



NISGA'A TS'AMIKS VANCOUVER SOCIETY

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Nisga'a Government approved a \$2,500 gift distribution disbursement to registered Nisga'a citizens aged 19 years and older living in Canada

Eligibility Rules: Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society (NTVS)

- You must be registered as a Nisga'a Citizen as per the **Nisga'a Citizenship Act to receive this funding.** You will not receive this financial payment if you are not a registered Nisga'a citizen as of March 27, 2024.
- **No application** is needed to receive the \$2,500 gift distribution; however, if you are not registered with Nisga'a Lisims Government (NLG) or your address is not current - you will not be eligible for this fund.
- **Geographic Area:** Nisga'a citizens who reside in Vancouver, the Lower Mainland, Abbotsford, south of Williams Lake, and Vancouver Island only.
- **Age:** 19+ - Applicants must be 19 years or older to be eligible for this funding.

Address & Citizenship Verification Check

- Not sure what address you have on file? You can email us to verify your information at membership@tsamiks.com.
- Here is a suggested format for your email:
Subject line: "**Member Check**".
Send us the following complete details for verification:
 - Full name (First Name, Middle Name, Last Name)
 - Date of birth (Month/Day/Year)
 - Current Address (Where we will mail your cheque. This is needed to match our records with the NLG database)

It is extremely critical that you send all the above-mentioned details via email to membership@tsamiks.com. Failing to do so will result in delays and we will have to follow the administrative timelines and guidelines established by NLG for this disbursement.

Key Dates & Guidelines

- Cheque by Mail—It will automatically go out on April 22, 2024, via Canada Post to your address on file provided by NLG. It may take 7 - 10 business days for you to receive it after the posting day.
- We will use the NLG database to confirm members' citizenship and address.
- Nisga'a citizens are strongly encouraged to update their information current with NLG.
- If you changed your address, complete the following form to inform your new address:
https://www.nisgaanation.ca/sites/default/files/Change%20Form%202024_0.pdf



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Pick Up in Person: Scheduled Dates - April 22 and April 23 only

If you want to pick up your cheque, please let us know as soon as possible, no later than April 19, at membership@tsamiks.com or call us at 604-646-4944 ext. 110

- If you decide to pick up your cheque instead of having us mail it, you must provide a valid Government ID and proof of address.
- You cannot pick up a cheque for anyone else unless we have permission from them directly and confirmation.
- Cheque pick-up will take place at **Fraserview Banquet Hall** at 8240 Fraser Street, Vancouver, on **April 22 and 23 (Monday and Tuesday) from 10 am to 6:30 pm.**
- Please do not come to our office for the cheque, as we won't be able to assist you.
- If you have any questions or are unsure about being a registered Nisga'a Citizen, you may contact membership@tsamiks.com or call us at 604-646-4944 ext. 110

Community Guidelines

- Please refrain from calling our administration team unless necessary. Due to the high volume of calls, email is our preferred method of communication.
- **Verbal Abuse will not be tolerated.**
- Do not visit our NTVS office in person unless you have specified a pick-up with us for April 22 or April 27.
- Our office is a drug and alcohol-free space - please do not come to our office intoxicated.
- If you do not meet the criteria outlined above and by NLG, we regret to inform you that we won't be able to assist you or provide you with the \$2.500 gift.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

On March 27, 2024, Nisga'a Government approved a disbursement of \$2,500 gift distribution to registered Nisga'a citizens living in Canada.

2. I am a registered Nisga'a citizen. What do I need to do to receive the gift?

The gift will be distributed to registered Nisga'a citizens based on the last address a citizen provided to NLG's Citizenship and Enrolment Department as of March 27, 2024.

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



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

Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society will begin the distribution of the gifts on the week of April 22, 2024, to Nisga'a citizens living in Vancouver, the Lower Mainland, Abbotsford, south of Williams Lake, and Vancouver Island.

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

- Your cheque will be automatically mailed to your address unless you notice otherwise. If you decide to pick up your cheque, contact us at membership@tsamiks.com to inform us of your decision. Cheque pick-up will take place at **Fraserview Banquet Hall** at 8240 Fraser Street, Vancouver, on **April 22 and 23 (Monday and Tuesday) from 10 am to 6:30 pm.**

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 (i.e. address), you may complete a **Change Form** that may be found on our website:

https://www.nisgaanation.ca/sites/default/files/Change%20Form%202024_0.pdf

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 on the Nisga'a citizenship list as of March 27, 2024, 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 Vancouver, the Lower Mainland, south to Williams Lake and 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.

Unknown address may contact the Nisga'a Village you are associated with.

9. I live in the United States (US). Do I receive the gift?

Citizens who reside in the US are not entitled to this gift distribution as per the approved WSN Resolution.



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

No, there is no gift tax in Canada.

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

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

12. What will be happening for youth under age 19?

The monies will be held in trust until they turn 19. Nisga'a Lisims Government will provide more information on the Minors Trust.

13. Are we getting more money at a later date?

WSN has approved this \$2500 as a final payment from the treaty loan reimbursement funds.

14. Can I designate someone to pick up my cheque on my behalf (E.g. in the hospital)

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

15. My relative passed away after March 27, 2024. Who will receive their \$2500?

To be determined by the Nisga'a Lisims Government.