

APPLYING FOR STATUS



STEP 1:

Get the Application Forms

Online, in person (ISC Regional Office), or request by mail



STEP 2:

Do you need a Guarantor?

- Are you applying by mail?
- Are you using a photo ID that doesn't meet all the requirements?
- Are you submitting on behalf of an applicant?

Your Guarantor MUST:

- Be 18 years or older
- Reside in Canada or the U.S.
- Have known you personally for at least 2 years
- Be reachable to verify information
- Have a Secure Status Card that they applied for when they were 16+ OR
- is one of the listed qualified professions

STEP 3:

Gather Your Supporting Documents

If you are applying for a Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS), you must include **2 copies** of a **Canadian passport-style photo** in your application.

*** You are not required to apply for an SCIS if you are applying for status



If **anyone** listed on the application has a different name from the one on the required documents, you must provide **EITHER**:

- An original document linking the previous name to the current name
- OR**
- a photocopy of the above document with valid ID that has the current name as it appears on the application

ADULT APPLICATION

IN PERSON:

1. Original Birth Certificate with the parents' names
2. Original acceptable valid ID

BY MAIL:

1. Original birth certificate with the parents' names
2. Photocopies of ID, signed by a guarantor
3. A Guarantor Declaration

CHILD / DEPENDENT APPLICATION

IN PERSON:

1. Original Birth Certificate with the applicant's parents' names
2. Original acceptable valid ID of parent/legal guardian

BY MAIL:

1. Original birth certificate with applicant's parents' names
2. Photocopies of ID for each of the applicant's guardians, both signed by a guarantor
3. A Guarantor Declaration

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STEP 4:

Fill out the application forms:

Try to have as much information as you can about your parents and grandparents. If you don't know it all, you can still apply!

Information Requested Includes:

Legal names, dates of birth, band names or First Nations, registration numbers, contact information, and adoption information (if applicable)

Keep in mind: it can take at least 6 months to receive a decision on your application

A status application can be **expedited** for elders or in cases of serious illness

STEP 5:

Sign and Date your Application

***NOTE:

A parent/guardian will need to sign the application for a dependant

STEP 6:

Submit your Application

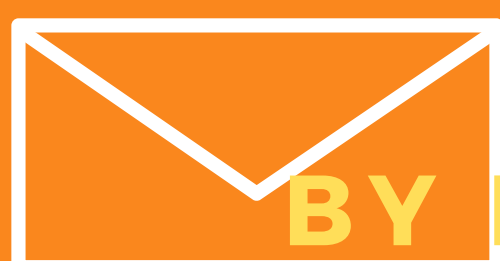
In person or by mail:

Use this address if you're applying based on previously denied or revoked status that was **discriminatory**



IN PERSON:

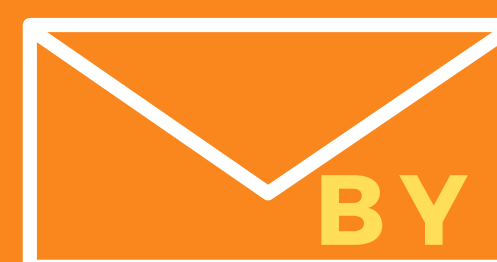
At any ISC Regional Office or First Nation or Band Office (if applicable)



BY MAIL: General Applicants

Mail to:

National Processing Unit
Indigenous Services
Canada
10 Rue Wellington
Gatineau QC, K1A 0H4



BY MAIL: Bill S-3 Applicants

Mail to:

Application
Processing Unit
Indigenous Services
Canada
Box 6700
Winnipeg MB, R3C 5R5