

Sixties Scoop Claims Process: Fact Sheet

Timeline

- **December 2018:** National settlement for Sixties Scoop Survivors approved, including \$50 million for a Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation and up to \$750 million for individual payment. According to the settlement, each eligible claimant will receive an equal share of individual payment.
- **September 2019:** The claims period for class members to apply for individual payment formally closes. Those with special circumstances are provided with an extension until **December 2, 2019**.
- **March 16, 2020:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Claims Administrator pauses the denial of applications and suspends deadlines for those who received a “Notice of Intent to Reject” letter dated in February or March.
- **March 27, 2020:** Federal Court orders that once more than 4,767 Applicants have been fully rejected, the Claims Administrator can disperse final payments. The Claims Administrator is issued \$500 million that it can use to begin distributing payments.
- **June 1, 2020:** As the suspension of deadlines remains in place, and application denials remain paused, the Federal Court acts to expedite the individual payment process by ordering an interim payment of \$21,000 be made to each eligible claimant. This payment is to commence immediately, once it is also approved by the Ontario Court, and will be made available to eligible Applicants on a rolling basis, as the claims review process continues. This order replaces the Federal Court’s previous order of March 27th regarding the dispersal of final payments.
- **Next steps:** The Administrator is closely monitoring the situation to determine when it will be safe and fair to reinstate timelines for incomplete applications and resume the process of issuing denials, where appropriate. All the parties will return to court at a later date to seek an order that will determine the threshold for final payments to all Eligible Class Members.

Claims Stats

As of March 16, 2020:

- 34,767 claims submitted
- 12,551 claims determined eligible (36%)
- Approximately 4% of claims determined *not* eligible (Official Notice of Rejection was issued; note that anyone who received this notice dated in February or March 2020, the deadline to file an appeal is currently suspended)

- Approximately 20% of Applicants have received a “Notice of Intent to Reject” letter requesting additional documentation to be filed (deadline for response currently suspended for those who received notices dated February or March 2020)
- Approximately 40% of claims are actively being processed by the Administrator

Class Counsel Law Firms and Contact Information

- British Columbia: Klein Lawyers – 1-604-874-7171
- Alberta: Merchant Law Group – 1-306-653-7756
- Saskatchewan: Merchant Law Group – 1-306-653-7756
- Manitoba: Merchant Law Group – 1-306-653-7756
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