

Financial Accountability and Transparency Act (FATA) of Acadie

Preamble

Recognizing that the financial resources of the Acadian Nation are held in sacred trust for the benefit of the Acadian people; **Establishing** that public confidence requires absolute transparency and accountability in the use of all funds; this Act governs the management, auditing, and reporting of the **Acadian Cultural and Educational Fund** and all other financial assets of the Nation.

Part I: Administration of the Fund

Article 1. Custodian of Funds

The **Council of Memory and Culture** (CMC) shall act as the primary custodian of the Acadian Cultural and Educational Fund (the Fund) and all assets of the Nation (Article 6, Organic Law).

Article 2. Principles of Expenditure

All expenditures from the Fund must directly align with the mandates set forth in the Organic Law and the Official Languages Act, specifically related to:

1. The preservation and promotion of Acadian memory, language, and culture.
2. Educational and cultural programming for Acadian citizens globally.
3. The operational costs of the National Assembly and the Council of Memory and Culture.

Article 3. Prohibition on Political Partisanship

No funds of the Nation shall be used for the direct benefit or campaigning of any political party, candidate, or faction within the National Assembly. Funds must be allocated in a politically neutral and non-discriminatory manner.

Part II: Transparency and Auditing

Article 4. Annual Financial Statements

The CMC shall prepare detailed, audited Annual Financial Statements, covering all income (voluntary contributions, grants, levies) and expenditures of the Fund.

Article 5. Independent Audit

1. The National Assembly shall appoint an **Independent Auditor General** who must be a certified public accountant with no prior affiliation to the CMC or the National Assembly.

2. The Auditor General shall conduct a mandatory annual audit of the Fund's statements and operations, ensuring compliance with this Act.

Article 6. Public Disclosure

1. The annual financial statements and the report of the Independent Auditor General must be presented to the National Assembly for approval and **published publicly** on the official channels of the Acadian Nation within six (6) months of the close of the fiscal year.
2. Citizens have the right to petition the National Assembly for clarification on any aspect of the Nation's finances.

Part III: Accountability and Enforcement

Article 7. Misappropriation of Funds

Any individual, including members of the CMC or the National Assembly, found by a judicial review to have willfully misappropriated, misused, or concealed the Nation's funds shall be subject to immediate removal from office and prosecution under the most stringent applicable international laws.

Article 8. Personal Liability

Any member of the CMC or the National Assembly found to have approved expenditures that knowingly violate this Act shall be held personally liable to repay those funds to the Nation.

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 **Financial Accountability and Transparency Act (FATA) of Acadie** 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 la Responsabilité Financière et la Transparence (LRFT) de l'Acadie** 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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Wekwayunik na'kwekimk, wetawsultimk, aq mimajultimk apjiw Ta'n 27-ik Kisna'q 2025-ik.

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