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## Eligibility and Admission Criteria

### General Principle

The adult institutional care services program provides assistance to eligible residents living on-reserve who, by reason of incapacity, require placement in a licensed continuing care facility.

Eligibility criteria are set by the provincial Ministry of Health Services and DIAND, BC Region.

It is the responsibility of the local health authority to determine the nature, amount, cost and duration of the service to be provided to the client.

Administering authorities will be reimbursed by DIAND for clients placed in designated continuing care facilities, subject to the clients meeting the eligibility criteria.

### Conditions of Eligibility

The provincial Ministry of Health Services has established eligibility criteria related to the age, residency and health of the client.

#### Age

In order to apply for adult institutional care services, an individual must be 19 years of age or older.

#### Residency

An applicant for adult institutional care services must be resident on-reserve at the time of application, preceding placement, and be either a:

- Canadian citizen;
  - person who has received permanent resident authorization (landed immigrant status);
  - person who holds a Minister's Permit, granted by the Minister of Employment and Immigration from the Government of Canada and has been approved by the Medical Advisory Committee of the provincial Ministry of Health Services;
- or

- person who has been granted refugee status by Employment and Immigration Canada, except where a sponsorship is in effect (i.e., the individual has been admitted to Canada on condition that some other party, already in Canada, will provide necessary assistance to that individual for a specific period of time).

Non-status persons resident on commercial leased reserve lands, and persons who have established residence off-reserve, are not eligible for DIAND funding, and should be referred to their local health authority.

Residents living on-reserve do not jeopardize their residency status by virtue of being placed in an off-reserve institution. They remain the financial responsibility of DIAND, so long as other qualifying requirements continue to be met.

### **Health of the Applicant**

Adult institutional care services are designed for those individuals who cannot live independently because of on-going, health related problems which do not require care in an acute or rehabilitation program. These problems are normally:

- of at least three months duration, and
- due to a progressive and /or chronic condition.

The goal is to provide clients with services appropriate to their long term functional needs.