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Immigrants with a Permanent Resident Status in process can now apply to the programs offered at artsnb

Fredericton, November 3, 2023 – The New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) is now accepting applications to its arts funding programs from immigrants who have an application in process for permanent resident status.

In harmony with its [2022-2027 Strategic Plan](#), the board of directors of artsnb has voted in favour of increasing access to its funding programs to immigrants who are professional artists and have a Canadian permanent residency application in process. Prior to this change, only Canadian citizens and permanent residents were eligible to apply to artsnb funding programs.

“The keystone principle of our Strategic Plan is to increase inclusivity, diversity, equity, and accessibility at all levels at artsnb. By making this change to our eligibility criteria, we can better welcome and include a population that has been under-served in New Brunswick’s broader arts community. Increasing eligibility to access funding for the development of their art practice, especially during such a transitional period in the artist’s life, is one small change for artsnb that can have such a large impact for these artists,” shares artsnb outgoing Chair Victoria Hutt.

Who can apply at artsnb funding programs?

To be eligible for artsnb funding, an applicant must:

- Be a Canadian citizen, affiliated to a First Nation, permanent resident of Canada or have an application for permanent resident status in process;
- Have resided in New Brunswick for at least one year (12 months) prior to the application deadline;
- Qualify as a professional artist according to [artsnb’s definition of a professional artist](#).

More information on artsnb’s programs can be found [HERE](#).

The New Brunswick Arts Board is an arm’s length arts funding agency with a legislated mandate to facilitate and promote the creation of art as well as administering funding programs for professional artists in the province.

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