

## Repatriation of human remains or associated funerary objects

<b>Step 1: Compile an itemized list.</b>	<b>Step 2: Initiate consultation.</b>	<b>Step 3: Consult.</b>	<b>Step 4: Complete an inventory.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of individuals and associated funerary objects</li> <li>• The geographical location</li> <li>• The acquisition history</li> <li>• Other information to identify lineal descendants or cultural affiliation</li> <li>• Presence of any hazardous substance treatment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any lineal descendant</li> <li>• Any Indian Tribe or NHO with potential cultural affiliation</li> <li>• Include itemized list, names of all consulting parties, and proposed timeline and method for consultation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respond to any consulting party</li> <li>• Address identification of lineal descendants, Indian Tribes or NHOs with cultural affiliation, types of associated funerary objects, and duty of care</li> <li>• Make a record of consultation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consulting parties and dates</li> <li>• Itemized list, updated</li> <li>• For each entry, a determination:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lineal descendant</li> <li>• Clearly identified cultural affiliation</li> <li>• Reasonably identified cultural affiliation</li> <li>• None of the above</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>! Send to consulting parties and National NAGPRA !</b></p>
43 CFR 10.10(a)	43 CFR 10.10(b)	43 CFR 10.10(c)	43 CFR 10.10(d)(1)

<b>Six months after Step 4 Step 5: Submit a Notice.</b>	<b>Any time after Step 5 Step 6: Receive and consider requests.</b>	<b>90 days after Step 6 Step 7: Respond to requests.</b>	<b>90 days after Step 7 Step 8: Repatriation.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abstract of information in itemized list</li> <li>• Determination in inventory</li> <li>• Total number of individuals associated funerary objects</li> <li>• Contact information to submit requests</li> </ul> <p><b>! Send to consulting parties and National NAGPRA !</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint request is a single request</li> <li>• Criteria for a request is EITHER:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requestor is identified in the notice OR</li> <li>• Requestor shows lineal descent or cultural affiliation - preponderance of the evidence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written response to requestor and any other party in notice</li> <li>• ONE of following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets the criteria</li> <li>• Does not meet the criteria and request more information</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Competing requests received</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written statement relinquishes possession or control to requestor(s)</li> <li>• After statement, consult on and document physical transfer and protect sensitive information</li> </ul> <p><b>! Send to requestor(s) and National NAGPRA !</b></p>
43 CFR 10.10(e)	43 CFR 10.10(f)	43 CFR 10.10(g)	43 CFR 10.10(h)

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1

### Compile an itemized list.

- The number of individuals and associated funerary objects
- The geographical location
- The acquisition history
- Other information on lineal descendants or cultural affiliation
- Presence of any hazardous substance treatment

43 CFR 10.10(a)

2

### Initiate consultation.

- Any lineal descendant
- Any Indian Tribe or NHO with potential cultural affiliation
- Include itemized list, names of all consulting parties, and proposed timeline and method for consultation

43 CFR 10.10(b)

3

### Consult.

- Respond to any consulting party
- Address identification of
  - lineal descendants,
  - Indian Tribes or NHOs with cultural affiliation,
  - types of associated funerary objects, and
  - duty of care
- Make a record of consultation

43 CFR 10.10(c)

4

### Complete an inventory.

- Consulting parties and dates
- Itemized list, updated
- For each entry, a determination:
  - Lineal descendant
  - Clearly identified cultural affiliation
  - Reasonably identified cultural affiliation
  - None of the above



Send to consulting parties and National NAGPRA

43 CFR 10.10(d)(1)

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**Steps 1 through 4**



## Repatriation of human remains or associated funerary objects

Museums or Federal agencies must complete steps 1 through 4 and submit an inventory to all consulting parties and the National NAGPRA Program ([nagpra\\_info@nps.gov](mailto:nagpra_info@nps.gov)) by a deadline.

If a museum or Federal agency...	An inventory must be submitted...
Acquires possession or control* (including transfer of a holding or collection previously included in an inventory)***	2 years
Locates previously lost or unknown*	2 years
Receives Federal funds for the first time*	5 years
Previously submitted an inventory but did not publish a notice of inventory completion by January 12, 2024**	January 10, 2029

\* 43 CFR 10.10(d)(2)

\*\* 43 CFR 10.10(d)(3)

\*\*\* 43 CFR 10.10(d)(4)

**Museum Extensions:** Any museum may request an extension if it has made a good faith effort but is unable to meet the deadline. A request must be submitted BEFORE the deadline and must include:

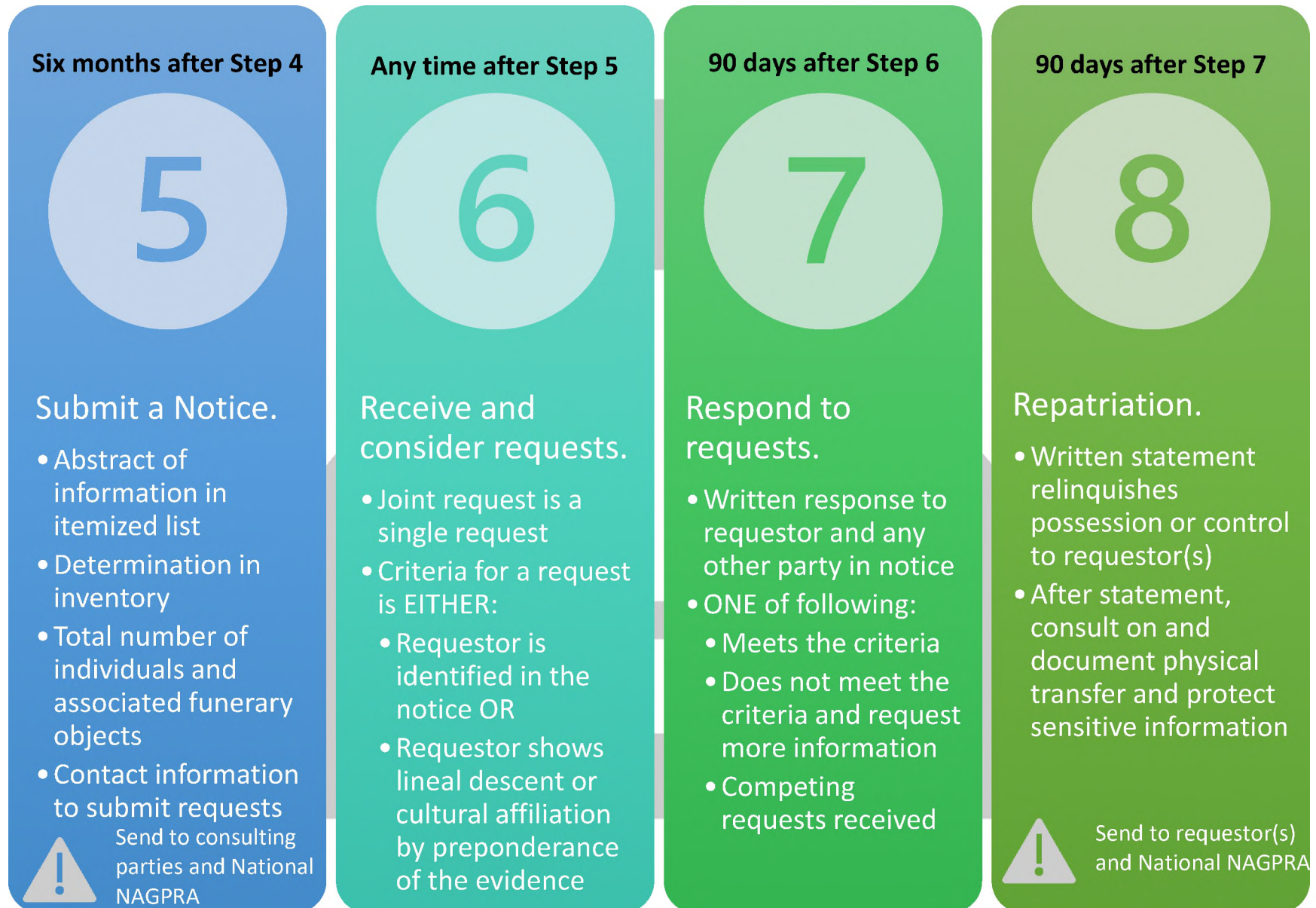
- Information showing the initiation of consultation;
- Names of all consulting parties and consent to the extension from a majority of consulting parties;
- Estimated number of human remains and associated funerary objects; and
- Written plan for completing or updating the inventory, including:
  - Specific steps required,
  - Schedule for completing each step and estimated date,
  - People responsible for each step, and
  - Proposal to obtain requisite funding.

See 43 CFR 10.10(d)(5)

**Deadline to Complete/Update an Inventory**

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43 CFR 10.10(e)

43 CFR 10.10(f)

43 CFR 10.10(g)

43 CFR 10.10(h)

**Steps 5 through 8**

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## Repatriation of human remains or associated funerary objects

Steps to Repatriation	Shorter Timeline (42 days)	Longer Timeline (~3 years)
<b>Receive a new collection.</b>	Day 1	Day 1
<b>Step 1: Compile an itemized list.</b>	Day 2	Day 365
<b>Step 2: Initiate consultation.</b>	Day 3	Day 366
<b>Step 3: Consult.</b>	Day 4*	Day 367*
<b>Step 4: Complete an inventory.</b>	Day 5	Day 730 NLT 2 years after Day 1
<b>Step 5: Submit a notice.</b>	Day 6	Day 912 NLT 6 months after Step 4
<b>Publication of notice in Federal Register.</b>	Day 11** (min. 5 days after submission)	Day 942** (max. 30 days after submission)
<b>Step 6: Receive and consider requests.</b>	Day 12*	Day 943*
<b>Step 7: Respond to requests.</b>	Day 42 NET 30 days after publication	Day 1,033 NLT 90 days after Step 6
<b>Step 8: Repatriation.</b>	Day 42	Day 1,123 NLT 90 days after Step 7

NET=No earlier than

NLT=No later than

\* Step 3 and Step 6 depend on actions by lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, or NHOs. In both timelines, we assumed one day for Step 3 and Step 6 but both steps will likely take longer.

\*\* Publication of a notice in the Federal Register takes, at minimum, 5 days and, at maximum, 30 days based on current (Dec. 2024) review requirements. This timeline is subject to change and does not include additional time if a notice submission must be returned for corrections. See 43 CFR 10.10(e)(3).

### Timelines for Repatriation

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## Repatriation of other cultural items

<b>Step 1: Compile a summary.</b>	<b>Deadlines for compiling a summary.</b>	<b>30 days after Step 1 Step 2: Initiate consultation.</b>	<b>Step 3: Consult.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estimated number and general description</li> <li>The geographical location (provenience)</li> <li>The acquisition history (provenance)</li> <li>Other information and presence of hazardous substance treatment</li> </ul> <p><b>! Send to National NAGPRA !</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 months after acquiring or locating cultural items</li> <li>6 months after transfer of a holding or collection previously included in a summary</li> <li>3 years after receiving Federal funds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any lineal descendant</li> <li>Any Indian Tribe or NHO with potential cultural affiliation</li> <li>Include summary, names of all consulting parties, and proposed timeline and method for consultation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respond to any consulting party</li> <li>Address identification of lineal descendants, Indian Tribes or NHOs with cultural affiliation, types of objects that might be cultural items, and duty of care</li> <li>Make a record of consultation</li> </ul>
43 CFR 10.9(a)(1)	43 CFR 10.9(a)(2)-(3)	43 CFR 10.9(b)	43 CFR 10.9(c)

<b>Step 4: Receive and consider requests.</b>	<b>90 days after Step 4 Step 5: Respond to requests.</b>	<b>30 days after Step 5 Step 6: Submit a Notice.</b>	<b>90 days after Step 6 Step 7: Repatriation</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint request is a single request</li> <li>Criteria for a request: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meets definition of a cultural item</li> <li>Requestor is culturally affiliated</li> <li>Information shows no right of possession</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written response to requestor and any consulting party</li> <li>ONE of following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meets the criteria</li> <li>Does not meet criteria - more information</li> <li>Meets criteria -assert right of possession</li> <li>Competing request</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abstract of information in summary</li> <li>Total number and brief description</li> <li>Requestor</li> <li>Contact information for additional requests</li> </ul> <p><b>! Send to requestor(s), consulting parties, and National NAGPRA !</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written statement relinquishes possession or control to requestor(s)</li> <li>After statement, consult on and document physical transfer and protect sensitive information</li> </ul> <p><b>! Send to requestor(s) and National NAGPRA !</b></p>
43 CFR 10.9(d)	43 CFR 10.9(e)	43 CFR 10.9(f)	43 CFR 10.9(g)



## Repatriation of other cultural items

1

### Compile a summary.

- Estimated number and description
- The geographical location (provenience)
- The acquisition history (provenance)
- Other information/presence of hazardous substance



Send to National  
NAGPRA

43 CFR 10.9(a)(1)



### Deadlines for compiling a summary.

- 6 months after acquiring or locating cultural items
- 6 months after transfer of a holding or collection previously included in a summary
- 3 years after receiving Federal funds

43 CFR 10.9(a)(2)-(3)

30 days after Step 1

2

### Initiate consultation.

- Any lineal descendant
- Any Indian Tribe or NHO with potential cultural affiliation
- Include summary, names of all consulting parties, and proposed timeline and method for consultation

43 CFR 10.9(b)

3

### Consult.

- Respond to any consulting party
- Address identification of lineal descendants, Indian Tribes or NHOs with cultural affiliation, types of objects that might be cultural items, and duty of care
- Make a record of consultation

43 CFR 10.9(c)

**Steps 1 through 3 and Deadlines to Compile a Summary**

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## Repatriation of other cultural items

4

Receive and consider requests.

- Joint request is a single request
- Criteria for a request:
  - Meets definition of a cultural item
  - Requestor is culturally affiliated
  - Information shows no right of possession

43 CFR 10.9(d)

90 days after Step 4

5

Respond to requests.

- Written response to requestor and any consulting party
- ONE of following:
  - Meets the criteria
  - Does not meet criteria - more information
  - Meets criteria - assert right of possession
- Competing request

43 CFR 10.9(e)

30 days after Step 5

6

Submit a Notice.

- Abstract of information in summary
- Total number and brief description
- Requestor
- Contact information for additional requests



Send to requestor(s), consulting parties & National NAGPRA

43 CFR 10.9(f)

90 days after Step 6

7

Repatriation.

- Written statement relinquishes possession or control to requestor(s)
- After statement, consult on and document physical transfer and protect sensitive information



Send to requestor(s) and National NAGPRA

43 CFR 10.9(g)

**Steps 4 through 7**

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## Repatriation of other cultural items

Steps to Repatriation	Shorter Timeline (42 days)	Longer Timeline (15 months)
<b>Receive a new collection.</b>	Day 1	Day 1
<b>Step 1: Compile a summary.</b>	Day 2	Day 182 NLT 6 months after Day 1
<b>Step 2: Initiate consultation.</b>	Day 3	Day 212 NLT 30 days after Step 1
<b>Step 3: Consult.</b>	Day 4*	Day 213*
<b>Step 4: Receive and consider requests.</b>	Day 5*	Day 214*
<b>Step 5: Respond to requests.</b>	Day 6	Day 304 NLT 90 days after Step 4
<b>Step 6: Submit a notice.</b>	Day 7	Day 334 NLT 30 days after Step 5
<b>Publication of notice in Federal Register.</b>	Day 12** (min. 5 days after submission)	Day 364** (max. 30 days after submission)
<b>Step 7: Repatriation.</b>	Day 42 NET 30 days after publication	Day 454 NLT 90 days after publication

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