



## Backgrounder

# The Aboriginal Canada Portal

[www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca](http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca)

The *Aboriginal Canada Portal* is a major milestone in the *Connecting Aboriginal Canadians* initiative, ensuring that Canada's Aboriginal peoples benefit from new technologies.

The successful development and continuing evolution of the *Aboriginal Canada Portal* demonstrates how, working together, national Aboriginal organizations and the Government of Canada are making progress on connectivity for Aboriginal people in Canada and closing the digital divide.

The *Portal* is a unique Internet gateway to a vast array of information for and about Aboriginal people in Canada. Users will find one-stop access to information about health, housing, business, employment, communities, culture, claims and treaties, economic development, education, training, Aboriginal associations, groups, bands, businesses, organizations, communities, news, people and more.

With over 7,500 links and 15,000 pages, [www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca](http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca) connects users with:

- More than 25 national Aboriginal organizations;
- 25 Government of Canada departments and agencies;
- 13 provincial/territorial governments;
- Over 250 Aboriginal communities;
- Hundreds of national and regional associations;
- Dozens of university and college Aboriginal Studies programs;
- A variety of international resources;
- Key Aboriginal urban programs; and
- Aboriginal service organizations such as Friendship Centres.



Council for the  
Advancement of Native  
Development Officers

Conseil pour  
l'avancement des agents  
de développement autochtones



Native Women's  
Association  
of Canada

Association des  
femmes autochtones  
du Canada



Métis National  
Council

Ralliement national  
des Métis



Congress of  
Aboriginal Peoples

Congrès des  
peuples autochtones



Assembly of  
First Nations

Assemblée des  
Premières Nations



Inuit Tapirisat  
of Canada

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du Canada



Government  
of Canada

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The *Portal* was designed and will continue to evolve in partnership with:

- National Aboriginal Organizations (Assembly of First Nations, Métis National Council, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, Inuit Tapirisat Canada of Canada, Native Women's Association of Canada, and Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers); and
- Federal Government Departments (Industry Canada, Human Resources Development Canada, Privy Council Office, Canadian Heritage, Health Canada, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Treasury Board Secretariat, Public Works and Government Services Canada).

Links to new URLs will be added in the months ahead, allowing the Portal to expand and evolve in response to user needs and demands.

The *Aboriginal Canada Portal* holds tremendous potential as:

- A partnership site and digital meeting place, where ideas can be shared and discussed;
- An awareness vehicle, where people can learn more about Aboriginal peoples, successes and issues;
- A resource tool to provide online services to Aboriginal communities;
- A marketing tool for Aboriginal communities and businesses to promote their products and services to domestic and international consumers and tourists; and,
- An educational tool to share culture, heritage, arts, languages and traditions.

Canada's Aboriginal population is young and growing. More than any other segment of the Aboriginal population, children and youth have the most to gain in the digital age. The *Aboriginal Canada Portal* can also become an important tool to increase awareness, understanding and involvement by Aboriginal children and youth in digital technology.

For more information on the *Aboriginal Canada Portal*, call toll-free: 1-888-399-0111.