



INDEPENDENT STUDENT REQUEST FORM

This form is to be completed by students, age 16 or 17, who wish to be deemed an “independent student” as defined by subsections 1(p)(ii)(A) of the *Education Act*, RSPEI 1988, c E-0.2 (the “Act”).

Please review the following definitions as contained in the *Act* in advance of completing the Student Request Form:

“**independent student**” means a student who is

(i) 18 years of age or older, or

(ii) 16 years of age or older and

(A) in the opinion of the Director, is living independently of the student’s parents, or

(B) is party to an agreement under subsection 13(2) of the Child Protection Act.

“**parent**” includes a guardian and a person who has custody of or access to a student under an enactment or by virtue of any court order, but for the purposes of section 25 does not include a foster parent or the Director of Child Protection.

A student who is “living independently of the student’s parents” means that the student is living independently of all parents and guardians. The Director of the Public Schools Branch will determine whether you meet the requirement under the *Act* to be an independent student based on a number of criteria. None of these criteria alone is a sole indicator of independence, but the response to all of them will assist the Director in determining whether a student should be identified as an independent student.

Under the *Act*, once a student is identified as an Independent Student, the student has the same rights and obligations as a parent/guardian, including their own decision-making and signing consent and other school related forms. Once a student has been declared an Independent Student, the parents (including guardians) cannot exercise any rights or obligations, with respect to their education, without the Independent Student’s consent.

Student Information

Name: _____ DOB (dd/mm/yyyy): _____

School: _____ Address: _____

Student Request

(1) Are you 16 or 17 years of age?	(Please check one) ___Yes ___No
(2) Do you consider yourself to be living independently from your parents/guardians?	(Please check one) ___Yes ___No

(3) Please provide answers to the following:

(A) Do you live with a guardian, or one or both of your parents?

(B) If you do not live with a guardian, or one or both of your parents, do you reside with someone else? If so, what is their relationship to you?

(C) When did you most recently stop living with your parents/guardians?

(D) Since you stopped living with your parents/guardians where and with whom have you lived?

(E) Do you pay for your own living expenses (including paying for housing, rent and food)? If not, who supports you financially? What is their relationship to you?

(F) Are you responsible for making your own significant decisions, including health care decisions, decisions about where you live, what religion you practice? If so, what significant decisions are you responsible for making?

(G) Have you, or a person who has a parent-like relationship with you, obtained or pursued legal action to remove the parental rights of your parents?

(H) Has one or both of your parents and/or guardian made a written statement indicating that you are living independently? If so, please attach the statement?

(I) Is there any other information that would be helpful to determining whether you are a student living independently from your parents?

Please sign below to confirm the answers provided above:

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Student Signature

Student Name (Please print)

Director's Decision

This section is *not* to be completed by the student and is for completion by the Director only.

Have the student's parent(s) made a statement indicating that the student lives independently? (Please check one) ___Yes ___No

Is the student an independent student because they are 16 or 17 years of age and living independently of their parents? (Please check one) ___Yes ___No

Please sign below to confirm the answers provided above:

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Director's Signature

Director's Name (Please print)