

INDIAN BOARDING HOMES

Class Action



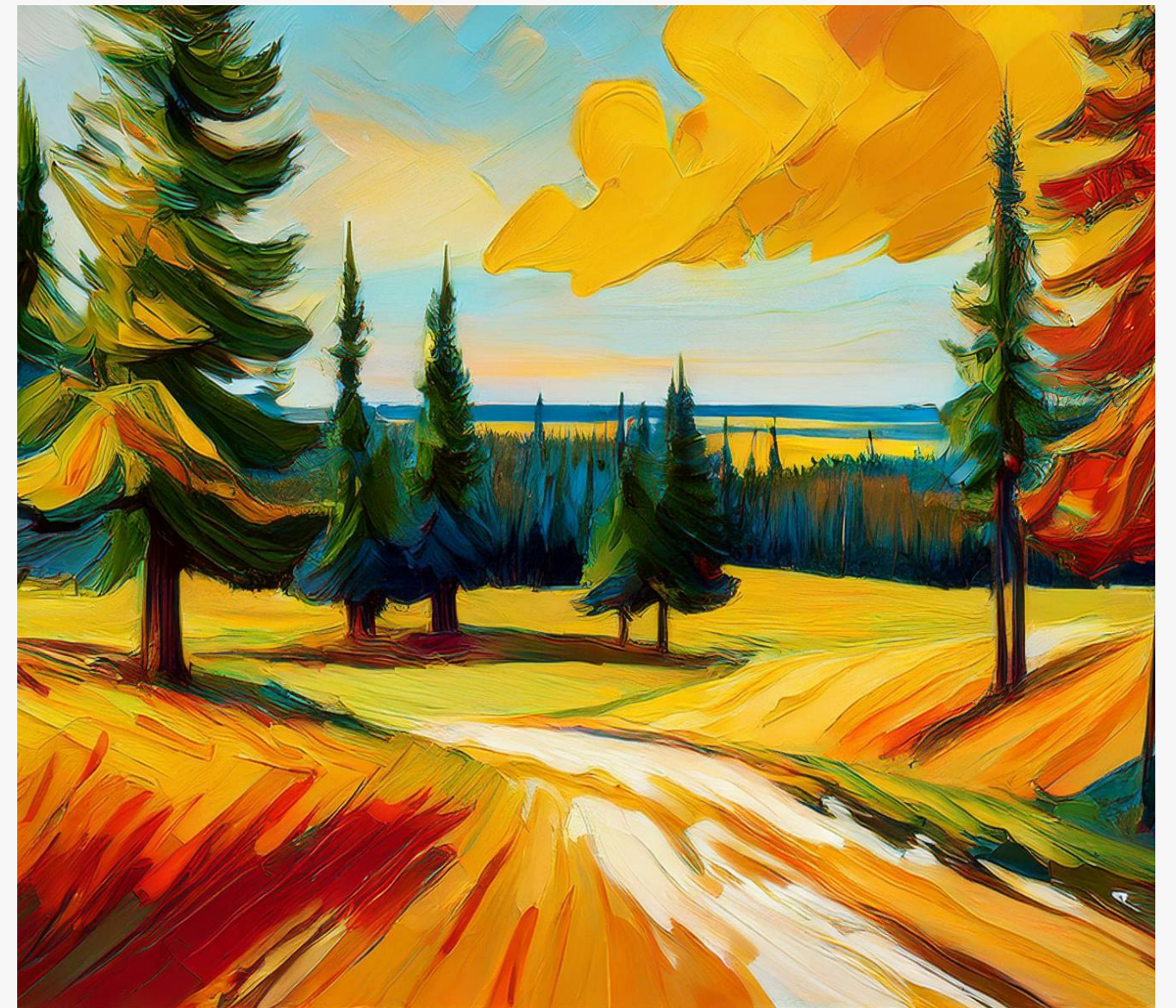
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IBH Claims Administrator

Land Acknowledgement

I would like to acknowledge that we are gathering online from many places across the province now known as British Columbia, on the traditional and unceded territories of hundreds of diverse First Nations, each with their own histories, languages, and governance systems. These lands have been home to Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial, and their deep connections to the land and waters continue today. I am joining you from Calgary, on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, Piikani), the Tsuut'ina Nation, and the Îyârhe Nakoda Nations, within the area of Treaty 7, and I acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3. I honour the sovereignty of all Indigenous Nations, and I am grateful for the opportunity to connect and learn together across these lands.



Indian Boarding Homes

Program Overview

Canada's Indian Boarding Homes Program placed First Nations and Inuit students in private homes to attend school.

Settlement Details

The class action addressed harms caused by the program, including abuse, loss of culture, and prolonged absences from family. Canada agreed to compensate affected individuals and create a foundation for impacted families.



ELIGIBILITY

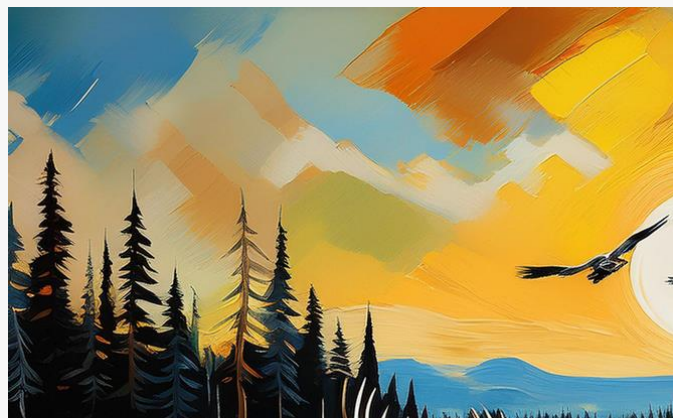
Students who were placed in private homes between **September 1, 1951, and June 30, 1992**, to attend primary or secondary school.

(not post-secondary)



To be eligible the class member must have been alive on or after July 24, 2016



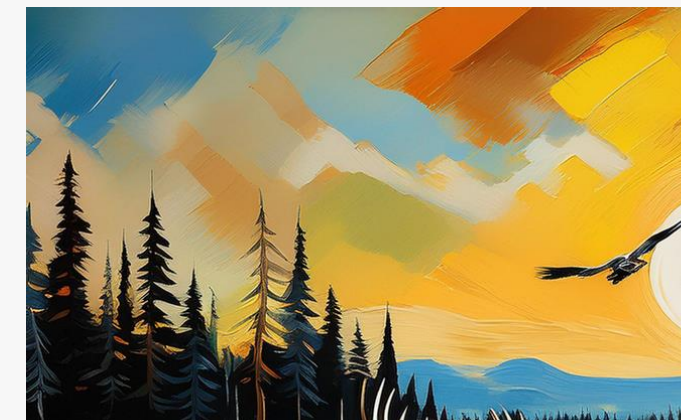
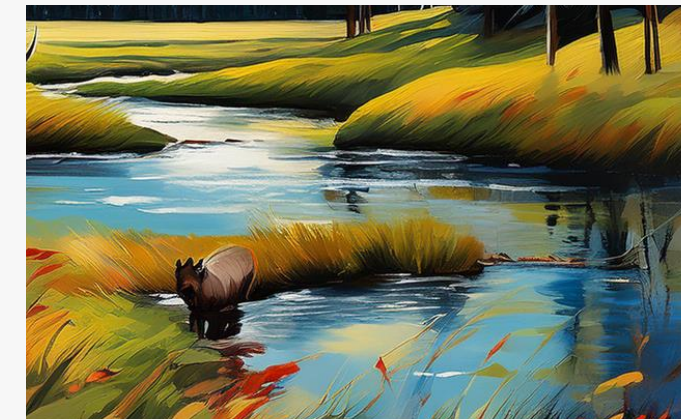


First Nations Health Authority

There is an estimated 6000+ survivors of the
Indian Boarding Homes Program in British
Columbia.

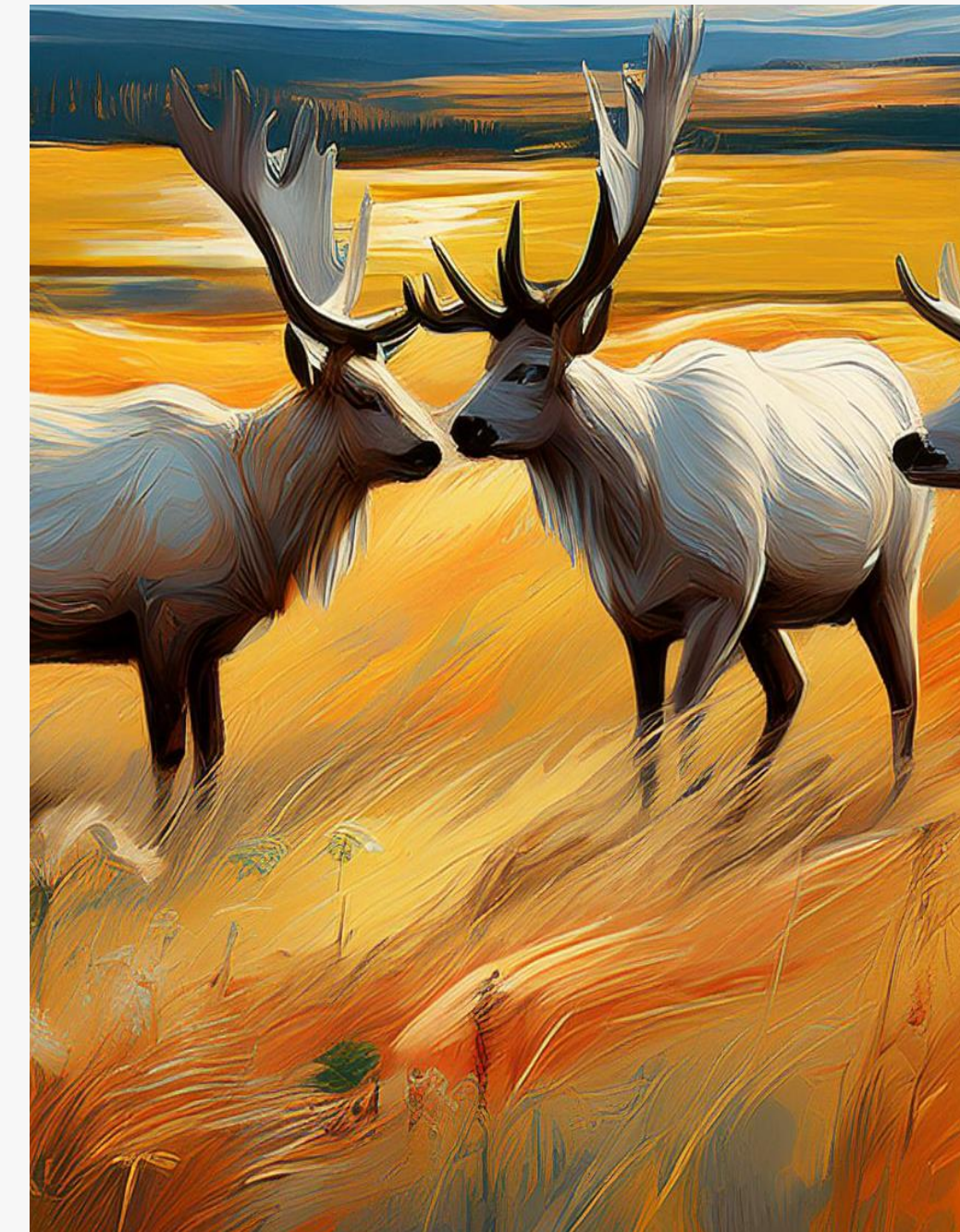
IBH Engagement Sessions Have Taken Place In:

Gitlaxdax Nisga'a Terrace Society
Gingolx Villiage Government
Gitwinksihlkw Village Government
Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a Society (Prince Rupert)
Musqueam Indian Band
Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society
Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society
Gitlaxtaamiks Village Government
Kermode Friendship Society



How Can You Support?

- Share information about the settlement with community members through your health networks, including clinics, wellness centres, mental health teams, and outreach workers.
- Encourage open conversations about Indian Boarding Homes and reminding people that this settlement is distinct from Residential Schools and may apply to different experiences.
- Support survivors by identifying staff who can assist with claim forms or help refer individuals to the Claims Administrator.
- Let us know about upcoming health events or gatherings where we could offer information, printed materials, or brief presentations in a respectful and trauma-informed way.
- Provide advice on how best to communicate with your community, whether through radio, posters, in-person visits, or digital channels.





SUBMISSION DEADLINE

February 22, 2027



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Hope for Wellness

Open 24 hours a day - 7 days a week

1-855-242-3310

www.hopeforwellness.ca

CLAIM FORM SUPPORT

Claims Administrator

Monday – Friday | 9 AM to 7 PM EST

1-888-499-1144

claims@boardinghomesclassaction.com

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LEGAL SUPPORT

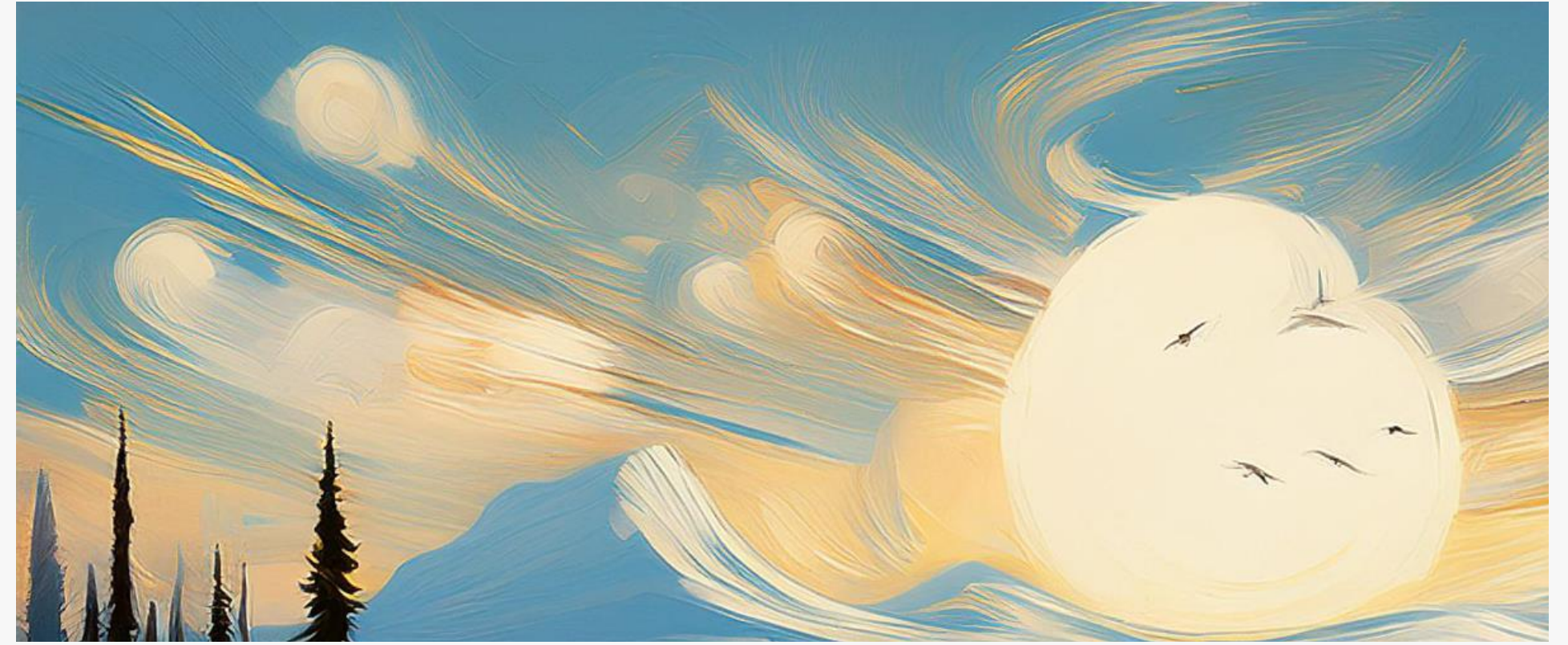
You can contact a lawyer to help you with your claim forms.

CLAIM FORM 1

The Claims Administrator will **not** pay the cost of the lawyer.

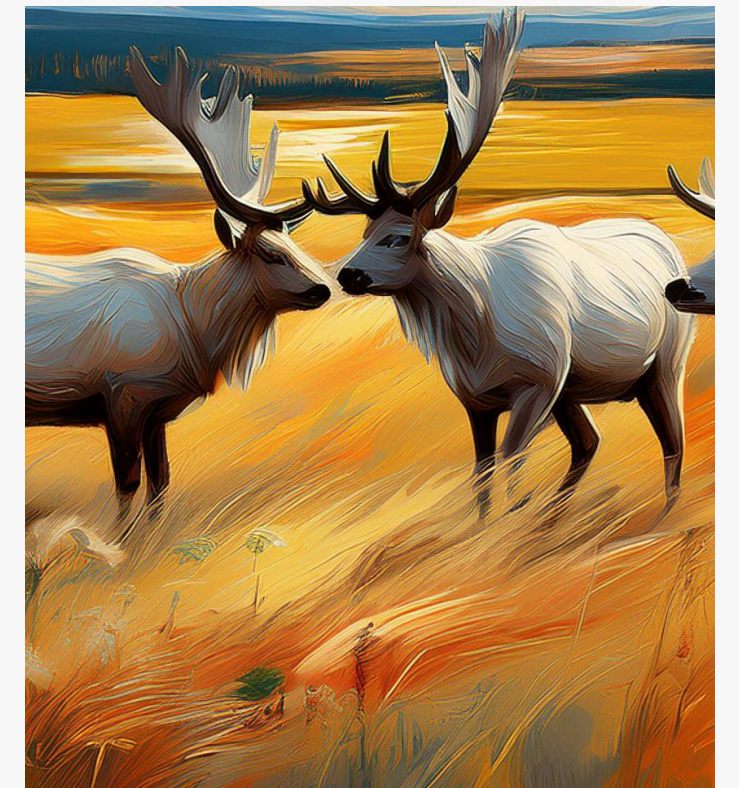
CLAIM FORM 2

The Claims Administrator **will** pay the cost of the lawyer.



CONTACT YOUR LOCAL BAR ASSOCIATION

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THERE ARE TWO CATEGORIES OF CLAIM FORMS



CATEGORY 1 CLAIM FORM



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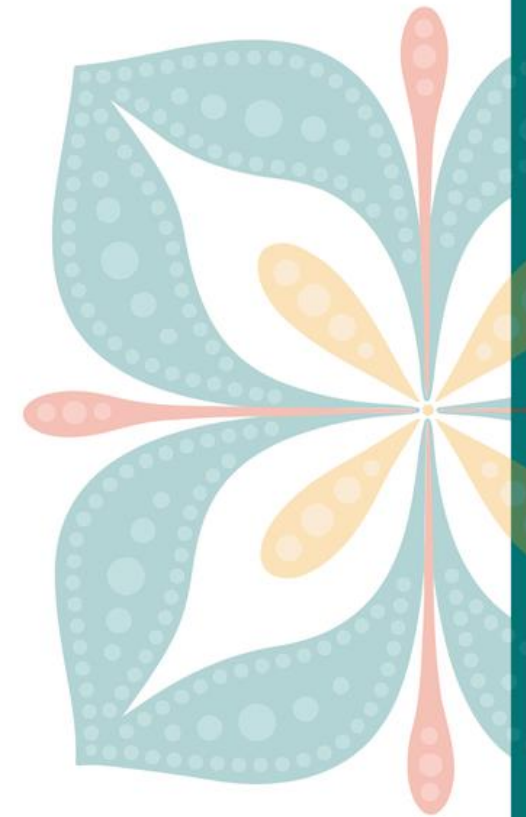
COMMON EXPERIENCE COMPENSATION

For **placement** in the
Indian Boarding Homes Program

\$10,000

CATEGORY 2 CLAIM FORM

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ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR HARMS SUFFERED

Depending on the harm,
compensation will range.

\$10,000 to \$200,000

CATEGORY FORM DETAILS



CATEGORY 1 CLAIM FORM

CATEGORY 1

Category 1 claim form
must be completed first.

CATEGORY 2

This form is not required.
The Claims Administrator
will cover the cost of a
lawyer for Category 2.

CATEGORY 2 CLAIM FORM



HOW TO APPLY FOR COMPENSATION

There are three ways to obtain a claim form.

Click on each icon below to be brought to the form location.

**ONLINE
CLAIM FORM**



**DOWNLOAD
CLAIM FORM**



**MAIL REQUEST
FOR CLAIM FORM**



You are eligible even if you have been a part of other settlements.



Residential Schools Class Action

For Indigenous children placed in government funded institutions where they stayed away from home for months or years.

Day Schools Class Action

For Indigenous children placed in government-funded schools during the day without staying overnight.

Sixties Scoop Class Action

For Indigenous children who were taken from their families adopted by non-Indigenous families or placed in non-Indigenous families for permanent care.

Similarities Between Indian Boarding Homes Class Action and Previous Settlements



- We have no contact list to find survivors.
- No progressive disclosure for CAT2 submissions.
- No additional support beyond the Hope for Wellness support line to connect survivors with support programs.
- Wait times to receive compensation.

Differences Between Indian Boarding Homes Class Action and Previous Settlements

- Can hire their own legal counsel for CAT2 (Claims Administrator will pay).
- No interviews, interrogations, or meetings that may be re-traumatizing.
- A positive inference will be made in favour of survivors.
- Evidence not required to support CAT2 harm compensation.



Challenges

1. Messaging

- Was not historically communicated as the Indian Boarding Homes Program.
 - Indian Boarding Homes overlaps with other government programs.
 - This causes confusion between other settlements.
- Most survivors are seniors; messaging needs to be clear and not technical.
- Getting the message directly to survivors.



Challenges

2. Limited Data

- We don't have well established data sources to use.
- Record keeping is difficult when working with historical records.
- We have no visibility of the data and the process being used by Canada.

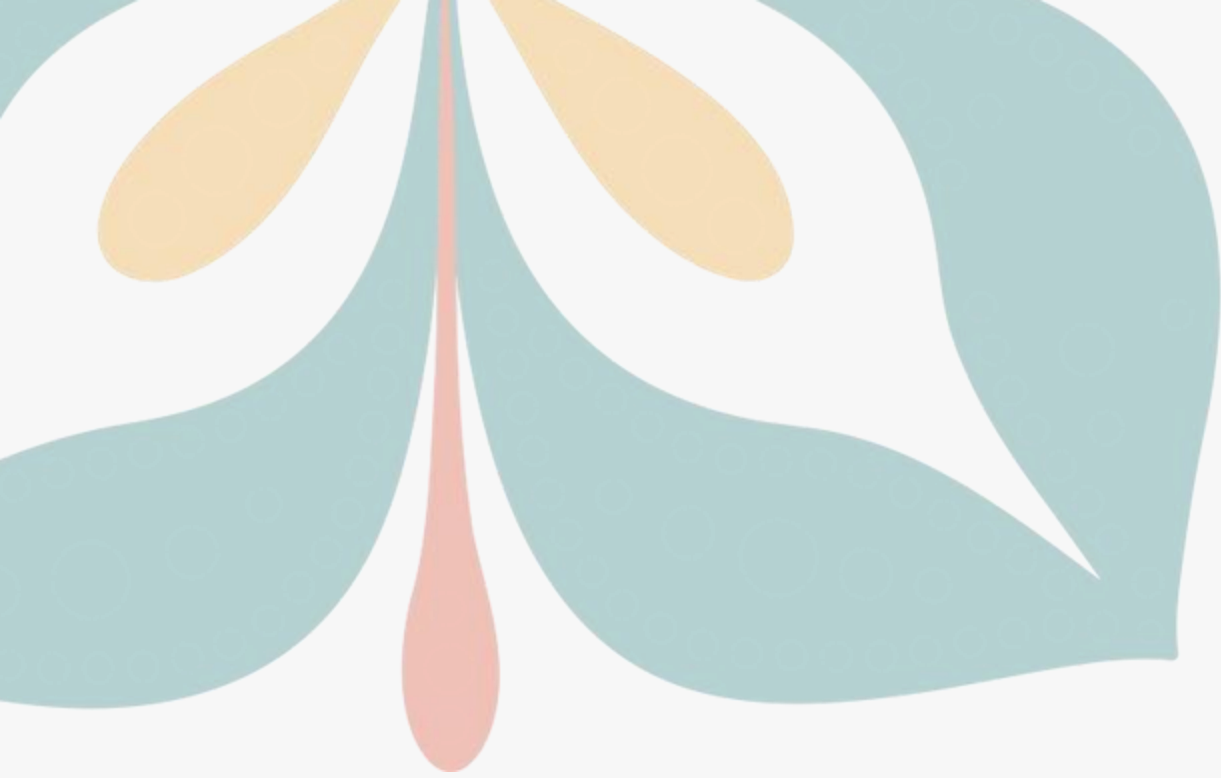


Challenges

3. Missing Information

- We are often missing basic information to identify a survivor, and additional information is required to substantiate they were in the program.
- We may receive conflicting information from Canada that the survivor was not found or was in a different program.





FORM TYPES

CATEGORY 1


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INDIVIDUAL CLAIM FORM (A1)

CLAIM FORM A1

Filling out the form for yourself.

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IBHP – Form A1

Indian Boarding Homes Class Action

Category 1 - Compensation for Placement in the Indian Boarding Homes Program Claim Form (Individual)

Canada created the **Indian Boarding Homes Program** in the 1950s which removed First Nations and Inuit children from their communities and placed them in private homes for the purpose of attending school.

The **Indian Boarding Homes Class Action** provides compensation to people placed in these homes. Primary Class Members of the Indian Boarding Homes Class Action are eligible claimants.

Primary Class Members are individuals who were placed in private homes, during the period of September 1, 1951 and June 30, 1992, for the purpose of attending school, not including placements for post-secondary education. Individuals placed after June 30, 1992, are also included if Canada was responsible for their placement.

For Primary Class Members who died on or after July 24, 2016, this is the wrong form. The person in charge of their estate can complete the Estates Forms on their behalf. If the Primary Class Member is alive and you are the Personal Representative appointed to manage their affairs, this is the wrong form. Please complete the Personal Representative Forms.

Eligible claimants may apply for two categories of compensation:

1. **Category 1** - Compensation Claim for Placement in the Indian Boarding Home Program
2. **Category 2** - Compensation Claim for Abuse

This is an application form for a Category 1 payment. Your first step is to complete this form. You can file a Category 2 Claim for Abuse later OR at the same time as this form.

To learn more about eligibility, relevant dates, and the class action itself, visit:
<https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/>

IMPORTANT: The claim application process has a deadline. Claims Deadline: February 22, 2027


FORM TYPES

CATEGORY 1

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FORM (B1)

CLAIM FORM B1

Filling out the form for someone without the mental capacity to do it themselves.

IBHP – Form B1

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Category 1 - Compensation for Placement in the Indian Boarding Homes Program Claim Form (Personal Representative)

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This form is for Personal Representatives of Primary Class Members who are Persons Under Disability. A Person Under Disability is a person who is unable to manage or make reasonable judgments or decisions by reason of mental incapacity.

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CATEGORY 1

ESTATE FORM (C1)

CLAIM FORM C1

Filling out the form for someone who has passed away.

IBHP – Form C1

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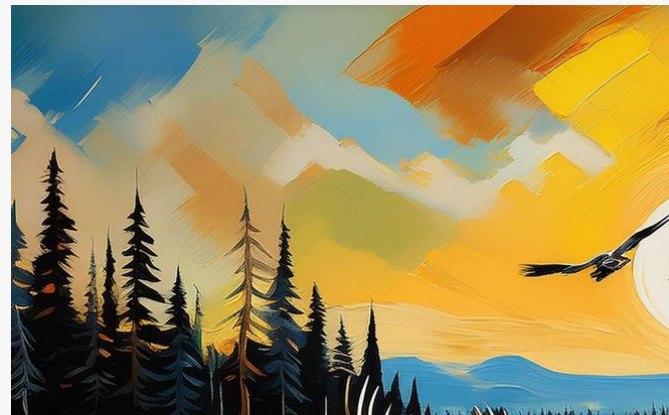
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CLAIM

You can submit your form
four different ways.



Online

www.boardinghomesclassaction.com/claim-forms

Email

claims@boardinghomesclassaction.com

Fax

Subject: Indian Boarding Homes Class Action
Fax Number: 1-833-912-5047

Mail

Attn: Indian Boarding Homes Class Action
18 York Street, Suite 2500, Toronto,
Ontario, Canada, M5J 0B2

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