

Band Membership Report 2013

The official Indian Register is maintained on a central computer at headquarters in Ottawa. An exact copy of the portion of the Indian Register relevant to Acadia First Nation is maintained by me at the office in Yarmouth. In the Indian Registry System (IRS), persons are registered as Status Indians, and information about them is constantly being updated to show changes in their lives. These changes include such things as marriages, births, deaths, name changes and transfers. As your IRA my responsibility include:

- Discovering events which effect the Indian Register
- Obtaining documents to verify these events such as, birth certificate, marriage certificate, death certificate, etc.
- Reporting these events to headquarters
- Processing status cards

Be sure your status card is valid and updated, if you could experience interruptions in your services.

I am only issuing the original paper status cards.

We have not had the go ahead to issue the new secure status cards at the local band offices. You can obtain the secure cards at the regional office in Amherst. An appointment MUST be made with Trisha Sappier at (902)661-6311.

As a result of Bill C-3 effective January 31, 2011 we had an increase of 430 new band members. In total we currently have 1476 Band Members as of November 19, 2013.

Please note we do not receive addresses or phone numbers for newly registered band members from Indian Affairs upon registration. You must call your local AFN office with this information for correspondence.

FUEL TAX-EXEMPTION PURCHASES MADE BY STATUS INDIANS ON RESERVE LAND

The purpose of this program is to allow a provincial fuel tax exemption to status Indians on purchases of gasoline or diesel oil on Nova Scotia Reserves. Please note this exemption does not apply to the harmonized sales tax (HST). The benefit of this program is that it will allow a Status Indian to use their Nova Scotia Driver's License to obtain the exemption at the point of sale. This is possible because the retailer has a special electronic point of sale system.

Each time purchase provincial fuel tax gasoline or diesel oil, you must present your driver's license at the beginning of the transaction. Upon validation of the license the tax will be deducted from the sale.

Under this program you may purchase up to 400 litres (Base Amount) of gasoline or diesel oil per month or a combination of these products up to this quantity. In cases where persons require an increase in their monthly bas amount, they may submit an application for an Increased Exemption.

For those of you who are Registered Status Indians and do not hold a valid drivers license or a status Indian visiting from another province may apply for a refund of provincial fuel tax purchased from a participating station location on a Nova Scotia Reserve. Please visit

<http://gov.ns.ca/snsmr/access/business/tax-commission/fuel-tax.asp> for an application form. Only

invoices/receipts issued by a service station with an approved electronic point of sale system under the Nova Scotia Indian Fuel Tax Exemption Program are acceptable for refund.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE FUEL EXEMPTION

Applicants that belong to a Nova Scotia Band are required to submit an application to their Band Membership Clerk along with a copy of their Nova Scotia Driver's License and their Band Card. The Membership Clerk is required to certify the application and forward it to Service Nova Scotia.

New Band Members can apply for the fuel tax exemption program by using their Temporary Confirmation of Registration Document issued by Department of Indian Affairs.

All fuel tax exemption applications can be obtained by contacting myself at (902)742-9439 email: dgloade@acadiaband.com or Service Nova Scotia website: <http://gov.ns.ca/snsmr/access/business/tax-commission/fuel-tax.asp>. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding band membership, application process, or fuel tax exemption or require assistance please feel free to contact me.