

INFORMATION NOTICE FOR INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – PERSONAL CREDITS FOR EDUCATIONAL ENTITIES AND GROUPS

What is the purpose of this notice?

Common Experience Payment recipients and/or certain family members may be coming to you to use non-cash Personal Credits of up to \$3000 for educational programs and services.

What is the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (IRSSA)?

The IRSSA is the largest class action in Canadian history. Implementation began on September 19, 2007, following the agreement reached between legal counsel for former students and the Churches, the Assembly of First Nations, other Aboriginal organizations and the Government of Canada to achieve fair and lasting resolution of the legacy of Indian Residential Schools.

One of the key components of the IRSSA is the Common Experience Payment (CEP), which was to be paid to all eligible former students who applied from a \$1.9 billion trust (referred to as the Designated Amount Fund – DAF).

What are Personal Credits?

Personal Credits are defined in the IRSSA as credits that have no cash value, and are redeemable for either personal or group educational entities and groups.

Personal Credits can be used by Common Experience Payment recipients or certain family members as defined in the Court-approved terms and conditions, which can be found at the website below or by calling the Personal Credits toll free line (also below).



How can Personal Credits be used?

Personal Credits are available for a wide range of programs and services including those provided

by universities, colleges, trade or training schools, Indigenous Institutions or Higher Learning or which relate to literacy or trades, as well as programs and services which relate to the preservation, reclamation, development or understanding of native history, cultures or languages. Personal Credits can also be used for either approved individual or group learning activities.

If your organization is included on the list of approved Educational Entities and Groups for Personal Credits, which can be found on the Official Court Website at www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca, it will have a key role to play in the delivery of eligible educational programs and services. Since Personal Credits are non-cash, students will not be able to make an up-front payment, so the Educational Entity or Group will have to complete Section G of the “Personal Credits Application Form” to receive payment directly from Epiq Class Action Services Inc, formerly Crawford Class Action Services (the Court-appointed Administrator).

If an organization is not included on the list of approved Educational Entities and Groups, please consult the website for more information.

For Group Educational Services:

Inuit CEP Recipients may choose to pool their Personal Credits with other CEP recipients and/or family members who have been transferred Personal Credits towards Inuit culture and language programs or services to be designated and delivered in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, Nunavik or Nunavut. These Services will be delivered by educational entities and groups with assistance from the appropriate Inuit Land Claim organization (Inuvialuit Regional Corporation (IRC) for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, Makivik Corporation for Nunavik and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) for Nunavut).

First Nations, Métis and all other non-Inuit CEP Recipients may choose to pool their Personal Credits with other CEP Recipients (or family members who have been transferred Personal Credits) in a Group Educational Service. These Group Services are aimed at the preservation, reclamation, development or understanding of native identities, histories, cultures or languages.



What is the process to access Personal Credits?

Only Kivalliq Hall CEP recipients are eligible to access Personal Credits at this time. A personalized Personal Credits Application Form is mailed to each CEP recipient who resided at Kivalliq Hall.

What is the deadline for Personal Credits?

Personal Credits Application Forms must be received by the Administrator, postmarked no later than **11:59 pm March 31, 2021**. Late Personal Credits Application Forms will not be accepted or honoured.

Where can I obtain more information on Personal Credits?

More information, including Court-approved terms and conditions, a list of approved Educational Entities and Groups, instructions for personal Credits Application Forms and eligible expenses can be found on the Official Court Website at:

www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca

or by calling the Personal Credits toll free number at 1-866-879-4913.

This website will be updated on a regular basis.