

Day School Settlement

Updated FAQs

What's happening now?

The Government of Canada reached a proposed settlement with Day School survivors. The Federal Court heard arguments for and against specific terms of the settlement in mid-May. Small changes may be made but the main terms of the settlement should be approved.

The court decision might not be released for a few months. Until then, the settlement is not final and there is no application available.

The proposed settlement has already been revised to give survivors more time to apply – 2 ½ years once the application has been released.

What do I have to do?

If you wish to receive communications directly from the lawyers, including the application form when it is available, you can sign up here: <https://ca.gowlingwlg.com/dayschoolclassaction/>

Signing up is **NOT** the same as the application form for compensation. You do not have to do anything now to be included.

Who is eligible?

- Anyone who attended a federal Indian Day School and suffered harm from attending is eligible for compensation.
- There is a list of pre-approved Day schools, including Mount Elgin (1946-1992), Bear Creek School (1868-1959), Back Settlement (1869-1970), Muncey (1877-1942) and River Settlement (1873-1959). Full list here - <https://indiandayschools.com/en/wp-content/uploads/Schedule-K-List-of-Day-Schools-002.pdf>
- Estates of Day School survivors who passed away after July 31st, 2007 are eligible.

How much will survivors receive?

- Amounts will range from \$10,000-200,000 – depends on type and frequency of harm.
- Survivors will have to submit paper claims (with any documentation) for evaluation but there will be no further questioning or cross-examination.

How will COTTFN help?

We are working on getting documentation to support applications, including lists of those who attended. We will organize sessions to help fill out the applications once they are available. We will keep providing updates and ensure that application forms are distributed.

Who can I contact for more information or emotional support?

Help Line

Hope for Wellness

24/7 toll-free 1-855-242-3310

Lawyers

Gowling is being paid through the settlement to provide legal support for FREE to applicants

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