

## **Personal Credits Notice**



**If you received a Common Experience Payment, you could get \$3,000 in Personal Credits for educational programs and services.**

### **The Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. The healing continues.**

Since 2007, almost 80,000 former students have received a Common Experience Payment ("CEP") as part of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. CEP recipients are now eligible to receive non-cash Personal Credits of up to \$3,000, for either themselves or certain family members, for educational programs and services.

**What are Personal Credits?** Personal Credits may be used for a wide range of educational programs and services, including those provided by universities, colleges, trade or training schools, Indigenous Institutions of Higher Learning, or which relate to literacy or trades, as well as programs and services related to Aboriginal identities, histories, cultures or languages.

**How much are Personal Credits?** Adequate funds are available for each CEP recipient to receive up to \$3,000 in Personal Credits, depending on your approved educational expenses.

**Which educational entities and groups are included?** A list of approved educational entities and groups has been jointly developed by Canada, the Assembly of First Nations and Inuit representatives. If an educational entity or group is not on the list, please consult the website for more information.

**Will I receive a cheque?** No. Cheques will be issued directly to the educational entity or group providing the service.

**Who can use Personal Credits?** CEP recipients can use the full amount themselves or give part or all of their Personal Credits to certain family members such as a spouse, child, grandchild or sibling, as defined in the terms

and conditions. Personal Credits of multiple CEP recipients can be combined to support a group learning activity.

**How can I get Personal Credits?** Each CEP recipient will be mailed an Acknowledgement Form. If you do not receive an Acknowledgement Form by the end of January 2014, please call 1-866-343-1858. Completed Acknowledgement Forms should be returned as soon as possible and must be postmarked no later than **October 31, 2014**.

**How do I redeem my Personal Credits?** Once approved, you will be sent a personalized Redemption Form for each individual using Personal Credits at each educational entity or group. Once the Form is received, provide it to the educational entity or group listed. The educational entity or group must then complete and mail back the Redemption Form postmarked no later than **December 1, 2014**.

CEP recipients have the option of sharing their Personal Credits with certain family members, such as:

- Children
- Spouses
- Grandchildren
- Siblings

**What happens to unused Personal Credits?** The value of unused Personal Credits will be transferred to the National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund and Inuvialuit Education Foundation for educational programs.

For more information, including how Personal Credits can be redeemed by certain family members of CEP recipients that are deceased, visit [www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca](http://www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca) or call 1-866-343-1858.

The IRS Crisis Line (1-866-925-4419) provides immediate and culturally appropriate counselling support to former students who are experiencing distress.

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