



September 19, 2012
is the deadline for Independent Assessment Process applications.
The Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement.
The healing continues.

On September 19, 2007 the Indian Residential Schools Settlement became effective. An important deadline is now approaching.

Under the terms of the Settlement, September 19, 2012 is the Independent Assessment Process (IAP) Application Deadline. Applications submitted after this date will not be accepted. The IAP is a complex process. Do not wait until just before the deadline to begin, as the application form can take time to complete.

What is the IAP? The IAP is an out-of-court process created to resolve claims of abuse at Indian Residential Schools. People who suffered sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, or certain other wrongful acts which caused serious psychological consequences while at a recognized residential school may receive money through the IAP. Awards are based on a point system for different abuses and resulting harms.

Is the IAP different than the Common Experience Payment? Yes. The IAP process is separate and different from the Common Experience Payment (CEP) application process. The CEP is a payment to those who lived at a recognized residential school. The IAP provides payments for specific abuse suffered while at a recognized residential school. Under the settlement, former students could apply for the CEP, or for the IAP, or for both the CEP and IAP.

The CEP application deadline was September 19, 2011; however, where former students can establish that they were unable to submit their CEP application due to disability, undue hardship or exceptional circumstances they can still apply for CEP up until September 19, 2012.

Which schools are included? The list of recognized Indian Residential Schools has been updated. Decisions regarding a number of other schools are in progress. A complete and updated list of recognized residential schools is available at www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca.

Who can apply? You can apply for the IAP if you experienced (1) sexual abuse, (2) serious physical abuse, or (3) certain other wrongful acts which caused serious psychological consequences, while you were

either (a) living at a residential school, (b) a student at a residential school, or (c) under the age of 21 and allowed to be at a residential school to take part in authorized school activities. It is not a requirement to have lived at one of the recognized residential schools in order to make an IAP claim for abuse that may have occurred there.

How do I apply for IAP? To apply for an IAP payment you must complete and submit an application form by **September 19, 2012**, to Indian Residential Schools Independent Assessment Process, Suite 3-505, 133 Weber Street North, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 3G9. **Applications after this date will not be accepted.** The IAP is a complex process and it is strongly recommended that you hire a lawyer if you wish to submit an

IAP application. Do not wait until just before the deadline to begin, as the application form can take time to complete. To get an application, please call 1-866-879-4913 or go to www.iap-pei.ca or www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca.

Do I need a lawyer? All of the parties who developed the IAP believe that claimants should have a lawyer to represent them as the IAP is complex and involves difficult legal concepts and processes. It is not required, but it is strongly recommended that you hire a lawyer to help you. For a list of lawyers, visit www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca. If you

do not wish to hire a lawyer you can call 1-866-879-4913 to obtain information about the support available to you.

What if I have already applied for the Independent Assessment Process? If you have already applied, and have not received any information or have questions about your IAP application, please contact the phone number below.

How can I find out the status of my application? There are 3 ways to find out the status of your application:

- 1) Contact your lawyer or legal representative;
- 2) Call 1-866-879-4913; or
- 3) Send an email at info@iap-pei.ca

Information

- About the IAP and how to apply
 - Help completing the application
 - Find out about a pending IAP claim
- 1-866-879-4913 • www.iap-pei.ca

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