

Information and Guidelines Application for the New Brunswick Adoption Grant Department of Social Development

Adoption Services

The province of New Brunswick is committed to helping more New Brunswick residents become parents. Adopting a child is one way in which families can grow in New Brunswick. In order to support those who have chosen to adopt, the New Brunswick government is offering an adoption grant that provides qualifying adoptive parents with a one-time grant of \$1,000 to offset the costs associated with adopting a child.

Eligibility for the New Brunswick Adoption Grant

The following are the eligibility requirements for the adoption grant:

- Only New Brunswick residents may receive the New Brunswick Adoption Grant;
- The applicant must have completed the adoption of a child(ren) who has not attained the age of 18 years at the time the adoption order is issued or recognized;
- The adoption must meet New Brunswick's provincial adoption requirements;
- The adoption order has been issued by, or recognized by the New Brunswick provincial government for that child; and
- The adoption must have taken place within the previous 12-month period and the child must be living permanently with the adoptive parents in New Brunswick.

**** Please Note:** The New Brunswick Adoption Grant for the purposes of the federal adoption expense tax credit will reduce the eligible adoption expenses as per Element D of the formula in subsection 118.01(2) of the federal Act.

In order to apply for the New Brunswick Adoption Grant, the applicant must complete the application form, and provide a copy of the adoption order, along with clear copies of two (2) pieces of current government-issued identification with your application.

The copies of the identification must be verified, signed and dated by a qualifying witness. Failure to have a witness verify these documents will result in your application being returned to you. The witness must provide contact information, including her or his occupation or designation, place of employment, address and a **daytime telephone number** where she or he can be reached.

Send completed application to: Department of Social Development
C/o Child Welfare & Disability Support Services
551 King St., Fredericton, NB E3B 1E7

Qualified to act as a Witness: Commissioner of Oaths, a Notary Public or a designated professional.

- A Notary Public can usually be found in a law office.
- A Commissioner of Oaths may be found in the offices of:
 - Real estate agents or general insurance agents
 - Professional accountants
 - Rural post offices
 - Municipal offices
 - Police officers

Note: An appointment may be required and there may be a fee for this service.

For the purposes of witnessing your signature on Part 1 and for verifying the photocopy of your identification documents, a designated professional is considered to be one of the following:

- Dentist/Medical Doctor/Chiropractor/Optomtrist/Psychologist
- Lawyer
- Member of the clergy
- Pharmacist
- Principal or teacher at a primary or secondary school
- Judge/Magistrate/Police officer/RCMP officer
- Justice of the Peace
- Postmaster
- Professional accountant who has a designation
- Signing officer or manager at a bank, credit union, trust company, or other financial institution
- Senior administrator, teacher, professor at a community college or university
- Veterinarian
- Social worker
- Chief of First Nations community
- Funeral director
- Nurse Practitioner/Registered nurse
- Member of Parliament
- Member of the Provincial Legislature
- Municipal official
- Official of a federal government department or provincial government department, or one of its agencies
- Official of an embassy or consulate
- Professional engineer