



WESTBANK FIRST NATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

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HOMEOWNER GRANT CERTIFICATE OF A PERMANENTLY DISABLED PERSON AND PROPERTY LESSEE/OCCUPIER

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPERTY OWNER

1. If you are a property owner and have a permanent disability, you may be eligible for an additional Home Owner Grant. If you think you may be eligible for the additional grant, your doctor will assess your handicap in terms of the physical assistance and /or structural modifications criteria. If your doctor's assessment confirms your eligibility, he will complete and sign Part A of this certificate.
2. If you are a property owner with a handicapped relative or spouse who permanently resides in your home you may also be eligible for an additional Home Owner Grant. If you think you may be eligible, your doctor will assess your spouse's or relative's handicap in terms of the physical assistance and/or structural modifications criteria. If your doctor's assessment confirms your eligibility he will complete and sign Part A of this certificate. As the property owner, you must then complete and sign Part B.

Note: RELATIVE means child, grandchild, brother, sister, grandparent, parent, stepparent, or a person in respect to whom the owner stands in place of a parent (In loco parentis).

3. Once the doctor has certified that there is a permanent disability and you have completed Part B (if appropriate), deliver the certificate to the collector at the Westbank First Nation office along with your application for the Home Owner Grant, prior to the tax due date. The submission of this certificate later than December 31st will disqualify you from receiving the additional grant.
4. If you or your doctor have any questions, ask the collector at the Westbank First Nation office.

INTERPRETATION GUIDELINES FOR PHYSICIANS

The following guidelines should be considered in determining whether your Patient qualifies under Part "A" of this certificate. (See reverse.)

1. The intent of the handicapped classification is to allow home owners an additional benefit under the Home Owner Grant where either they, or relatives permanently living in the home, have a permanent physical handicap which necessitates costly modifications to the home, or extensive physical assistance to enable normal functioning within the home.
2. The disability must be of a permanent nature and there must be no remedial therapy available to the individual which would significantly lessen the handicap.
3. "Physical Assistance" means extensive supervision and care which is necessary in order to perform the functions of daily living in the home; for example, preparation of meals, personal care and hygiene. Please note that this does not include any external activities.
4. A person does not necessarily qualify if he or she is in receipt of a disability pension or workers compensation benefits.
5. "Structural Modifications" may be in the form of ramps for wheelchair access to the home, widening of doorways, installation of elevators or other lifting devices, etc.

