

***Manitoba Advisory Council on Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism***

*(This new Act repealed The Manitoba Immigration Council Act and The  
Manitoba Ethnocultural Advisory & Advocacy Council Act and amalgamated  
the two councils into one)*

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- (1) Nominated through MEALO (Manitoba English as an Additional Language Organizations)
- (2) Nominated through MIRSSA (Manitoba Immigrant and Refugee Settlement Sector Association)
- (3) Nominated through MEALO & MIRSSA
- (4) Nominated by the RCMP Commanding Officer's Advisory Committee on Cultural Diversity
- (5) Nominated by the Manitoba Islamic Association
- (6) Nominated by the Louis Riel Insitute
- (7) Nominated by the Diversity/Crime Prevention Section of the Winnipeg Police Service

**Mandate:**

The *Manitoba Advisory Council on Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism* is established under *The Manitoba Advisory Council on Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism Act*. The purpose of the Act is to establish a Council consisting of Manitobans who will provide information, advice and recommendations to the Manitoba Government, through the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage (the Minister), on the following:

- (a) Matters relating to citizenship and immigration, including
  - (i) The attraction of immigrants to Manitoba and the retention of immigrants,
  - (ii) The long-term settlement and integration of immigrants, and
  - (iii) The full inclusion and participation of immigrants in the economic, social and cultural life of Manitoba
- (b) Matters relating to multiculturalism, including intercultural relations and ethnic and linguistic diversity.

### **Responsibilities:**

The Council is an advisory body to the Government of Manitoba through the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage. In this capacity, the Council provides information and advice on citizenship, immigration and multiculturalism based on their knowledge of the issues and information they may have solicited from stakeholders.

Within 30 days of the end of the government's fiscal year, the Council shall submit a written report to the Minister that summarizes the affairs of the Council over the past fiscal year. The Annual Report shall consist of:

- a) Report on the activities of the council over the past year; and
- b) Summary of recommendations of the council to the minister over the past year.

Council members will participate on at least one sub-committee of the council. The Council will comprise of three sub-committees that align with the key priorities of Manitoba's *Growing through Immigration Strategy*:

- a) Immigration and the Economy Committee: This committee will provide advice on matters that support the successful development and implementation of policy and program initiatives ensuring that immigrants entering the labour market or investing in business are best positioned to maximize their contributions to the Manitoba economy.
- b) Settlement and Social Integration Committee: This committee will provide advice to support the planning and coordination of settlement and integration service delivery to ensure the successful long-term integration of immigrants into communities and neighborhoods throughout Manitoba.
- c) Multiculturalism and Citizenship Committee: This committee will provide advice to support the development and implementation of policies and programs across government in line with the principles of Multiculturalism, the Province's ongoing commitment to diversity and intercultural dialogue, and the full participation of Manitoba's newcomers as citizens of Canada.

### **Membership:**

In accordance with section 4(1) of *The Manitoba Advisory Council on Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism Act*, the Council will consist of a maximum of 17 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council as follows:

- a) Up to eight members who have been nominated, in accordance with procedures established by the minister
- b) Up to eight other members recommended by the minister;
- c) One additional member appointed as chair of the council.

**Length of Terms:**

Members of the Council will be appointed for a term not exceeding three years. When a member's term expires, he or she continues to be a member until he or she is re-appointed, the appointment is revoked or a successor is appointed. No member of the Council may serve for more than nine consecutive years.

**Desirable Expertise:**

Knowledge in the area of newcomers issues such as labour market integration, settlement and language training needs, citizenship and multiculturalism and general newcomer issues.

There is no formal educational requirement; however, potential council members should be able to demonstrate an understanding of issues faced by newcomers in the province.

An effective council member must be able to read written material, analyze written and verbal information in order to ascertain facts, to provide recommendations or advice.

Council members:

- a) must be able to communicate verbally and have the ability to ask questions using open ended, non-judgmental language;
- b) have active listening skills;
- c) be able to read and interpret policies/legislation and how it applies to the case;
- d) use plain language;
- e) adhere to a high degree of confidentiality; and
- f) have the ability to provide advice or recommendations in a fair and unbiased manner.

**Time commitment:**

The full council shall meet three times in a year. The sub-committees will meet three times in addition to the regular Council meetings

The Minister may request a meeting of the Council if deemed necessary. A meeting requested by the Minister may be additional to the regular meetings of the Council.

Manitoba Labour and Immigration may call meetings if deemed necessary in fulfilling the mandate of the Council.

The Council will meet with the Minister once annually to submit its report to the Minister.

**Meetings:**

A majority (85%) of the Council's meetings will be held in Winnipeg. Meetings (15%) in other parts of the Province will be determined by the Council.

**Remuneration:**

Council members shall submit an approved Expense Claim form to claim any pre-approved, eligible expenses incurred by a member.