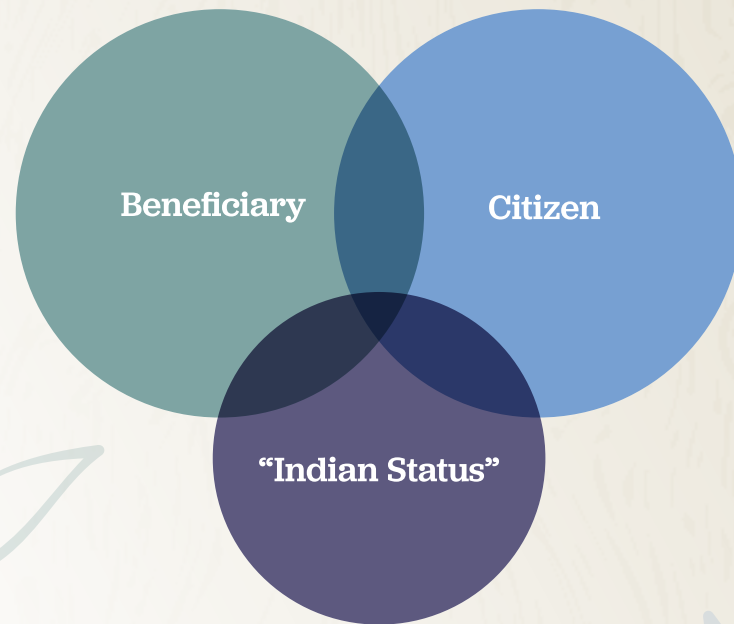


A person can be connected to Kwanlin Dün First Nation in three ways.

They can:

- be a Beneficiary of KDFN;
- be a Citizen of KDFN; or
- have “Indian Status” with the Government of Canada, associated with KDFN.

Each of these is a separate legal status that protects a different set of rights.



A person can hold one or more legal statuses. They can be a Beneficiary or Citizen of KDFN, or both. They could also have “Indian Status” and be a Beneficiary or Citizen of KDFN, or just have “Indian Status”.

Apply to be a Kwanlin Dün Beneficiary, Citizen, or both

1. PICK UP AN APPLICATION FORM

Beneficiary and Citizenship applicants can:

- pick up an application form from main reception at 35 McIntyre Drive, if COVID restrictions allow; or
- request an application form be emailed or mailed to you by emailing: citizenship@kdfn.net or calling (867) 633-7800 ext. 131.

2. FILL OUT THE APPLICATION FORM

Gather information needed to complete the application form, including:

- copy of long form birth certificate (with parents’ names)
- copy of second piece of ID
- custody or adoption papers, parental separation agreement, if applicable, for applicants 18 years old and under.

Contact Kwanlin Dün’s Citizenship Registrar if you have questions or need help completing the form. Call: 867-633-7800 ext. 131 or email: citizenship@kdfn.net.

3. SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FORM

Send completed forms to Kwanlin Dün’s Citizenship Registrar for the Citizenship Committee to review.

Mail to:
Citizenship Registrar
Kwanlin Dün First Nation
35 McIntyre Dr.
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 5A5

Call to make an appointment to drop off in person:
(867) 633-7800 ext. 131



KWANLIN DÜN FIRST NATION Beneficiaries and Citizens

QUESTIONS?

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What's the difference between Beneficiaries and Citizens?

	Beneficiary	Citizen	“Indian Status”
Who is it?	Anyone enrolled as a Beneficiary of <i>The KDFN Final Agreement</i> , either before the agreement was signed in 2005, or afterward, through the KDFN Citizenship Committee.	Anyone who was registered or on the Kwanlin Dün Band List as of April 1, 2005, or has registered since then as a Citizen through the KDFN Citizenship Committee.	Anyone who has “Indian Status” with the Government of Canada.
Who can apply?	<p>A person is entitled to be a Beneficiary who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> meets the criteria for enrollment under Chapter 3 of the Final Agreement, and meets at least one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is of 25 percent or more Indian ancestry and lived in Kwanlin Dün’s traditional territory before 1940; or is a direct descendent or adopted child of someone of 25 percent or more Indian ancestry who lived in Kwanlin Dün’s traditional territory before 1940; or is descended from someone on the 2007 Kwanlin Dün Beneficiary List. <p>A person can enroll if they have not “transferred out” of KDFN two or more times, as an adult, since 2005 (i.e. applicants wanting to enroll for a third time post-2005 will not be approved).</p> <p><i>The KDFN Final Agreement and Kwanlin Dün First Nation Order-in-Council 2021-15</i></p>	<p>A person is entitled to citizenship who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> was registered or was on the Kwanlin Dün Band list as of April 2005; is a Beneficiary; or is a child of a Beneficiary or a child of someone who was on the Band list as of April 2005. <p>If none of the above applies, a person is still eligible to apply to be a Citizen if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are a spouse of a Citizen; live permanently in KDFN’s Traditional Territory; or are recommended for Citizenship by the Elders Council. <p><i>The Constitution of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation, Sections 7 and 8</i></p>	<p>See the <i>Indian Act</i> (R.S.C., 1985, c. I-5) or contact your region’s Indigenous Services office.</p> <p>In Yukon, contact the Whitehorse Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs office: Elijah Smith Building 300 Main Street Room 415C Whitehorse YT Y1A 2B5 Telephone: 867-667-3399 Toll free: 1-800-661-0451 Email: aadnc.ytservicesclientele-clientservicesyt.aandc@canada.ca</p>
Where do their rights flow from?	<i>The KDFN Final Agreement and the Constitution of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation</i>	<i>The Constitution of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation</i>	<i>The Indian Act</i>
What are their rights and responsibilities?	<p>Legislation protects Beneficiaries’:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal rights; harvesting rights; and settlement land rights. <p>Beneficiaries also approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiary policies; how money in Kwanlin Dün’s Trust is used or invested; and amendments to <i>The KDFN Final Agreement</i>. 	<p>Legislation allows Citizens to participate in political activities, including to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vote or hold a seat on Council, or KDFN board or committee; attend and vote at General Assemblies; and express views on public issues, including giving feedback on draft laws for KDFN. <p>Citizenship is required to access many KDFN programs and services, such as housing and education support.</p>	Legislation gives those with status access to services and programs funded by the Government of Canada (e.g. Non-Insured Health Benefits).