

Subject: Treatment of the Mosquito Grizzly Bear's Head Lean Man First Nation and Peepeekisis First Nation Specific Claim payments

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BACKGROUND:**MOSQUITO GRIZZLY BEAR'S HEAD LEAN MAN FIRST NATION SPECIFIC CLAIM**

Mosquito Grizzly Bear's Head Lean Man First Nation reached a resolution with the Government of Canada with respect to a Specific Claim under Canada's *Specific Claims Tribunal Act* regarding a breach of the Crown's fiduciary duty due to a surrender of lands.

First Nation members received a total payment of \$20,000 from their band as part of a land claim settlement from the Government of Canada.

The Minister has exercised his authority to exempt the specific land claim payments under the Income Support, Training and Health Benefits (ISTHB) Regulation:

- as an asset or liquid asset purchased or obtained from the individual payments under Schedule 1, Section 1(1)(n.2) of the Regulation; and
- as income under Schedule 2, Section 1(1)(s) of the Regulation.

Ministerial Order 2021-025 allows for a full exemption of the payments from Mosquito Grizzly Bear's Head Lean Man First Nation to its members as a result of the Specific Claim

- for the purposes of determining financial resources, pursuant to section 1(1)(s) of Schedule 2 of the Regulation.
- as an asset or liquid asset that was purchased or obtained with money from the payments for the purpose of determining assets, pursuant to section 1(1)(n.2) of Schedule 1 of the Regulation.

PEEPEEKISIS FIRST NATION SPECIFIC CLAIM

Peepeekisis First Nation reached a resolution with the Government of Canada with respect to a Specific Claim under Canada's *Specific Claims Tribunal Act* regarding a breach of the Crown's lawful obligation to the band with respect to a federally imposed farm colony on reserve land.

Peepeekisis Nation is making a one-time per capita distribution (PCD) payment of \$15,000 paid equally to their members from the proceeds of the Specific Claim.

This payment is considered exempt income as a non-recurring PCD under the Income Support, Training and Health Benefits (ISTHB) Regulation, Schedule 2, section 1(1)(r).

The Minister has exercised his authority to exempt the payment from the determination of assets, including any asset to the extent it was purchased with the payment under the ISTHB Regulation, Schedule 2, section 2(2)(i.1).

Ministerial Order 2021-027 allows for a full exemption of the PCD payment from Peepeekisis Nation to its members:

- as an asset or liquid asset that was purchased or obtained with money from the PCD payment for the purpose of determining assets, pursuant to section 1(1)(n.2) of Schedule 1 of the Regulation.

INTENT:

To ensure Income Support policy accurately reflects the treatment of these payments.

POLICY:

The following policies have been updated:

[Fully Exempt Income](#)
[Asset Exemptions](#)