

### Facts: Common Experience Payment

- To date, more than 100,000 CEP applications have been received, of which over 95,000 have been processed.
- More than 76,000 applicants have been approved for payment, which represents 95% of the estimated number of eligible former students.
- More than \$1.56 billion has been approved for payment to more than 76,000 applicants.
- Approximately 21,000 applications have been found ineligible for the following reasons:
  - school was not included in the list of recognized Indian Residential Schools under the Settlement Agreement;
  - student did not reside at a recognized Indian Residential School;
  - school was not operating during requested period;
  - applicant passed away before May 30, 2005; or
  - student attended a day school.

### Facts: Independent Assessment Process

- Over 16,000 applications have been received since September 2007. IAP applications will be accepted until September 19, 2012.
- 90% of claimants have legal counsel. All parties to the Settlement Agreement encourage claimants to have counsel.
- 5,800 hearings have been held to date, and over 60 hearings are being held every week.
- 5,074 claimants have been compensated.
- Over \$615 million in compensation has been awarded.

### Special Note:

Many Métis survivors attended residential schools that are not included in the list of recognized Indian Residential Schools under the *Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement* (IRRSA). The Métis National Council will continue to seek truth and reconciliation for Métis survivors who attended government-sanctioned residential schools not included on this list. If you are one of those survivors, please feel free to contact the Métis National Council for further information.

To access Métis-specific information on Residential Schools visit our Healing Portal at: [www.metisnation.ca](http://www.metisnation.ca)



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# Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement

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## The Residential School Experience

**The deadline for applying for the Common Experience Payment is September 19, 2011.**

The Common Experience Payment (CEP) is one element of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. The court-approved Settlement Agreement was implemented on September 19, 2007 and was negotiated by representatives from various Aboriginal organizations, church entities, legal representatives for former students, and the Government of Canada. The CEP is paid to eligible former students who resided at a listed Indian Residential School. Eligible former students receive \$10,000 for their first year (or part thereof) of their attendance at a listed Indian Residential School plus \$3,000 for each additional year (or part thereof). Information updates on the Common Experience Payment are available at:

**[www.ainc-inac.gc.ca](http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca) search: CEP**

If you know someone who attended an Indian Residential School, but has not yet applied for the CEP, please let them know of the deadline. Application forms or information can be found by contacting 1-866-879-4913 or at:

**[www.servicecanada.gc.ca](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca)**

If your address has changed since you have applied for the CEP and you have not received correspondence since submitting your application, it is important that you advise the CEP Response Centre of this change by calling 1-866-565-4526 or call to receive an update on your application. With your permission, they will also ensure the change is noted at Service Canada.

### Reconsideration Process

Where an application is denied in full or in part, the Applicant is advised of the reasons and may seek reconsideration. The Applicant may provide additional information that relates to his or her claim, including: photographs, other documentary evidence of a connection with the school, or affidavit evidence.

If you do not apply for the Reconsideration Process, you will not be able to appeal your assessment any further.

### Appeal Process

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the Reconsideration Process, you can appeal to the National Administration Committee (NAC), a committee of seven members made up of one representative from each party to the Settlement Agreement. After reviewing your appeal, the NAC will make a decision and send it to the Appeal Administrator, along with the reasons or the decision. Applicants can get information about the status of their appeal by calling 1-866-879-4916.

If you need assistance with any of the forms or have questions about the process, please call the Residential School Information Line.

**The deadline for applying for the Independent Assessment Process is September 19, 2012.**

The Independent Assessment Process (IAP) is a claimant centred, non-adversarial, out of court process for the resolution of claims of sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, and other wrongful acts suffered at Indian Residential Schools (IRS). The IAP is one element of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, which is the largest class action settlement in Canadian history and aims to bring a fair and lasting resolution of the legacy of residential schools. This court-approved Settlement Agreement was negotiated by representatives from various Aboriginal organizations, church representatives, legal representatives for former students, and the Government of Canada. An information update on the Independent Assessment Process is available at:

**1-877-635-2648 or view in-depth information at:**

**[www.iap-pei.ca](http://www.iap-pei.ca) or**

**[www.ainc-inac.gc.ca](http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca) search: IAP**

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