

Self-Declaration

Why Self Identify?

The Canadian Indigenous Nurses Association (CINA) is committed to the recruitment and retention of Indigenous Peoples, with the aim of achieving equity in both the work force and in educational institutions. To increase the representation of Indigenous Nurses, it is important to know how many Nurses there are in Canada to ensure policies aimed at increasing accessibility and equity. For this purpose, according to our new bylaws and in order to improve the assessment of our practice environments and achievement of Indigenous nurses, you are required to self-identify if you are of First Nations, Inuit or Métis ancestry within the meaning of the Canadian Constitutional Act of 1982.

Definition of Aboriginal People:

In accordance with the Constitution Act, 1982, Part II, Section 35(2), an Aboriginal applicant is a First Nations (status or non-status), Inuit, or Métis person of Canada.

By Self-Identifying as an Indigenous Nurse, CINA can help:

- Contribute to provision of high-quality learning opportunities, programs and incentives that are responsive to the needs of Indigenous Nurses.
- Contribute to strategic goals and policies set by the Canadian Indigenous Nurses Association, First Nations and Inuit Health, the Canadian Nurses Association of Canada and external partners/stakeholders of CINA.
- Track the number of Indigenous Nurses in Canada.
- Promote effective, respectful working relationships and partnerships with Indigenous nurses and the Indigenous community in the delivery of nursing services.

Please check and complete the statement(s) most applicable to you.

- I declare I am a Status Indian/Treaty-Indian because of my affiliation with the _____ First Nation Community.
- I declare I am a non-status Indian because of my affiliation with the _____ Nation.
- I declare I am a Métis because I am a member of the _____ Métis Association, or I am affiliated with the _____ Métis local / community
- I declare myself to be Inuk because I am enrolled as a beneficiary of the _____ land claim agreement or I am a member of the Labrador Inuit Association, or I am affiliated with the _____ Inuit community
- I declare myself to be an Indigenous person because: _____

All information I have given herein is true and complete and may be verified. Name (please print):

Signature: _____ Date: _____

******Note:** If it is determined that any declaration made above is false, such false declaration shall constitute just cause for termination of membership