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## Nisga'a Government Allocates \$20M of Treaty Loan Repayment for One Time Disbursement to Nisga'a Citizens

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### 1. What is the One Time Disbursement for Nisga'a citizens?

On December 4, 2021, Nisga'a Government made an announcement that it allocated \$20M for a one-time gift distribution to registered Nisga'a citizens. The full release may be found on the Nisga'a Nation website [HERE](#)

#### 2. I am a registered Nisga'a citizen, what do I need to do to receive the one-time gift?

For those Nisga'a citizens where aged 18 and over on December 1, 2021, the gift will be distributed to Nisga'a citizens through the Nisga'a Village Government or Nisga'a Urban Local, based on the last address a citizen provided to NLG's Citizenship and Enrolment Department. If your address isn't current with the department this could cause some delay in you receiving your disbursement.

#### 3. I am Nisga'a, but I am registered with another First Nation, will I receive the gift?

You must be registered as a Nisga'a Citizen as per the Nisga'a Citizenship Act. You will not receive the gift if you are not a registered Nisga'a citizen, the gift is for those Nisga'a citizens who were registered as of December 1, 2021.

#### 4. When will I receive my \$2,500?

The Nisga'a Village Government and Nisga'a Urban Locals will begin the distribution of the gifts on December 16, 2021. Stay tuned for further updates and announcements from your Nisga'a Village or Nisga'a Urban Local.

**5. Will my cheque be mailed to me, or do I need to pick it up. If so, where do I pick it up?**

Nisga'a Village Governments and Nisga'a Urban Locals will make announcements on their plans for payment method and distribution options to their citizens. Stay tuned for further announcements from your respective Nisga'a Village or Nisga'a Urban Local.

**6. How do I update my contact information with NLG?**

Nisga'a citizens are strongly encouraged to keep their information current with NLG's Citizenship and Enrolment Department. If any information has changed (ie address), you may complete a 'Change Form' that may be found on our website [HERE](#).

**7. I am a Social Assistance recipient, will these funds be considered income under the Social Assistance Policy?**

No, the \$2,500 disbursement to Nisga'a citizens is a gift and will not impact a citizens' SA entitlements. The gift is not to be considered income.

**8. I don't live in a Nisga'a Village or Urban Local, do I qualify? How do I apply?**

If you are a registered Nisga'a citizen (on the Nisga'a citizenship list) as of Dec 01, you qualify.

- Citizens who live East of Terrace within BC, south of Terrace to Williams Lake = Contact Gitlaxdax Nisga'a Terrace Society.
- Citizens who live in the Lower Mainland, north to Williams Lake + Vancouver Island = Contact Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society.
- Citizens who live on Haida Gwaii, Central Coast, and all other Canadian provinces other than BC = Contact Gitmaxmak'ay Prince Rupert – Port Edward Nisga'a Society
- Citizens who live in the US, Unknown address may contact the Nisga'a Village you are associated with

**9. Do I have to pay taxes on the \$2500 gift?**

Nisga'a Lisims Government is of the view that this one-time gift is not taxable, and so will not be deducting tax from the gift or issuing information slips. However, it remains possible that the Canada Revenue Agency will take a different view. If the Canada Revenue Agency does assess a Nisga'a citizen for tax on the gift, the Income Tax Act makes it the Nisga'a citizen's responsibility to appeal the tax assessment and argue that the amount is non-taxable.

**10. Do I have to apply for the \$2500?**

No, there is no application. But you must provide ID to confirm your Nisga'a citizenship registration in the appropriate district.

**11. What will be happening for youth under age 18 as of December 1, 2021?**

These administrative details are still being worked out by NLG. The monies will be held in trust until they turn 18.

Please note that those persons who were under 18 as of December 1, 2021, and were eligible for Nisga'a citizenship but not yet registered as of that date, will have until March 31, 2022, to register and become eligible for this gift.

**12. Are we getting more money at a later date?**

WSN has approved the \$2500 as a one-time payment..

**13. Can I designate someone to pick up my cheque on my behalf (Eg. in hospital)**

We require written permission clearly stating your name, contact information, and the name of your approved designate.

**14. My relative passed away after December 1, 2021, who will receive their \$2500?**

Nisga'a Lisims Government will make the gift to that person's estate. The administrative details for doing this have not yet been established.