

Calculation of Entitlement: How a person is considered to be eligible for Status. Eligibility for calculation of entitlement has changed & is outlined by the Indian Act as amended.

Enfranchisement: Until 1960, enfranchisement was the only way to gain the right to vote & involved a person giving up their Status for themselves & their descendants.

Entitlement: Whether a person is eligible for Status.

Membership: Membership to a band, like Cowichan Tribes, is determined by the Cowichan Indian Band Membership Rules (1992) & is separate from Status for section 10 bands (s.10). Benefits like Tobacco Tax are dependent on Membership to Cowichan Tribes.

Reinstatement: Gives Status back to those who lost Status due to enfranchisement/marriage.

Status: Status "Indians" are governed by the Indian Act & are on the Indian Register. Status entitles a person to federally funded programs like non-insured health benefits, education funding, etc. Non-insured health benefits are the medical coverages for eye exams/dental delivered by First Nations Health Authority.

Section 10 (S.10) band: S.10 bands have control over their own Membership lists & Membership is separate from Status.

Transmission of Status: Whether a person can pass their Status on to their descendants based on the calculation of entitlement.

What does Cowichan need to prepare for these changes?

Control over our Registration:

Reclamation of Qu'wutsun'

Self-determination



Move Beyond the Indian Act

Connect with the Coordinator!
Office hours are **Wednesdays 8:30AM-10:00AM & Thursdays 1:00PM-2:30PM** from Feb. 1-Mar. 15.
Drop in & let's chat! Home visits can be arranged for Elders.

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INDIAN REGISTRATION & BILL S-3 COLLABORATIVE PROCESS



Community Workshop:

5:00PM: WELCOME & OPEN TABLE

- DINNER -

5:55PM: CLOSE TABLE

6:00PM: INTRODUCTION OF FACILITATOR FROM CROWN-INDIGENOUS RELATIONS CANADA

7:30PM: FINAL QUESTIONS

8:00PM: WORKSHOP ENDS

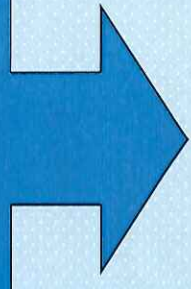
Your voice can reshape this process!!

Registration for Cowichan!

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- * REGISTRATION OF COWICHAN STATUS = FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
- ⇒ APPLY FOR STATUS THROUGH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
- ⇒ ONLY ONE PERSON (THE REGISTRAR) CAN REGISTER A PERSON TO THE REGISTRY.
- * 6-12 MONTH **WAIT TIME**

Collaborative Process on
Indian Registration, band
membership and First
Nation Citizenship



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- * **IN-HOUSE REGISTRATION**
- ⇒ Cowichan Tribes would be able to Register our Quw'utsun' Mustimuhw.
- ⇒ Wait period for Non-Insured Health Benefits (delivered to us by First Nations Health Authority) would be significantly reduced, especially for newborns.
- ⇒ Significant decrease in wait for Registration.
- * **POSITIVE IMPACTS** on health and wellbeing of our membership, & on Cowichan Tribes' ability to be self-governing!
- * **IMPLEMENTING OUR SNUW'UY'ULH ON OUR TERMS.**
- * **RECLAIMING OUR RIGHT TO GOVERN OURSELVES**

Devolution
of
Registration
to Cowichan
Tribes =
control of
our own
Registration