

FIRST NATION CONSTITUTION CHECKLIST

UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS

Review your draft constitution and determine if the draft document includes the following elements. Record the section of the draft constitution in the third column.

Check	Does your First Nation Constitution:	Section No.
	Set out principles as to who is a citizen of the First Nation;	
	set out the areas in which the First Nation will make laws;	
	set out procedures for making, amending, publishing and providing access to the First Nation's laws;	
	set out the procedures for challenging the validity or application of the First Nation laws;	
	set out the procedures for challenging the validity or application of the administrative decisions of the First Nation and their Public Institutions;	
	set out the procedures for enforcing the First Nation laws;	
	describe the principles, criteria and a process for the delegation of First Nation Jurisdiction or Authority;	
	describe the principles, criteria and a process for withdrawal of the delegation of Jurisdiction or Authority;	
	include a statement that in the event of a conflict between the Constitution and one of its laws, the First Nation constitution will prevail to the extent of the conflict;	
	state that the First Nation will be accountable to its Members;	
	include the authority to establish Public Institutions;	
	require the First Nation to establish conflict of interest rules; and,	
	include an amendment procedure.	