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# FAQ

## **Determining our own citizens.**

**We can determine our own citizenship right now without Canada, but Canada only recognizes Indian status for funding. What are the benefits of this agreement other than the money in regards to citizenship?**

- First, there is more money to support law-making over citizenship and three other core governance jurisdictions.
- Second, Indian status is unchanged.
- Third, a First Nation can make their own citizenship law outside this agreement, but it could be challenged in the courts, which is costly to the First Nation.
- Fourth, we can use our citizenship numbers to negotiate future funding arrangements in all sectors.
- Fifth, our citizenship laws are not membership codes under the Indian Act that need the approval of the federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs.