

Reserve Land and Environment Management Program (RLEMP) – Intake Process for Applicants

First Nation indicates written interest in RLEMP to their Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) [Regional Office](#)

Written interest can also be emailed to ISC Headquarters (HQ) at: rlemp@sac-isc.gc.ca.



Expression of Interest form

The First Nation completes and submits the RLEMP Expression of Interest form ([English version/French version](#))¹ to their ISC Regional Office. The Regional Office reviews and recommends to ISC HQ for their approval.



Approval by ISC

ISC HQ reviews against program guidelines and available funding, and provides decision to ISC Regional Office.



First Nation submits Band Council Resolution to enter the Program

Once approval is received from ISC Regional Office, the First Nation submits a Band Council Resolution to their ISC Regional Office to enter the Program.



¹ Instructions for the RLEMP Expression of Interest form can be accessed here: [RLEMP Expression of Interest form - Instructions - EN](#)

Level 1: Training & Development*

The First Nation identifies a land manager who will be trained through the Professional Land Management Certification Program (PLMCP) offered by the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association ([NALMA](#)).

The PLMCP includes Level I Post-Secondary Training (completed through one of four partnered universities) and Level II Technical Training (completed through NALMA).

During this time, the First Nation also sets up a lands office. This is typically a 2 year process.



Level 2: Operational*

The First Nation is fully operational once the land manager has been certified by NALMA. It can now actively manage their reserve lands, natural resources, and environment under the Indian Act. The First Nation assumes primary responsibility for land management instruments while ISC retains the approval function.

***Ongoing Reporting, Funding Management, & Compliance**

Throughout all levels, the First Nation continues to provide reporting information to ISC, and manages funds received from RLEMP for land and environmental management activities. The First Nation is also required to follow the terms and conditions of their funding agreement.



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