

Sixties Scoop Survivor?

You may be eligible for compensation. Please read this notice carefully.

A settlement has been approved between the Federal Government of Canada and certain survivors of the Sixties Scoop that provides compensation for loss of cultural identity for certain survivors.

WHO IS INCLUDED?

The settlement includes people who:

- are registered Indians (as defined in the *Indian Act*) and Inuit *as well as people eligible* to be registered Indians; and
- were removed from their homes in Canada between January 1, 1951 and December 31, 1991 and placed in the care of non-Indigenous foster or adoptive parents.

Those who meet the criteria above will be included in the settlement as “Class Members”. All Class Members, except those who validly opt out, are eligible for compensation.

In addition, all Class Members, except those who validly opt out, will be held to the terms of the settlement and covered by the releases in the settlement.

WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

- (a) compensation will be available for all Class Members who were adopted or made permanent wards and who were alive on February 20, 2009; and
- (b) a foundation will be created to enable change and reconciliation. The mandate and governance of the foundation will be defined through a consultation process with survivors across the country. The work of the foundation may include providing access to healing/wellness, commemoration and education activities for all communities and individuals impacted by the Sixties Scoop – including those outside of the defined “Class.”

HOW DO I GET THIS MONEY?

To make a claim for money, you must fill in a Claim Form and send it to the claims office by September 3, 2019. Copies of the Claim Form are available at sixtiesscoopsettlement.info.

You do not need to pay a lawyer to complete the form. The administrator will help you fill out the form and there are lawyers you can speak with free of charge.

Also, if you do not have papers from the relevant provincial or territorial child service agency documenting your placement in care or documenting your status, you should still complete the Claim Form. The administrator will make the necessary record checks for you as needed.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I GET?

Your payment will depend on how many Eligible Class Members submit claims in the settlement. The range of compensation will likely be \$25,000 - \$50,000.

The details are explained in the settlement agreement. A copy of the settlement agreement is available at sixtiesscoopsettlement.info.

WHAT IF I WANT TO EXCLUDE MYSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT?

If you want to exclude yourself from the settlement, you must opt out of the class action by October 31, 2018. If you opt out, you will not be entitled to any compensation from the settlement and your claim against Canada in respect of the Sixties Scoop will not be released. A copy of the Opt Out Form is available at sixtiesscoopsettlement.info. If you have commenced a legal proceeding against Canada relating to the Sixties Scoop and you do not discontinue it on or before October 31, 2018, you will be deemed to have opted out of the settlement.

Important Note: The settlement does not interfere with any Class Member’s ability to pursue legal proceedings against provinces or territories or their agencies for physical, sexual, or psychological abuse suffered as a result of the Sixties Scoop.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Visit sixtiesscoopsettlement.info, call 1-(844)-287-4270, or email sixtiesscoop@collectiva.ca.

DO YOU KNOW ANY OTHER SURVIVORS OF THE SIXTIES SCOOP?

Please share this information with them.