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Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS)

Information Update:

The following offices are currently accepting applications for the Secure Certificate of Indian Status:

- **British Columbia: AANDC Regional Office in Vancouver**
- **Ontario: Anemki Business Centre, Sudbury Business Centre and AANDC Regional Office in Toronto**
- **Atlantic Region: AANDC Regional Office in Amherst, Nova Scotia**
- **Manitoba: AANDC Regional Office in Winnipeg**
- **Saskatchewan: AANDC Regional Office in Regina as well as the AANDC district office in Prince Albert**
- **Alberta: AANDC Regional Office in Calgary as well as Edmonton and Treaty 7 First Nations offices**
- **National Capital Region: AANDC Headquarters (Gatineau, QC)**
- **Quebec: Kahnawake Service Centre**

Appointments are recommended when visiting an AANDC Office. For appointments at AANDC Headquarters please call 1-800-567-9604.

The remaining First Nations will continue to issue the current version of the status card (Certificate of Indian Status (CIS)).

Border Crossing:

For crossing the border into the United States (U.S.) via land ports of entry (which can include ferry and lake crossings), AANDC has been advised that, in the near term, U.S. border officials will accept both the SCIS and older Certificates of Indian Status as valid identity documents.

The Government of Canada cautions individuals that the duration for the acceptance of these documents for border crossing purposes into the United States is entirely at the discretion of the U.S. Government. A list of documents approved for entering the United States can be found at [Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative](#). Please note that travellers entering the United States by air continue to be required to present a valid passport or, in certain circumstances, a NEXUS card.

More information is available at Secure Certificate of [Secure Certificate of Indian Status FAQ's](#).

If you urgently require documentation for visiting the United States, please contact [Passport Canada](#).

For information on documentation requirements for visiting the United States, please visit the [Border Crossing](#) information section.

Service Providers are now able to obtain information on the SCIS through our [Information for Service Providers Section](#).

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