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Final regulations governing the revision of the membership roll of the Menominee Indian Tribe were published in the Federal Register, April 2, 1975, it was announced today. The regulations will become effective on May 1.

Updating of the roll is required by the Menominee Restoration Act which re-established the tribe's Federal status and eligibility for special Federal services and programs. The tribal roll was closed as of June 17, 1954, when legislation terminated the tribe's special relationship with the Federal Government.

The new roll will include members of the tribe listed on the 1954 roll and still living on the effective date of the regulations. Descendants of persons on the 1954 roll, who have at least one quarter Menominee Indian blood and are living on the effective date of the regulations, will be added to the roll. These latter must file an application for enrollment with the tribe in accordance with the procedures set forth in the regulations.

The enrollment will be directed by the Menominee Restoration Committee, the tribe's interim governing body, under contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

A beginning date for the enrollment period will be announced and publicized by the Committee when preparations for the process, including the hiring of an enrollment staff and the printing of needed forms, have been completed. Applications for enrollment must be filed within 90 days from that beginning date.

Application forms and information about the enrollment will be available from the Restoration Committee, the enrollment staff and Bureau of Indian Affairs offices in the Minneapolis Area.