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## Program Monitoring and Review

### General Principle

The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) is responsible for monitoring and reviewing the administration of the Income Assistance Program.

BC Region staff monitor the program by verifying financial and statistical reports submitted by First Nation administering authorities and by conducting on-site program compliance reviews.

For on-site program compliance reviews, the BC Region follows the *Income Assistance On Site Compliance Review Directive* provided in the *DIAND Income Assistance Program National Manual*. (See Volume 3, Appendix 3 for a copy of this document. Please refer to the INAC Web site: <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/hb/sp/pubs/afv/afv-eng.asp> for the most recent version).

### Purpose

The *Income Assistance On Site Compliance Review* provides national direction to assist the regions and their staff with the conduct of Income Assistance (IA) Compliance Reviews.

This directive helps fulfil Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's (DIAND/ the department) accountability requirements to Parliament as well as its obligations under the *Financial Administration Act* (FAA). It provides guidance to departmental staff on the expenditure of public monies, an essential managerial responsibility (e.g., section 34, FAA).

### Objective

The objective of IA Compliance Reviews is to determine compliance with rates and conditions as set out in the department's regional Social Development/Assistance Policy and Procedures Manuals. This includes providing support to First Nations administering authorities in the effective and efficient operation of IA by promoting the utilization of the applicable provincial/territorial rates and conditions for IA, and by identifying the source of non-compliance to ascertain measures that can be taken to eliminate such problems in the future.