

ONTARIO TRAINING SCHOOLS CLASS ACTION

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

Please read this notice carefully – your legal rights may be affected. You might prefer to wait until you are in a safe space before reading further or have someone else to read it for you, as the notice may bring back difficult memories and emotions. ConnexOntario's mental health support line is available 24/7 toll-free at 1-866-531-2600.

This notice is to inform you that the Ontario Superior Court of Justice Settlement has approved a Settlement reached in a class action lawsuit against Ontario relating to harms that individuals suffered while at certain provincially operated Training Schools.

Eligible Class Members can now make claims for compensation from the Settlement. Eligible Class Members who submit a Claim Form may receive up to \$100,000. The deadline to submit a Claim Form is September 22, 2027.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM COMPENSATION?

The "Class" or "Class Members" includes all persons who were alive as of December 8, 2015 who resided at any of the following institutions during the time periods set out below (the "Training Schools"):

| Training School | Eligible Time Period |
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| Pine Ridge School, Bowmanville (formerly The Ontario Training School for Boys) | January 1, 1953 – 1979 |
| Cold Springs Forestry Camp | January 1, 1963 – 1976 |
| Hillcrest School, Guelph (formerly known as Ontario Training School for Boys, Guelph) | January 1, 1953 – 1978 |
| Brookside School, Cobourg (formerly Ontario Training School for Boys, Galt, and Ontario Training School for Boys, Northumberland and Ontario Training School for Boys, Cobourg) | January 1, 1953 – April 2, 1984 |
| Trelawney House, Port Bolster (formerly known as Ontario Training School for Girls, Port Bolster Trelawney House) | August 1969 – 1973 |
| Kawartha Lakes School, Lindsay (formerly Ontario Training School for Girls, Lindsay) | 1962 – 1979 |
| Glendale School, Simcoe (formerly Ontario Training School for Boys, Simcoe) | 1962 – July 30, 1974 |
| White Oaks Village, Hagersville (formerly Ontario Training School for Boys, Hagersville (Junior School)) | 1966 – 1978 |
| Sprucedale School, Hagersville (formerly Ontario Training School for Boys, Hagersville (Senior School)) | 1966 – April 2, 1984 |
| Cecil Facer School, Sudbury | 1971 – April 2, 1984 |
| Project DARE – Portage Lake | 1971 - 1976 |
| Syl Apps Youth Centre (formerly Ontario Training School for Girls, Galt (Reception and Diagnostic Centre); Reception and Diagnostic Centre, Galt; Reception, Diagnostic Treatment Centre, Galt; and the Reception and Assessment Centre, Oakville) | 1958 – April 2, 1984 |

The Class does **not** include persons who resided at: (1) Grandview Training School, (2) St. Joseph's Training School for Boys, (3), St. John's Training School, (4) Ontario Training School for Girls, Toronto; (5) Central Wardship Planning Unit; (6) Elmcrest School; and (7) Champlain School.

WHAT BENEFITS ARE AVAILABLE UNDER THE SETTLEMENT?

There is a settlement fund of up to \$60 million available to pay eligible Class Members as well as certain fees and expenses, including an honorarium for the representative plaintiff and Class Counsel's legal fees in the amounts approved by the Court.

Class Members may be eligible for compensation from the Settlement if they submit a Claim Form before September 22, 2027. Estate representatives may also submit Claim Forms on behalf of deceased Class Members who passed away on or after December 8, 2015.

Approved Claims will be awarded compensation of up to \$100,000 depending on the nature of the harm the Class Member experienced at the Training Schools. The Court has appointed a third-party, called the Claims Administrator (Epiq), that will decide all Claims according to a Compensation Plan set out in the Settlement.

As part of the Settlement, Ontario issued a public acknowledgment of harm experienced by Class Members at the Training Schools. You can read the acknowledgment by visiting: [Ontario Newsroom Link](#).

HOW DO I MAKE A CLAIM?

You must submit a fully completed Claim Form to the Claims Administrator by September 22, 2027, or else you will not be eligible for any money. To complete the Claim Form online, visit: [[Claims Portal](#)]. To obtain a paper or digital copy of the Claim Form, visit <https://www.trainingschoolsclassaction.com> or contact the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-877-239-4879 or by email at info@TrainingSchoolsClassAction.com.

CAN I OPT-OUT OF THE SETTLEMENT?

Yes. You may opt out (remove yourself from the lawsuit) by submitting an Opt-Out Form by March 22, 2027. You can contact the Claims Administrator using the details below to obtain an Opt-Out Form. If you opt out, you will not be able to make a claim for money under the Settlement, but you will be able to commence your own individual lawsuit against Ontario if you wish to do so.

CAN I GET HELP WITH MY CLAIM?

Yes. If you have questions or need help completing your Claim Form, you can contact the Administrator toll-free at 1-877-239-4879 or by email at info@TrainingSchoolsClassAction.com.

You can also get legal assistance from the law firm for the Class Members (Koskie Minsky LLP) at no cost to you. You can contact the law firm toll-free at 1-866-860-9364 or by email at TrainingSchoolsClassAction@kmlaw.ca.

To obtain more information about the Settlement and download a copy of the Claim Form by yourself, please visit <https://www.trainingschoolsclassaction.com>.

This notice was approved by order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer. The court offices are unable to answer any questions about the matters in this notice. Please do not contact them.