

The Native Council of  
Prince Edward Island  
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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Application Received Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Prospective Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Documents provided with application:

Long Form Birth Certificate  Baptism Certificate  Death Certificate  Family Documents  Census Record

Court Record  Land Registry  Genealogist Letter  Ancestry Chart  Status Card  Band Letter

Other Documents: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION 1: CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP APPLYING FOR (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE BOXES BELOW):

- Full-Voting Membership:** Full-voting membership shall be open to any adult over 16 years of age who is of Aboriginal ancestry, self-identifies as being of Aboriginal ancestry with acceptance in the Aboriginal community, is a permanent resident of Prince Edward Island who does not reside on an Indian Reserve (within the meaning of the "Indian Act" of Canada), and who has proven their Aboriginal ancestry to the Board and fulfilled each other criteria as may be approved by the Board of Directors.
- Youth Membership:** Youth membership shall be open to any minor between the ages of 10 and 15 who meets all other requirements identified above for full-voting membership. This membership may be applied for by the parent or legal guardian of any minor. Youth members may apply for full-voting membership once they turn 16; they are not automatically full-voting members. Full-voting members under the age of 29 will also be treated as youth members for the purposes of electing a Youth Board of Director.

A separate application is needed for each full-voting member. Any eligible dependants of a full-voting applicant shall be granted youth membership automatically without needing separate applications. Applications may take up to six months for a decision. Applicants who are rejected or asked for additional evidence must submit a new application.

### SECTION 2: PERSONAL INFORMATION

(2.1A) Applicant Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

(2.1B) Applicant Maiden Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

(2.1C) Applicant Identifying Gender:

- Male  Female  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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(2.2A) Applicant Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(2.2B) The applicant's current living residence is located in;  
 Zone 1 (Prince County)     Zone 2 (Queens County)     Zone 3 (Kings County)

(2.2C) Applicant Contact Information: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(2.3A) Applicant Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (DD/MM/YYYY)

(2.3B) Applicant Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (Province/State + Country)

(2.4) Applicant Marital Status:  
 Single             Married             Common Law  
 Separated         Divorced         Widowed

(2.5A) Is the applicant a Canadian citizen?  
 Yes             No (provide details): \_\_\_\_\_

(2.5B) Is the applicant a citizen of any other countries?  
 No             Yes (list all): \_\_\_\_\_

(2.6A) The applicant identifies as;  
 Status             Non-Status             Métis             Inuit

(2.6B) Applicant Aboriginal tribal affiliation (e.g. Mi'kmaq): \_\_\_\_\_

(2.7) List all other Aboriginal organizations or Indian bands that are associated with the applicant.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(2.8) Is the applicant a current resident of Prince Edward Island and has been for over six (6) months?  
 Not a current resident             Current resident for over six (6) months  
 Current resident for \_\_\_\_\_ months (less than six)

(2.9) Does the applicant currently reside on an "Indian Act" reserve?  
 No             Yes (state the name of the reserve): \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION 3: PERSONAL FAMILY INFORMATION: Ancestral Information**

(3.1A) If this application is being made through the Mother’s ancestral line, please fill out this section. It is important to remember to include all information. Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.

<b>Given Name + Surname (use maiden name if possible)</b>	<b>Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	<b>Place of Birth (Province/State + Country)</b>
Mother		
Grandmother		
Grandfather		
Father of Grandmother		
Mother of Grandmother		
Father of Grandfather		
Mother of Grandfather		

(3.1B) If this application is being made through the Father’s ancestral line, please fill out this section. It is important to remember to include all information. Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.

<b>Given Name + Surname (use maiden name if possible)</b>	<b>Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	<b>Place of Birth (Province/State + Country)</b>
Father		
Grandmother		
Grandfather		
Father of Grandmother		
Mother of Grandmother		
Father of Grandfather		
Mother of Grandfather		

(3.2) List all dependants under the age of minority. Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.

<b>Given Name + Surname</b>	<b>Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	<b>Place of Birth (province + country)</b>	<b>Relationship to Applicant</b>

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**SECTION 4: COMMUNITY/ZONE KNOWLEDGE:**

(4.1) What programs and services offered by the Native Council of PEI (“NCPEI”) does the applicant know?

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(4.2) Does the applicant have any family members/relations that are current members of NCPEI?

Given Name + Surname	Relationship to Applicant

(4.3) Is the applicant aware of any other current NCPEI members in their community?

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(4.4) What are the reasons for which the applicant is applying for membership? (Select all that apply)

- Advocacy       Education       Fisheries       Housing
- Reconnecting with culture       Sense of community       Youth Programming
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

(4.5) Does the applicant or anyone in their family practice the Native culture or traditions? If so, in what way?

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(4.6) List all activities or events held by NCPEI that the applicant has attended or been involved with.

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(4.7A) Has the applicant attended or participated in a Zone, Local, Youth, or Elder meeting of NCPEI?  
 No  Yes (state the type and date of the most recent): \_\_\_\_\_

(4.7B) Is there a Board of Director that is willing to confirm that the applicant has attended activities or meetings in their Zone or Local, or has attended activities for the youth or elders?  
 No  Yes (state the name of the board of director): \_\_\_\_\_

(4.7C) Has the applicant attended an Annual General Assembly of NCPEI?  
 No  Yes (list all years attended): \_\_\_\_\_

(4.8A) Is the applicant willing to participate in Annual, Zone, Local, Youth, and/or Elder meetings after gaining approval of their membership application?  
 Yes  No (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

(4.8B) If the applicant has not yet participated in a meeting from question 4.8A, is the applicant willing to participate in these meetings prior to approval of their application for membership within the organization?  
 Not applicable  No  Yes, please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_

(4.9) Is there any other information that you would like to share with the Board of Directors that you feel is important for consideration with this membership application? Applicants may also elect to provide a short (one page maximum) cover letter instead of using this space.

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**SECTION 5: APPLICANT DECLARATION:**

- I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) understand that I must provide proof of the applicant's Aboriginal ancestry through three or four of the following documents;
  - A long form birth, baptism, marriage, or death record issued by a church or government.
  - An official government document such as a census record, a court (including probated or filed wills), or a land registry document.
  - A written statement of historian or a registered genealogist or a notarized subject to scrutiny or an affidavit subject to scrutiny and cross documentation.
  - Such other evidence in written or verbal form provided that is coupled with documentation which the board deems credible and acceptable. **At this time, the Board of Directors are not accepting DNA evidence as credible for proving Aboriginal ancestry.**
  
- I understand that by not providing the above information that this application can and will be rejected at the discretion of the Membership clerk and/or Executive of the organization (hereinafter the "Membership Committee").
  
- I understand that I may be contacted by head office, zone/local executive, staff notification of programming, services events and/or membership related purposes.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) certify to the best of my knowledge that the information above is exact, and that I authorize the Membership Committee to inquire on this information to allow me to become a member within the Native Council of Prince Edward Island. If I am found to have provided false information on this application form in any matter, the applicant will be automatically expelled as a member of the Native Council of Prince Edward Island.

I further understand that by submitting an application for full-voting membership, I authorize the Membership Committee to retain and use my Aboriginal ancestry information for the purpose of assisting the approval process of other prospective members who may benefit from a shared ancestral line. Native Council of Prince Edward Island commits to using, protecting, and storing this information in accordance with all applicable privacy laws in Canada and Prince Edward Island. Aboriginal ancestry information from youth membership applications will not be retained or used for this purpose.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Applicant, Parent, or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Application Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Witness Signature (Membership Clerk)

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- All required documents received
- Community Acceptance Form (to be received)
  
- Application Accepted
- Further Information Required
- Application Declined

**Signature of two (2) Board of Directors**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

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### **NCPEI membership – what does it mean?**

NCPEI represents and advocates for Status, Non-Status, Inuit and Métis peoples residing off-reserve across ancestral Mi'kmaq territory on PEI. Membership is open to Aboriginal peoples residing off-reserve, regardless of Nationhood.

NCPEI also delivers culturally sensitive programs and services to community members that address identified needs in areas such as education and human resources, housing, mental health and addictions, health and wellness, preserving our language, justice, natural resources, and environment.

### **What are the benefits of NCPEI membership?**

- NCPEI members have access to the Kelewatl Aquatic Natural Life Harvesting Commission and L'nu Fisheries Ltd.
- NCPEI members can give direction on actions relating to the aims and objectives of NCPEI, including as voting delegates at Annual General Assemblies

For more information, visit: [www.ncpei.com](http://www.ncpei.com)

### **Does being a member of NCPEI mean I can use my membership card for tax benefits?**

No. You can only access certain tax benefits with an Indian Status card.

### **What about Indian status? What does that mean?**

Indian Status is a legal status of Aboriginal people registered under the *Indian Act*.

### **What are the benefits of Indian status?**

- Access to federal benefits such as Non-Insured Health Benefits, certain education supports
- Access to certain tax benefits

For more information on benefits, visit: [www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1461939932579/1461939954663](http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1461939932579/1461939954663)

### **How do I apply for Indian status?**

To apply for Indian status, visit: [www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1462808207464/1462808233170](http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1462808207464/1462808233170)

If you have any questions on the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact NCPEI.