

Important information for Nisga'a Newborns



By enrolling your child(ren) for Nisga'a Citizenship:

- 1. Benefit from the programs & services and entitlements of the Nisga'a Final Agreement***
- 2. We offer alternative payment options for the child's birth certificate & provide forms***
- 3. B.C. Medical Services Plan (MSP) Coverage***

For more information about Nisga'a Citizenship contact
Cherie Mercer, Citizenship Registry Manager
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Congratulations and welcome to your little one.

There is a lot of paper work to fill out for your newborn and assistance is available by contacting Cherie Mercer, Citizenship Registry Manager at cheriem@nisgaa.net or T: 250.633.3031 or TF: 888.311.9457 ext 3031

Important Links for Nisga'a newborns

1. Birth Registration Services – Legal Documents

[Online Registration](#)

2. Birth Certificate & Social Insurance Number

[secure online ordering service](#)

A. Nisga'a Citizenship

[Enrolment Application for Nisga'a Citizenship](#)

B. British Columbia Medical Services Plan

[Baby Enrolment MSP](#)

Baby Enrolment Application Form can be mailed to:

Health Insurance BC
PO Box 9681 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC
V8W 9P7

C. Nisga'a Non-Insured Health Benefits

Contact NIHB Manager at Nisga'a Valley Health Authority at 1-800-993-3513

[learn more about the Babies First Fill Program](#)

Information re: Status Card Applications contact the Village Government Registrars directly:

[Gitlaxtaamiks](#)

| [Gitwinksihlkw](#)

| [Laxgaltsap](#)

| [Gingolx](#)

Important – Please read

We have tried to make the information and links as accurate as possible. Policies and procedures are always changing. Use this as a guide. The goal of providing the information is to have newborns registered in the appropriate programs as soon as possible.

If you have any questions call Cherie Mercer at 250.633.3031 or 1-888-311-9457 ext.3031

Nisga'a Newborns are required to:

1. Birth Registration Services – Legal Documents

By Law, you must register the birth and legal name of your child within 30 days of birth.

Most babies are registered before they leave the hospital,
if your child is not registered fill out the form at [Online Registration](#)
Or call Toll Free at 1-888-876-1633 for a paper application to register the birth

2. Birth Certificate

What B.C. Birth Certificates Look Like

We **recommend** ordering the
Birth Certificate with Parental Information Included

The parental information certificate contains the individual's name, date of birth, place of birth, sex and parent(s) name and birthplace. The certificate is 12.5 cm wide by 17.6 cm high. Many applications, such as Passport, require this birth certificate for children up to the age of sixteen.



You can order the certificate in any of the following four ways.

Online

Use the Vital Statistics Agency's [secure online ordering service](#). A credit card is required.

By Phone

Call the Vital Statistics Agency at (250) 952-2681 in Victoria or 1-888-876-1633 elsewhere in B.C. A credit card is required.

In Person

Go to any [Service BC counter](#). You do not need to fill out an application, but will need to provide the customer service representative with the same details about the birth that are requested on the [Application for Birth Certificate or Registration Photocopy / Extract \(VSA 430B\) form](#) (PDF, 1.12MB). You will also need to provide payment.

By Mail

Send a completed [Application for Birth Certificate or Registration Photocopy \(VSA 430B\) form](#) (PDF, 1.12MB) with payment to:
Vital Statistics Agency
PO Box 9657 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, B.C.
V8W 9P3



Cost

\$27 per birth certificate, average 2 to 5 business days processing time and delivered by mail – Contact Cherie Mercer for [alternative payment options](#), this is on an individual case-by-case basis for Newborns within 90 days of birth for one birth certificate.

3. Social Insurance Number

Select the Social Insurance Number option when applying for the Birth Registration/Certificate [secure online ordering service](#) or fill out the [application](#)

Nisga'a Newborns may apply for:

D. Nisga'a Citizenship

[Enrolment Application for Nisga'a Citizenship](#)

Fill out the form and photocopy the documentation (birth certificate) and submit to Cherie Mercer

- The enrolment application is available at the Nisga'a Urban Local Offices
[NLG Terrace Office](#) | [Gitmaxmak'ay Prince Rupert/Port Edward](#) | [Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Local](#)

Or call the Citizenship Department and request an Enrolment Application be mailed to you, call 1-888-311-9457 or 250.633.3025

E. British Columbia Medical Services Plan

Fill out the form [Baby Enrolment MSP](#)

Client may submit the completed application form with the supporting documents via fax or mail it to our office. The BC Provincial Medical Services Health Plan MSP Care Card is to be initiated and processed as soon as possible, since birth children are covered for a maximum of three months under their parents after which time, the parent will be billed for doctor visits and other eligible hospital services under the MSP Care Card.

Although your newborn may have been assigned a Personal Health Number by the hospital you must still enroll baby for MSP coverage.

You can contact Cherie Mercer if you experience issues with MSP coverage.

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Health Insurance BC
PO Box 9681 Stn Prov Govt OR
Victoria, BC
V8W 9P7

First Nations Health Authority
#501 -100 Park Royal South
West Vancouver, Bc
V7T 1A2
Fax: 1-888-299-9222

F. Nisga'a Non-Insured Health Benefits

The Non-Insured Health Benefits Program (NIHB) is Health Canada's national, needs-based health benefit program that funds benefit claims for a specified range of drugs, dental care, vision care, medical supplies and equipment, short-term crisis intervention, mental health counselling, and medical transportation for eligible Nisga'a people.

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Parents are strongly encouraged to register their children as soon as possible in the above mentioned programs. If you require any form within this list of information to be printed or mailed to you please contact the Citizenship department.

