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# FAQ

## **Citizenship, Indian status and identity.**

### **What is Section 6 of the Indian Act?**

Section 6 of the Indian Act are the provisions of Canadian law that determine “Indian Status” and who belongs on the Indian Register and Band list in each First Nations. It is 100% created by and controlled by the Government of Canada. In other words, it is Canada who controls who is eligible to be a Status Indian and which Band they are registered with.

Under our own Anishinabek Governance Laws, we can exercise our right to establish our own citizenship criteria. That way, the limitations of the Indian Act Section 6, including the definition of Indian Status, can be left behind forever.

Only Anishinabek First Nations have the right to determine E'Dbendaagzijig (those who belong).