

Subject: Blood Tribe Mismanagement of Assets Claim Settlement, Learner Income and Asset Exemption

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BACKGROUND:

The Blood Tribe (also known as Kainaiwa or Kainai First Nation) has voted in favour of a \$150 million financial settlement between the Government of Canada and the Blood Tribe over a claim regarding the mismanagement of cattle between 1894-1923. Each member will receive a \$2,000 per capita distribution.

Non-recurring per capita distribution payments from a First Nation to its members are automatically exempted as a financial resource for Learners.

The Ministers of Advanced Education and Labour have signed Ministerial Orders to exempt liquid assets and assets purchased or obtained with the income received from the Claim Settlement. These assets will not be considered when determining eligibility for Learner Income Support.

INTENT:

To ensure that Learner Income Support policy accurately reflects the exemption of income and assets with respect to a payment under the Claim Settlement.

POLICY:

The following Ministerial Orders have been posted:

[Ministerial Order 2019-18 \(Labour\)](#)

[Ministerial Order 106/2019 Advanced Education](#)

The following Learner policies have been updated:

Learner Policy and Procedures- [Asset Exemptions](#)

Learner Policy and Procedures- [100% Exempt Income](#)