daniels decision does not change this.

Am I entitled to medical and dental health benefits?

At the current time Métis Citizens are not eligible for health and dental benefits in BC.

Am I entitled to free housing?

At the current time Métis Citizens are not entitled to free housing in BC.

Am I entitled to tax exemption when I purchase a vehicle or cigarettes?

At the current time Métis Citizens are not entitled to tax exemption when purchasing a vehicle or cigarettes in BC.

How is Métis identity and Citizenship established in the Central Registry?

Métis identity is established by verifying Métis ancestry; this is done by confirming the applicant’s connection to the Historic Métis Nation Homeland and the founders of the First Métis Nation. With the mandatory genealogical supporting documentation the Central Registry is able to determine this.

Is Métis ancestry based on blood quantum?

No, Métis ancestry is based on an individual’s connection to the Historic Métis Nation Homeland and the founders of the First Métis Nation.

Is there an official national registry for Métis people in Canada?

No, at the current time there is no official national registry for Métis people in Canada that is recognized by Métis Nation Council or the federal government. Each one of the five governing members of Métis National Council, of which MNBC is one, manages their own provincial Métis identification registry.

Can I fish or hunt in BC with out a license?

No, the Daniels decision does not change the laws in BC. Métis people in BC are still required to obtain the required license to hunt or fish in BC.

When will Métis get harvesting rights in BC?

Harvesting rights will have to be negotiated with the provincial government of BC. The Daniels decision is about federal jurisdiction and does not have any impact on potential provincial harvesting rights for Métis people in BC.