



**Social Services Department - Housing Division**  
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## **Proof of Legal Resident Status**

Under the *Housing Services Act*, each person on the application form must be a Canadian Citizen, has made application for status as a Landed Immigrant or Permanent Resident or claim for protection as a Refugee under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, with no deportation order, departure order or exclusion order.

**Here are some suggestions to help you meet this requirement;**

### **Canadian Citizens**

- Birth Certificate from a Canadian province or territory
- Canadian Certificate of Registration of Birth Abroad
- Certified Statement of Live Birth from a Canadian province or territory
- Certificate of Canadian Citizenship or Certificate of Naturalization (*paper document or card, not commemorative issue*)
- Certificate of Indian Status (*paper or plastic card*)
- Registered Indian Record (*certified*)
- Valid Canadian Passport
- Certificate of retention (issued between Jan 1, 1947 – Feb 14, 1977)

### **Permanent Residents / Landed Immigrants**

- Canadian Immigration Identification Card
- Confirmation of Permanent Residence
- Valid Permanent Resident Card
- Record of Landing

### **Other Immigration Status**

- Written confirmation from the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) stating that you are “approved in principle (AIP)” for permanent resident status.
- A letter from IRCC confirming Convention Refugee or Protected Person status