



MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER POLICY

PURPOSE:

To provide a format for Chief and Council to determine eligibility of requests for transfers to Nipissing First Nation.

1. DEFINITIONS

Criminal Record check;	Consent to disclosure of criminal record information waiver and discharge relating to consent.
Criteria;	Standard condition or requirement on which a judgment or decision may be based.
Custody Orders;	Papers showing you have custody of a minor child.
Declaration;	A written statement to prove or make known under oath.
Descending Blood line;	Direct line of descent or ancestry from parents/grandparents of Nipissing First Nation Member.
Family Tree;	The relationship or lines of descent through parental or descending blood line.
Guardianship;	One having custody of a minor child.
Long Form Birth Certificate;	A legal certificate which contains all registered information including parent's information and signatures.
Married;	To ensure the applicant is an upstanding citizen and is able to contribute positively to Nipissing First Nation, the applicant must have been united in marriage legally recognized by matrimonial law.
Minor Child;	A child who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) years of age.
Descendent First Nation Member;	A First Nation member whose First Nation status originated at Nipissing First Nation.

Status Card; A document which verifies that its holder is a registered First Nation member.

Status Member; An aboriginal registered status person whose name appears on a Federally recognized First Nation's Band List.

2. **CRITERIA:**

- 2.1 Any original Nipissing First Nation member who transferred to another First Nation who wishes to return to Nipissing First Nation. Applications will be reviewed as received.
- 2.2 Aboriginal status member from another First Nation with family ties other than marriage. (NOTE: The person must demonstrate a direct descending bloodline to a descending Nipissing First Nation member.)
- 2.3 An aboriginal member from another First Nation married to a Descendent First Nation Member of Nipissing First Nation.
- 2.4 An aboriginal status member from another First Nation who was a minor and raised under the guardianship of a Nipissing First Nation member. (Declarations proving guardianship is required.)

3. **PROOF OF ENTITLEMENT:**

- 3.1 The onus of proof of entitlement is the responsibility of the applicant requesting to transfer.

4. **PROCEDURES:**

- 4.1 All applications will be reviewed by the Membership Clerk and Council at the Land Issues Meeting twice annually on or around April and October. Council Resolutions approving the transfer will be signed by at the following regular Council meeting.

NOTE: Applications submitted under sections 2.3 or 2.4 of this policy could take up to two years for approval.

- 4.2 Before the applicant is considered for a transfer, they shall submit the following documentation:
 - i. Consent of both parents (if applicable)
 - ii. An updated current CPIC and three (3) current references.
 - iii. Custody Orders (if applicable)
 - iv. Family Tree
 - v. Long Form Birth Certificate
 - vi. Marriage Certificate or Income Tax Forms (where no marriage certificate exists)
 - vii. Status Card (copy of front and back) or Letter of Proof of Entitlement
 - viii. Declaration or Affidavit.

Policy amended in accordance with the Nipissing First Nation Council Minutes of July 19, 2005.

Amended and approved by Council this 20th day of November, 2012.

Amended and approved this 19th day of March, 2013 and policy becomes effective the 1st day of April, 2013.

Amended and approved this 11th day of June, 2013.