

Acadian Citizenship Registration and Data Protection Act

Preamble

Affirming the global nature of Acadian belonging (Article 6, Universal Declaration);
Acknowledging the unique challenge of maintaining accurate, secure, and respectful records for a decentralized population; this Act establishes the legal framework for the registration of Acadian citizens and ensures the highest standards of data privacy and security, consistent with international human rights norms.

Part I: Citizenship Registration

Article 1. Citizenship Register

The Council of Memory and Culture shall maintain a secure and confidential **Acadian Citizenship Register** (the Register) containing the official records of all persons who meet the criteria established in the Organic Law (Article 2).

Article 2. Proof of Citizenship

Proof of Acadian citizenship shall be established primarily through **lineal descent** from documented Acadian ancestors or through the formal **Affirmation of Identification** process. The process must be easily accessible to all persons in the global diaspora.

Article 3. Certificates and Identification

The Register is the sole source for issuing the **Acadian Passport/Certificate of Nationality** and other official documents affirming a citizen's status. All such documents must be issued in Acadian French, with Mi'kmaq and English translations.

Part II: Data Protection Principles

Article 4. Purpose Limitation

Personal data collected from citizens shall be strictly limited to what is necessary for the administration of citizenship, electoral processes, and the delivery of cultural services. Data shall not be used for any other purpose without the explicit, informed consent of the citizen.

Article 5. Data Minimization and Accuracy

The Council of Memory and Culture must ensure that personal data is accurate, complete, and

kept up-to-date. Outdated or unnecessary data must be promptly and securely deleted.

Article 6. Right to Access and Rectification

Every citizen has the right to access all personal data held about them in the Register and the right to demand the immediate rectification or erasure of inaccurate or incomplete information.

Article 7. Data Security and Sovereignty

1. **Decentralization:** Given the diaspora, the Nation shall employ **state-of-the-art, encrypted, and decentralized data storage** practices to prevent single points of failure and enhance security against external interference.
2. **Transfers:** The transfer of personal data across jurisdictions may only occur if the recipient country or body guarantees a level of data protection equivalent to this Act.

Part III: The Data Protection Commission (DPC)

Article 8. Establishment and Authority

The independent **Acadian Data Protection Commission (DPC)** is established to supervise compliance with this Act. The DPC shall report annually to the National Assembly.

Article 9. DPC Functions

The DPC shall be responsible for:

1. Investigating complaints filed by citizens regarding their data rights.
2. Issuing regulations and best practice guidelines for the handling of citizen data by national institutions.
3. Imposing penalties for significant breaches of this Act.

Proclamation and Enactment

English

PROCLAMATION: By the authority vested in the Head of State, and in accordance with the sovereign will of the Acadian people, this **Acadian Citizenship Registration and Data Protection Act** is hereby proclaimed, adopted, and entered into force this 27th Day of September, 2025.

Signed:

Marie-Soleil Seshat Landry Queen of Acadie, Supreme Guardian of Acadian Identity, Memory, and Unity.

Français

PROCLAMATION : Par l'autorité dévolue à la Cheffe d'État, et conformément à la volonté souveraine du peuple acadien, cette **Loi sur l'Enregistrement de la Citoyenneté et la Protection des Données** est par la présente proclamée, adoptée et entrée en vigueur ce 27e

jour de septembre 2025.

Signé :

Marie-Soleil Seshat Landry Reine de l'Acadie, Gardienne Suprême de l'Identité, de la Mémoire et de l'Unité Acadiennes.

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