



NOTICE: Members receiving Social Assistance/other government funded programs

Upon review of Indigenous Services Canada Social Assistance Policy and Procedure Handbook, receiving any funds from a land settlement will deem current clients non-eligible for income assistance for a lengthy period.

Financial and Other awards	<p>One time awards that are not specifically defined as exempt can be considered "other awards" and exempt up to the family's asset level. Ongoing monthly financial awards are considered unearned income and must be considered when calculating eligibility for assistance.</p> <p>If the payments are from a structured settlement, they are treated the same way as payments from a trust (see below)</p> <p>Examples of such awards include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPP Class Action Settlement Agreement</li> <li>• Director of Employment Standards Determinations</li> <li>• <a href="#">Land Claim</a> Settlements</li> <li>• WCB payments awarded for a criminal injury which occurred on the job</li> </ul>	Unearned Income	Exempt up to the asset level for the family
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There are a few options that can be chosen for personal disbursement.

1. "Eligible Members who complete the AFN approved financial literacy course will receive 100% of their PCD on the Distribution Date or Trust Release Date as the case may be."
2. Opting out of the financial literacy course will result in your disbursement being broken down into 2 pieces. "Those Eligible Members who choose not to complete the financial literacy workshop will receive sixty percent (60%) of the PCD on the Distribution Date as an initial release, and forty percent (40%) six (6) months later."

With either option here, there is a plan in place to set up incremental monthly or bi-weekly distributions that will mimic a paycheck for each month. It is encouraged that all members take time to prepare and set up safety nets for this disbursement.

For those on CPP benefits or PWD benefits, we recommend you speak with your respective representatives to assess the impact the payments may have.

Please reach out to the Social Development department for questions, and help getting your accounts set up and ready for your personal disbursement.