# **First Nations Health Authority Content**

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## ABOUT THE INDIAN BOARDING HOMES PROGRAM

**The Indian Boarding Homes Program** was created by the Government of Canada, placing children from First Nations, Métis and Inuit villages in communities to stay in private homes for the purpose of attending school.

This **Indian Boarding Homes Class Action settlement** is in response to two legal actions (Superior Court of Quebec and Federal Court cases) filed on behalf of Indigenous children who suffered harassment, abuse, loss of language and culture, and other harms as a result of their participation in the Indian Boarding Homes Program. Through the litigation, plaintiffs sought compensation, recognition, and justice for their experiences and harms suffered.

The Indian Boarding Homes Class Action provides compensation to people placed in these homes as part of this Indigenous class action settlement.

For more information go to: <a href="https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/">https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/</a>

Download our Information Brochure: https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/wp-content/uploads/Bifold-Brochure-Indian-Boarding-Homes.pdf

#### THE CLAIMS PROCESS

If you were affected by the Indian Boarding Homes Program, now is the time to come forward and submit your compensation claim.

Claimants must submit claims before the deadline of Monday, February 22, 2027.

To begin the claim process, follow these four steps:

- 1. Determine Eligibility
- Select the Claim Form Category
- 3. Choose the Appropriate Claim Form
- 4. Use the Claim Form Guide

#### **DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Primary Class Members are individuals who were placed in private homes during the period of September 1, 1951 and June 30, 1992, to attend school, not including placements for post-secondary education.

Individuals placed after June 30, 1992, are also included if Canada was responsible for their placement.

People who were placed in private homes, but died on or after July 24, 2016, may also be eligible, and their estate can apply on their behalf.

Use the Eligibility Checker to **verify eligibility for compensation**:

https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/eligibilitychecker/

#### FIND CLAIM FORMS & SUPPORT IN FILING YOUR CLAIM

There are **two claim form categories** that relate to the Indian Boarding Homes Class Action Program – Category 1 and Category 2.

Each claim category serves a purpose in determining eligibility and settlement compensation for a claimant.

# Category 1

The Category 1 claim form is used to **claim placement** in the Indian Boarding Homes Program.

This claim form must be submitted by all claimants.

## Category 2

The Category 2 claim form is used to **claim abuse** while in the Indian Boarding Homes Program.

This is an optional claim form.

Find forms and resources for filing your claim at: https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/claim-process/

#### **INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Information Sessions are facilitated by Community Engagement Specialists throughout Indigenous communities in Canada to provide information, support and resources regarding the Indian Boarding Homes Class Action Settlement.

Information Sessions allow possible claimants to ask questions that assist in determining eligibility and about the claim filing process.

To find out where upcoming Information Sessions are being held, go to: https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/events/

#### WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU RECEIVE FINANCIAL COMPENSATION

Many people receiving compensation through the Indian Boarding Homes Class Action Settlement may be handling a large payment for the first time. Taking time to plan how to use and protect this money can help you meet current needs and prepare you for the future.

## **Financial Literacy Brochure**

The Indian Boarding Homes Class Action created a Financial Literacy Brochure with tailored guidance for Indian Boarding Homes claimants to download and use as a resource.

Copies are available at Information Sessions held throughout Canada or you can download the brochure here: <a href="https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/wp-content/uploads/Financial-Literacy-Brochure-FINAL-245-06-24.pdf">https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/wp-content/uploads/Financial-Literacy-Brochure-FINAL-245-06-24.pdf</a>

#### **RESOURCES**

Resources for survivors of the Indian Boarding Homes program and their families—offering support, information, and guidance.

Whether you are filing a claim, seeking legal or financial assistance, or looking for emotional and mental health support, these resources are designed to assist you. Explore tools, contact

information, and links to navigate the class action settlement process and connect with the support you need.

Find resources and information to support you at: https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/resources/

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP

Engaging the communities across Canada is key to bringing awareness and compensation to those impacted by the Indian Boarding Homes Class Program.

Help us by learning ways to better assist us in engaging the leaders, organizations, and individuals inside your community.

Download "Our Ask" Community Engagement Flyer: https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/wp-content/uploads/Ask-Flyer-Indian-Boarding-Homes.pdf