



What is

Eligibility and Enrolment?

If you would like to have the opportunity to cast your vote, for or against the treaty, and eventually become a beneficiary of the treaty, you must enrol as an In-SHUCK-ch citizen. To enrol you must submit your application to the In-SHUCK-ch Eligibility and Enrolment Committee and you must qualify under the criteria listed in the Eligibility and Enrolment Chapter in the Final Agreement.

Why Enroll?

Currently our rights as First Nations are governed by the Indian Act. The Indian Act was imposed by the Canadian Government, and most First Nations do not believe it fully speaks for them. By enrolling and casting your vote you will play an important part in the treaty process. If the treaty is passed, then this will give In-SHUCK-ch Nation the right to make laws on In-SHUCK-ch Nation land. The rights and benefits of the treaty may include: possession of land, defined rights to fish and hunt, housing on In-SHUCK-ch Nation land, access to higher education, better social

services, protection of In-SHUCK-ch culture and language, improved road conditions and new economic and employment opportunities.

How do you Enroll?

You can enroll by submitting an application to the Enrolment Committee. Applications can be picked up from Eligibility and Enrolment workers at the Deroche office or downloaded off our website at: www.inshuckch.com

Eligibility and Enrolment workers will be collecting such information as names, addresses and dates of birth of applicants. As well, they may ask for information on your ancestry or attachment to In-SHUCK-ch Nation. Please bring along any supporting documentation such as an Indian Status

Who can Enroll?

You are eligible to enroll if:

- You are of In-SHUCK-ch Nation ancestry and have a spiritual, land, cultural (attachment) ties to In-SHUCK-ch Nation
- You are a member of either the Skatin, Samahquam or Douglas Indian band
- You were adopted as a child either by law or by custom into In-SHUCK-ch Nation
- You have been accepted into the community by In-SHUCK-ch Nation custom
- You are a descendent of someone who is eligible to enroll



card, birth certificate, driver's license, etc. All information gathered will be kept confidential and private.

The Eligibility and Enrolment workers will also be on hand to assist you in filling out your application if needed. You may want to call in advance and make an appointment. Applications can be delivered in person or sent in by mail.

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What happens next with your application?

The Eligibility and Enrolment workers will process your information and forward your application to the Eligibility and Enrolment Committee. The Enrolment Committee will be made up of 7 members. These members will be appointed by the Douglas Indian Band, Samahquam Indian Band and Skatin Nations Indian Band.

The Committee will review each application and determine if the applicant meets the eligibility criteria. They will notify each applicant in writing of their decision. The Committee may request further information from an applicant in order to make their decision. If you feel the Committee has made an error in their decision on your application, you will have the opportunity to submit new information.

Can you appeal a decision?

If you have been denied enrolment by the Enrolment Committee or if the Committee fails to make a decision on your application within the designated amount of time; there is a process to appeal decisions. You can submit a written notice of appeal to the Enrolment Appeal Board.

The Enrolment Appeal Board will be made up of 3 members. In-SHUCK-ch Nation and Canada will each appoint one member and then jointly select a chairperson as the third member. In some circumstances they may hold a public hearing on a particular case. The Enrolment Appeal Board may ask for witnesses to come forward with information. You may be represented by counsel or an agent.

What's judicial review?

If there are grounds for further appeal, an individual can apply to the Supreme Court of Canada to review a decision by the Enrolment Appeal Board.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the age for eligibility?

To take part in the ratification vote, eligible voters must be 18 years of age on the last scheduled day of voting. Children can be enrolled to become beneficiaries of the treaty by their parents or legal guardians.

Does the Eligibility and Enrolment process take place before or after treaty?

An enrolment process will take place before and after treaty. However, if you wish to take part in the treaty ratification vote, you must enroll prior to the voting dates. As well, the enrolment process may change post-Effective Date once In-SHUCK-ch Nation has taken over the responsibility for the process. Enrolment after treaty will be citizenship and may have different criteria.

What is blood quantum?

Blood quantum is a factor in determining enrolment, but it is only one of many. Eligibility for Enrolment has a much wider criteria for enrolment than Indian Status. Blood quantum is expressed as a percentage of “Indian” blood, generally 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, etc.

Does Canada or BC sit on the Enrolment Committee?

Canada and BC do not sit on the Enrolment Committee. It is made up of seven members in total who will be appointed by Douglas, Samahquam and Skatin. However, Canada does take part in the Enrolment Appeal Board. This Board has 3 members. One member is appointed by In-SHUCK-ch Nation, the second is appointed by Canada, and the third (the chairperson) is jointly named by Canada and In-SHUCK-ch Nation.

What is the life of the committee?

The Enrolment Committee and the Enrolment Appeal Board will exist up until the time all applications and appeals that were filed before Effective Date have been addressed. After Effective Date, In-SHUCK-ch Nation will be responsible for Eligibility and Enrolment procedures.

Is everyone automatically enrolled if they currently are band members of one of the three Indian bands? Or do the individuals have the option to enroll or not?

Everyone has the choice as to whether or not they wish to enroll.

Each individual has to submit an application for enrolment. Being on a band membership list does not automatically mean you are enrolled.

Who pays for appeal process?

Canada will pay for the appeal process.

Does this process affect the settlement that was offered?

No it will not affect it.

People married into or married out of In-SHUCK-ch Nation: Will they be entitled to be enrolled? Would someone with status from another band be entitled to enroll? Can a non-Status individual be entitled to enroll?

Yes to all of the above, provided these individuals fall within the criteria of eligibility. However, an individual cannot both be a treaty beneficiary and entitled to benefits of another treaty First Nation, or another Indian Band.



How many have to vote to pass the treaty? What is the quorum?

Treaty ratification will require that at least 50 percent plus one of individuals on the list of Eligible Voters vote in favour of the Agreement.

Is there a fee to enroll?

There is no fee to enroll in the process.



Are there residency requirements to be eligible to enroll?

No. An individual does not need to live on In-SHUCK-ch Nation lands to enroll. You could enroll and still live out of province or even out of country.

Post treaty: Will children be automatically enrolled? What about grandchildren?

Processes for enrolment of children born after the Effective Date of treaty will be set out in the Citizenship Code.



If I enroll, do I lose my Indian Status?

No. Enrolling does not take away your right to be registered as an Indian under the Indian Act.

You can continue to receive the programs and services available to Status Indians such as:

- Health and dental benefits
- Eyeglasses and prescription drugs
- Home care

However, you cannot be a member of an Indian Band and you cannot be a beneficiary of another treaty while you are enrolled as an In-SHUCK-ch citizen.

