

Infant and Emergency Determination Enrollment Application FAQ

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1. I recently had a baby and would like to apply for enrollment for my newborn. What do I need to do?
To apply for enrollment, please visit the Tribe's website at www.grandronde.org to access the enrollment application. You may also pick up a hardcopy application from the Member Services Department located in the Tribe's Governance Center at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Applications can also be requested by email by emailing enrollment@grandronde.org.
2. What do I need to apply?
Parents / Guardians need to submit a completed enrollment application along with a copy of the child's state issued birth certificate if qualifying under a parent and copies of their state issued birth certificate and their parent's state issued birth certificate if qualifying under a grandparent.
3. What is considered an emergency determination?
Emergency determinations are minors under the age of 18 that are subject to juvenile dependency proceedings.
4. My baby is under the age of 6 months old. What are the application deadlines?
 - All infant (under 6 months) applications are required to be submitted at least 60 days before the infant turns 6 months of age if using an outside DNA testing facility. For those applying and completing DNA in Grand Ronde at the Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center, all applications are required to be submitted at least 45 days before the infant turns 6 months of age.
 - All infant applications should have DNA results provided to the Tribe 14 days prior to the child turning 6 months, to allow for appropriate processing. If the results are not received within the timeframe, then the application could be marked incomplete. If staff is unable to process before the child turns six months they will be placed at the end of the non-infant waitlist.
5. How do I schedule my child's DNA?
DNA will be scheduled and coordinated by Enrollment staff when it is time to process your application. For more information on DNA please visit the Tribe's website to access the Grand Ronde Tribal Enrollment DNA Fact Sheet and the Tribe's DNA Policy.
6. My baby is 6 months old. Can I still apply for enrollment under this process?
Unfortunately, no. Any infant qualifying under this process must have their application materials submitted by the required application deadlines and all Tribal Council action must take place prior to them turning 6 months of age.

7. Why is the process different for those over the age of 6 months?

The recently approved Constitutional amendment language included an annual limitation. Section 4 of the Tribe's Constitution states "There shall be an annual limit on the number of individuals who may be accepted as members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde each year. The annual limit shall be 150 and Tribal Council may, by Tribal Council Resolution, increase the Annual limit to no more than 200; and further provided the annual limit shall not apply to minors under 6 months of age or who are the subject of pending juvenile dependency proceedings."