

Subject: Treatment of Income and Assets for Full Time Learners
(The Heroes' Fund and the Enoch Cree Nation Bombing Range Specific Claim Settlement payments)

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BACKGROUND:

The Government of Alberta has established the Heroes' Fund which will recognize the sacrifices of first responders who die as a result of performing their duties. The Fund will provide a one-time, tax-free payment of \$100,000 to eligible families.

The Enoch Cree Nation has signed a settlement agreement with the Government of Canada to address the misuse of Enoch's reserve lands as a practice bombing range by the federal government during World War II. The Enoch Cree Nation will be using the proceeds from the settlement to issue per capita distribution payments of \$13,500 to their members.

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 and Immigration have signed Ministerial Orders to exempt the income, liquid assets and assets purchased or obtained with the income received from both payments. These financial resources 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 settlement agreement.

The following Ministerial Orders have been posted:

[Ministerial Order 2021-01 \(Labour and Immigration\)](#)

[Ministerial Order 100/2021 \(Advanced Education\)](#)

POLICY:

The following Learner policies have been updated:

[Asset Exemptions](#)

[100% Exempt Income](#)