

WAHTA MOHAWKS CITIZENSHIP CODE 2019
PLAIN LANGUAGE

Based on community consultation, Wahta Mohawks Chief and Council have updated the Wahta Mohawks Citizenship Code 2014 to the revised Wahta Mohawks Citizenship Code 2019.

The 2019 Citizenship Code focuses on inclusivity through lineage rather than the exclusion and confusion of blood quantum.

The significant changes to the 2019 Citizenship Code are as follows:

1. **WHEREAS** - We have added new Whereas Statements that emphasize Wahta's authority to create our own laws.
2. **DEFINITIONS** - We have included a definitions section. The previous versions of the Citizenship Code did not include definitions and caused confusion when interpreting the meaning of some language.
 - a. The definition of Spouse is defined to only include a legally married couple and not a common law couple.
3. **ENTITLEMENT** – We have removed the requirement of blood quantum and expanded the opportunity for Citizenship based on lineage. Previously, to be a Citizen of Wahta, you had to have 25% Mohawk blood quantum or be adopted and have at least 25% Indian blood quantum. The 2019 Citizenship Code focuses on lineage, as follows:
 - a. If you have one biological or adoptive parent who is a Citizen of Wahta Mohawks through lineage, then you are eligible to be a Citizen.
4. **TRANSFERS** – Similar to the Entitlement section, we have removed the requirement of blood quantum when a person wishes to transfer to become a Citizen of Wahta. The transfer section is still limited to marriage or lineage with the following two options:
 - a. The Indian spouse of a Wahta Mohawk Citizen may transfer in;
 - b. The biological or adopted child of a Wahta Mohawk Citizen may transfer in.
5. **PERSONS NOT ENTITLED TO CITIZENSHIP** – We have removed the section regarding people who enfranchised not being eligible to become a Citizen of Wahta