



Information Update: February 13, 2008

Common Experience Payment (CEP)

The Government of Canada is the administrator to the CEP, under a court-supervised process. Our objective is to ensure that all eligible former students are compensated according to the Settlement Agreement.

To date, the Government has received over 86,000 CEP applications and has processed more than 68,000, totaling over \$1.09 billion. These payments are in addition to Advance Payments of \$82.6 million already paid to former students 65 and older, bringing the total to \$1.17 billion.

Eligibility:

Those who are eligible for CEP are former students who:

- lived at a recognized Indian Residential School(s) and were alive on May 30, 2005.
- lived at the Mohawk Institute Residential Boarding School in Brantford, Ontario between 1922 and 1969, and were alive on October 5, 1996.

The Settlement Agreement explicitly cites that CEP is calculated based on residence at an Indian Residential School during any school year, or part of a school year and not a calendar year.

Please note that CEP applicants NOT eligible under the court negotiated Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement include day students and students who lived at residential schools not on the list of recognized institutions. However, many of these former students may be eligible for other individual and collective initiatives under Settlement Agreement.

The CEP eligibility criteria was agreed to by all parties to the Settlement Agreement and approved by the courts.

Reconsideration:

Once a CEP application is processed, applicants receive a detailed letter explaining their assessment and how to proceed if they are not satisfied with the Government's decision. This is an opportunity for former students to have their application reconsidered. This reconsideration process will begin in February 2008. If the applicant still does not agree with the decision, an appeal process, administered by all the parties, is available.

Reconsideration application forms can be found at www.irsr-rqpi.gc.ca and may be submitted by mail, fax, email or telephone:

Common Experience Payment Response Centre
P.O. Box 5260
Nepean LCD Merivale
Ottawa, ON K2C 3H5
Fax: 1-866-352-4080
E-mail: reconsideration@irsr-rqpi.gc
CEP Response Centre Toll Free: 1-866-565-4526

Incomplete School Records:

Please note that in cases of incomplete records, it is not necessary for former students to locate or provide their records in order to determine CEP eligibility. The Government will advise the former student if additional information needs to be provided. This can be done verbally in a telephone conversation or in writing.

Response Centre:

We appreciate the patience of former students as the CEP Response Centre is experiencing a high volume of calls, please be assured every effort is being made to respond as quickly as possible.

More details about the Settlement Agreement are available at:
www.irsr-rqpi.gc.ca