

A Brief Timeline of Indian Registration Amendments:



INDIAN REGISTRATION & BILL S-3 COLLABORATIVE PROCESS

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CONTACT MEMBERSHIP

1869-1876

GRADUAL ENFRANCHISEMENT ACT & INDIAN ACT:

- * Introduces **enfranchisement**.
- * Applies western patrilineal rules of descent & sex-based discrimination (Status loss/gain through marriage).

1950-1951

- 1950: INDIAN REGISTER** created for centralized national documentation of Status (Canada has control over Registry & Registration).
1951: DOUBLE MOTHER RULE, if a person's mother AND grandmother have acquired Status through marriage, they lose Status at age 21.

1985

Bill C-31:

- * Removes MARRYING OUT/ DOUBLE MOTHER RULES/ ENFRANCHISEMENT
- * Introduces **reinstatement, Status categories, second generation cut-off** (174,000 registered).
- * **S.10** created in Indian Act (status/membership divided).
- * Definition of "child" in Indian Act expanded to include adoptions.

1992

COWICHAN INDIAN BAND MEMBERSHIP RULES:

- * Cowichan Tribes becomes **s.10** band separating Membership and Status per Bill C-31.
- * Cowichan Membership = Membership Rules (1992).
- * Cowichan Status = Indian Registry controlled by Canada.

2011

BILL C-3:

- * MEANT TO FILL GAPS IN BILL C-31
- * Furthers the transmission of Status within female lines and creates more categories of Status.
- * **INTRODUCES THE 1951 CUT-OFF.**
- * 39,000 registered of 45,000 estimated.

2017-2019

BILL S-3 & 2-PART IMPLEMENTATION:

- * Immediate legislative changes to eliminate sex-based inequities in registration December 2017.
- * Collaborative Process on Indian Registration, Band Membership and First Nation Citizenship (2018-2019; **now**).
- ⇒ Consults First Nations on the **1951 Cut-Off, Devolution of Registration to First Nations and other issues.**
- * 270,000 estimated to be registered.



get informed!

- * Contact the Coordinator!
- * Attend the Community Workshop!
- * Visit the Cowichan Tribes website!
- * Visit the Cowichan Tribes facebook page!



Indian Registration & Bill S-3 Collaborative Process

- * The current Registration process for Cowichan Tribes takes approximately 6-12 months because only the Indian Registrar can add/amend the Indian Registry.
- * The Trudeau federal government has stated that it wants to remove itself from the Registration process and **move beyond the Indian Act**.
- * The **Devolution of Registration** to Cowichan Tribes would have positive impacts from reduced waiting period for Registration/Non-Insured Health Benefits to increased agency to assert our self-determination and *Snuw'uy'ulh* with In-House Registration
- * Bill S-3 expands the eligibility for the calculation of Status entitlement and the transmission of Status, meaning Cowichan Tribes' population **will** be impacted.

Calculation of Entitlement = eligibility of a person's entitlement to Status.

Transmission of Status = a person's ability to pass on Status to their descendants.

Drop-In For Office Hours!

Have questions about the Collaborative Process?

Come in to chat with the Coordinator!

There is a lot of technical language involved in Bill S-3: Addressing Sex-based Inequities in Indian Registration, including the Collaborative Process on Indian Registration, Band Membership and First Nation Citizenship.

- * Get clarification!
- * Share your insight!
- * Tell a story!

Office Hours:

Wednesday: 8:30AM-10:00AM

Thursday: 1:00PM-2:30PM

Drop-in during office hours or call ahead of time to make a plan! Home visits can be arranged for Elders or those unable to make it to the office!

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Your voice can reshape this process!!