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## Important updates

On June 28, 2019, the Federal Court certified the Indian Boarding Homes lawsuit as a class proceeding.

On December 7, 2022, the parties reached an Agreement in Principle to settle the case.

On September 12, 13, and 14, 2023, the Federal Court will hold a Settlement Approval Hearing. The Court will consider whether the settlement is fair, reasonable, and in the best interest of the class.

## Introduction

The Indian Boarding Home Program was an educational program in which the Government of Canada placed children from First Nations communities and Inuit villages in other communities (usually non-Indigenous) to stay with private families for the purpose of attending school. The class action alleges that Canada's actions in creating, operating, and maintaining the Indian Boarding Home Program were wrong. These actions created an environment where children were abused, harassed, and suffered other harms. The prolonged absence from family and community also caused loss of culture, language, and community bonding.

The classes are defined as:

- a) Primary Class - 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.
- b) Family Class - Members of the individual's family who lost the guidance, care, or companionship they could expect from the individual.

For further certainty, the primary class includes, among others, placements for the purpose of attending elementary school and high school.

An individual who was placed in a private home without government involvement is not included in this settlement; individuals who were placed by Indigenous governing bodies after June 30, 1992, are not included.

To be eligible for compensation, the Primary Class Member must have been alive on July 24, 2016.

If you want more information about your rights and options, information about the settlement and details about the settlement approval process in the Indian Boarding Homes Class Action, please read the Long Form Notice or consult the Settlement Agreement.

## Court documents:

- Certification Order

- Settlement Agreement
- Short Form Notice
- Long Form Notice

If you do not want to receive compensation under the settlement and wish to keep your right to bring your own lawsuit regarding your participation in the Boarding Homes Program, you must submit an Opt Out form before expiry of the Opt Out period. To submit an opt out, please follow the instructions below and submit the completed form to one of the law firms listed below. The Opt Out Deadline will be sixty (60) days after the Federal Court approves the Settlement Agreement.

To submit an Opt Out Form, use one of the two following options:

*Note: if you live outside Canada, you must use the PDF Opt Out Form.*

ONLINE OPT OUT FORM

PDF OPT OUT FORM\*

\*Acrobat Reader (to view, fill and save PDF form)

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