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NOTICE: Indian Boarding Homes Class Action Settlement

Information for Potential Claimants – Primary Class Members

You are receiving this notice because you may be eligible for financial compensation. We encourage you to review this information carefully as there are deadlines for action.

What is this Class Action About?

Beginning in the 1950s, Canada operated the **Indian Boarding Home Program**. In the Indian Boarding Home Program, Canada placed Indigenous children into private homes in primarily non-Indigenous communities to attend elementary and secondary school. In 2018, Indigenous plaintiffs started a class action against Canada on behalf of Indigenous children who suffered harms while they were living in these private homes. On December 11, 2023, the Federal Court approved a Settlement Agreement resolving the class action litigation. The Settlement Agreement provides compensation to Indigenous people placed in these homes.

Am I an Eligible Primary Class Member?

You are a Primary Class Member if you are Indigenous and Canada placed you in a private home between September 1, 1951 and June 30, 1992 to attend elementary or secondary school. If you are an Indigenous person who was in a boarding home placement between September 1, 1951 and June 30, 1992 to attend elementary or secondary school, you are presumed to be eligible for compensation (you do not have to provide any additional evidence or proof).

Can I Apply on Behalf of a Deceased Primary Class Member?

The Estate (executor or administrator) of a deceased Primary Class Member may apply on their behalf if they died on or after July 24, 2016. Compensation will be paid to the Estate.

Compensation under the Settlement Agreement

The Settlement Agreement provides two types of compensation:

Category 1—Compensation for Placement in the Indian Boarding Home Program

All class members will receive a payment of \$10,000 just for being placed through the Indian Board Homes Program. In other words, it is not necessary to have experienced abuse in order to receive compensation.

Category 2— Compensation for Abuse

Class member may apply for additional compensation if they experienced abuse during their time in the Program. Payments range from \$10,000 to \$200,000 depending on the type of abuse suffered. You must complete an additional application to be considered for Category 2 compensation.

NOT LEGAL ADVICE. We are providing this notice for information purposes only. It is not, and should not be taken as, legal advice. If you have questions about your legal rights or entitlement, you should seek advice from a lawyer.



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Applying for Compensation

Starting August 21, 2024, you can submit your application for compensation. Claims forms will be available here: <https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/>. You can apply for compensation until February 21, 2027. If you have questions about whether you are eligible, or need assistance preparing an application for compensation, contact ♦

Free Legal Assistance

Klein Lawyers LLP are the lawyers representing class members from British Columbia. Klein Lawyers LLP can be contacted free of charge to assist class members in claiming their compensation under Category 1 or Category 2 claims:

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Hiring a Lawyer

Class members can hire their own lawyer to assist with submitting a **Category 1** application. Class members will be responsible for paying for all legal fees.

Class members can hire and pay for their own lawyer to help submit a **Category 2** application and Canada may pay a portion of the legal fees. The class member will be responsible for paying all legal fees owed above the amount paid by Canada.

More Information

For more information, visit the Indian Boarding Homes class action website:

<https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/>