

INDIAN BOARDING HOMES

Class Action

Introduction to the Claims Process – *August 2024*



What is the *Indian Boarding Homes Class Action*?



About the *Indian Boarding Homes “IBHP” Class Action*

- 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** 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.



Why should I file a claim?

- People that file claims in the Indian Boarding Homes Class Action and found to be eligible, can receive financial compensation.

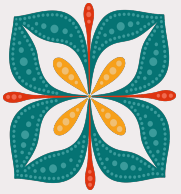
- **There are two types of claims:**

Category 1 – Claim for placement in the Indian Boarding Homes Program

- This category of claim provides compensation for placement in the Indian Boarding Homes Program.
- The amount of compensation for these claims is \$10,000.

Category 2 – Claim for abuse

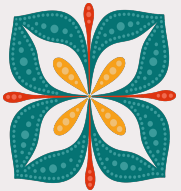
- This category of claim provides compensation based on the harm that was suffered by the person placed in the Indian Boarding Homes program.
- The amount of compensation will be in line with the “compensation grid” provided in the Settlement agreement. It is dependent on the harm suffered by the Class Member and ranges from \$10,000 to \$200,000.
- **IMPORTANT:** Filing a Category 2 claim is **optional**. You do not have to complete a form if you only want to make a Category 1 claim.



Who is eligible to make a claim in the IBHP Class Action?

Individuals are eligible to make a claim if:

1. They were placed in a **private home for the purpose of attending school** (primary, or secondary school only) **AND**
2. They were placed in this **private home during the period between September 1, 1951 and June 30, 1992 OR**
3. They were placed **after June 30, 1992** and the **Government of Canada was responsible for their placement AND**
4. They were **alive on or after July 24, 2016 OR**
5. They represent the estate of someone who met the above criteria, and has since passed away.



How can I check if I am eligible to make a claim?

You can use the **eligibility checker** available on the Indian Boarding Homes Program Class Action website at <https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/eligibilitychecker>.

You can also contact the **Claims Administrator**, and a member of the support team can assist you. You can contact the Administrator at:

Email	Phone	Mail
claims@boardinghomesclassaction.com	1-888-499-1144 Monday – Friday* 9 AM – 7 PM EST	Attn: Indian Boarding Homes Class Action 18 York Street, Suite 2500, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 0B2

* Excluding statutory holidays



Am I eligible if I took part in a previous class action?

Class Members may still be eligible even if they participated in previous class actions.

Examples of previous class actions include:

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.

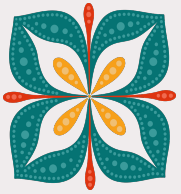
Sixties Scoop Class Action

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



Who can file a claim form?

- There are 3 claim forms that can be completed by the different types of people that can act as a ***claimant***. A claimant is someone who files a claim.
- **The 3 different types of people that can act as a claimant are:**
 - ***Primary Class Member*** – A person who is making a **claim on their own behalf**. They are making a claim that they were placed in the Indian Boarding Homes Program, and potentially experienced harm as part of the program.
 - ***Personal Representative*** - A person who is making a **claim on a class member's behalf**. They are representing the class member because **the class member is considered a "Person under disability"** who is "unable to manage or make reasonable judgments or decisions by reason of mental incapacity."
 - ***Estate Representative*** – A person who is making a claim on behalf of a Primary **class member who has passed away**. An Estate representative can be for an "Estate with a will", where the class member designated an executor for their estate before they died, or for an "Estate without a will", where the representative is the "highest priority heir".

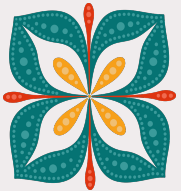


Important Dates

- The claims period will formally begin on **Wednesday, August 21, 2024**
- The claims period will run for ~2 1/2 years and close **February 22, 2027**
- **What does this mean?**
 - Claimants will have to submit their claims (both the Category 1 and Category 2 **by this date unless they have an approved extension**).



**How do I start the
claims process?**



Understanding the Claims Process

Claim Lifecycle – Per Category Claim

- Complete & Send your Claim Form

- Administrator reviews your claim
- (Optional) Administrator asks the claimant questions if needed

- Administrator sends a confirmation of receipt 4-8 weeks after your claim is received

Receive the results of your claim
6-8 Months*

START

1

2

3

4

End

*Notes:

- The time needed to process your claim will depend on the complexity of the claim and your situation
- Claimants applying for a class member that has passed away, but did not leave a will, will be processed at the close of the claims period on February 22, 2027



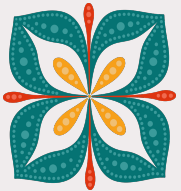
Where do I find the claim forms?

You can locate the claim forms by:

- **Accessing the website:**
 - **Website:** <https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/claim-forms/>
 - You can use the online version of the form, or you can download the pdf versions of the form and send it to the Administrator
- **Requesting for a copy from the Administrator:**
 - You can ask for forms to be mailed to you by contacting the Claims Administrator.

You can contact the Claims Administrator at:

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How do I submit my claim form?

There are different options to submit your claim form. Please choose the submission method that is best for you.

Online:

<https://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
Address:
18 York Street, Suite 2500, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
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I need help with...

My claim or understanding the claims process: Contact the Claims Administrator

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Understanding my legal rights under the class action: Contact Class Counsel or Quebec Subcounsel

- **Class Counsel (Klein Lawyers LLP) :** 1-604-874-7171
- **Quebec Subcounsel (Dionne Schulze s.e.n.c):** 1-888-232-3778

Finding a lawyer to assist me with my claim: Contact your Local Bar Association

- You can find a list of the provincial and territorial bar associations on the website at:
<https://boardinghomesclassaction.com/resources>

Notifying my community about the settlement: Contact the Community Engagement team

- Contact the Claims Administrator call centre, and the support team will notify a community engagement team member to connect with you.
- **Phone Number:** 1-888-499-1144



Support Resources

Hope for Wellness

- You can contact the Hope for Wellness Team for comfort and emotional assistance, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Counselling is available in English, French, Cree, Ojibway and Inuktitut on request.
- You can reach them at:
 - **Phone Number:** 1-855-242-3310
 - **Website:** www.hopeforwellness.ca

If you or someone you know needs urgent medical care, call 911.