
APPENDIX I

ELIGIBLE STUDENT INFORMATION

Group 1 and 2 Independent School Grants

The following information may be helpful to schools, school authorities and school auditors attempting to verify eligibility of certain students for provincial operating grants.

To be eligible the student's parent/legal guardian must be:

- Lawfully admitted to Canada
- Resident of British Columbia

The Independent School Regulations section 1 "Interpretation" reads as follows:

"**eligible student**" means a student

- (a) who is of school age, and
- (b) whose parent or guardian
 - (i) is, or was at the time of that parent's or guardian's death, a citizen of Canada or a permanent resident, as defined in the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (Canada), who is or was at the time of the parent's or guardian's death, ordinarily resident in British Columbia, or
 - (ii) is lawfully admitted to Canada and is ordinarily resident in British Columbia.

"**guardian**" means guardian of the person of a child within the meaning of the *Family Relations Act*;

Parent/legal guardian is lawfully in Canada if he/she meets one of the following:

- Canadian citizen
- Landed immigrant
- Refugee
- Student Visa (more than one year)
- Work Visa (more than one year)
- Diplomat or consular official

Indicators of "residency" include:

- Ownership of dwelling or long-term lease or rental of dwelling
- Residence of spouse, children and other dependent family members in dwelling
- Legal documents indicating British Columbia residence
- Provincial driver's license
- Employment within the community
- Provincial registration of automobile, etc.
- Canadian bank accounts or credit cards
- Links to community through religious organizations, recreational and social clubs, unions and professional organizations
- Subscriptions for life or health insurance, such as MSP coverage, and
- Business relationships within the community

Sample Student Registration Form sections to verify eligible student status were developed by the Office of the Inspector of Independent Schools and Ministry of the Attorney General, and follow as Appendix II and III. These samples will meet all *Independent School Act* requirements for funding and require minimal collection of personal, original documents by the school.