

SEAL OF THE NUNATSIAVUT GOVERNMENT ACT

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AN INUIT LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGN OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE  
NUNATSIAVUT GOVERNMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE ITS USE

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**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the *Seal of the Nunatsiavut Government Act*.

**Definitions**

2. In this Act:

“Act” means an Inuit Law enacted by the Assembly;

“Assembly” means the Nunatsiavut Transitional Assembly as constituted under the *Nunatsiavut Transitional Assembly Act* and the Nunatsiavut Assembly as constituted under the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*;

“Constitution” means the Labrador Inuit Constitution;

“First Minister” means the First Minister of Nunatsiavut and includes the transitional First Minister;

“Executive Council” means the Nunatsiavut Executive Council as constituted under the *Nunatsiavut Government Organization Act* and includes the Transitional Nunatsiavut Executive Council as constituted under the *Nunatsiavut Transitional Assembly Act*;

"Enactment" means a law enacted by the Assembly and Subordinate Legislation;

"Minister" means a member of the Executive Council;

Nunatsiavut Seal" means the Seal of the Nunatsiavut Government described in section 5 and shown in Schedule A;

"President" means the President of Nunatsiavut and includes the transitional President of Nunatsiavut and the acting President of Nunatsiavut; and

"Subordinate Legislation" means a regulation, proclamation, rule, order, bylaw or instrument that is of a legislative nature and that is enacted in terms of an Act, but does not include a bylaw of an Inuit Community Government or an Inuit Community Corporation.

### **References in the Labrador Inuit Constitution**

3. The Seal of the Nunatsiavut Government is, and is intended to be, the "Nunatsiavut Seal" referred to in the Labrador Inuit Constitution.

### **References in Other Enactments**

4. A reference in an enactment to the "Nunatsiavut Seal" means the Nunatsiavut Seal as defined in this Act.

### **Seal of the Nunatsiavut Government**

5. The Seal of the Nunatsiavut Government is an engraved stamp of metal that:
  - (a) is capable of making an impression on paper;
  - (b) is circular in design; and
  - (c) contains at its centre the Inukshuk emblem which appears on the Nunatsiavut Flag encircled by the words "Nunatsiavut Government" in English and Inuktitut.

### **Illustration of the Nunatsiavut Seal**

6. A pictorial representation of the Seal of the Nunatsiavut Government printed in black and white is shown in Schedule A and an impression of the Seal of the Nunatsiavut Government is affixed to Schedule A attached to the original copy of this Act.

### **Safekeeping of the Nunatsiavut Seal**

7. The First Minister is responsible for keeping the Nunatsiavut Seal safe and for ensuring that it is used only when duly authorized and required by law.

### **Presidential Use of the Nunatsiavut Seal**

8. The Nunatsiavut Seal is to be affixed by the President to:
  - (a) all laws assented to by the President,
  - (b) all subordinate legislation enacted by the President, the Executive Council or a minister,
  - (c) all commissions and appointments to office made by the Executive Council,

- (d) every agreement, contract, deed or document to which the Nunatsiavut Government is a party and which, in order to bind the Nunatsiavut Government is required to be authenticated by the seal, and
- (e) such other instruments of the Nunatsiavut Government as may be authorized by Inuit Laws.

#### **Persons Authorized to Use the Nunatsiavut Seal**

- 9. The Nunatsiavut Seal may be used by a person other than the President if the person and the use are authorized by a law enacted by the Assembly or by written authorization of the Executive Council.

#### **Prohibition**

- 10. A person other than the President or a person authorized under section 9 shall not possess or use the Nunatsiavut Seal, a design in imitation of the Nunatsiavut Seal, or a design that resembles the Nunatsiavut Seal.

#### **Offence**

- 11. A person who contravenes this Act is guilty of an offence.

SCHEDULE A: THE NUNATSIAVUT SEAL

