



## **Nisga'a Government Approves a Disbursement of Treaty Loan Reimbursement to Nisga'a Citizens Living in Canada**

### **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 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 as of March 27, 2024.

#### **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 March 27, 2024.

#### **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 the week of April 22, 2024. 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:

[https://www.nisgaanation.ca/sites/default/files/Change%20Form%202024\\_0.pdf](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 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.
- 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.

**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 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. Another communique to soon follow with more details 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 (Eg. in 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.