

First Nations Drinking WATER SETTLEMENT FAQ

What is the Drinking Water Settlement?

The settlement is a lawsuit between Canada and certain First Nations and their members. It addresses Canada's failure to take all reasonable steps to ensure that First Nations communities have adequate access to clean, safe drinking water.

The settlement includes compensation for individuals and First Nations subject to a drinking water advisory that lasted at least one year between November 20, 1995 and June 20, 2021. For more information, visit firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca

What Dates Are Covered?

The dates covered are for individuals and First Nations subject to a drinking water advisory that lasted at least one year between November 20, 1995 and June 20, 2021.

As a Six Nations Community member, if you were born before November 20, 1995, the date you put on the claim is November 20, 2013. If you were born after November 20, 1995, the date you put on the claim is November 20, 1995.

For more information on the dates covered, check out the Interactive Guides – Part 2: Section 1 (<https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca/index.php/interactive-guide/>)



Why Are the Dates Different for Those Born Before and After November 20, 1995?

Legislative limitations and Canadian law places limits on how long adults must bring a lawsuit forward after an event happens.

For more information, visit:

<https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca/index.php/help-support/faqs/>

Who Is Eligible to Make a Claim?

Eligibility criteria can be found at firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca

Please note, any community claims will be denied and for individual claims, depending on your circumstances, may or may not be approved. If you have any questions, reach out to Laurie Martin at Central Administration (1695 Chiefswood Road) or 519-445-2201 ext. 3229.

How Do I Make a Claim?

Individuals 18 years and older can submit an 'Individual Claim Form'.

Individuals under the age of 18, or people who are disabled or deceased (please note, people who were deceased before November 20, 2017 are not eligible) can have someone submit the "Representative Claim Form" on their behalf.

Claim forms can be found online at firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca or at Central Administration (1695 Chiefswood Road).

For more information about the claim form, visit

<https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca/index.php/making-a-claim/>



How Do I Submit My Claim?

Electronically: Submit online

through the website (firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca), through email (firstnationswater@deloitte.ca) or via fax (647-738-5206)

- SNGR will submit electronically on your behalf if you are unable to do so; connect with Laurie Martin to schedule an appointment at 519-445-2201 ext. 3229.

Mail: PO Box 160, Stn Adelaide, Toronto, ON, M5C 2J2

- Please ensure you use your current mailing address. We encourage you to obtain a tracking number for your claim, to ensure it reaches the administrator.

Will This Compensation Impact My Social Benefits?

No, compensation paid through the claims process of this settlement is not to be considered income for tax purposes.

For more information, visit the firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca FAQ page under Compensation - Individual, question "Will this compensation impact my social benefits?"

When is the Deadline to Submit a Claim?

March 7, 2024 is the deadline to submit a claim.



When Will I Receive Compensation if My Claim is Approved?

Claims will be paid within 120 days after the claims deadline.

How Much Compensation Would I Receive if My Claim is Approved?

The anticipated amounts are:

- A) \$2000 per year for people in remote First Nations,
- B) \$2000 per year for people in non-remote First Nations under a 'due not use advisory'
- C) \$1650 per year for people in non-remote First Nations under a 'do not consume advisory'
- D) \$1300 per year for people in non-remote First Nations under a 'boil water advisory'
 - In the letter to the administrator, Six Nations Elected Council has stated that our territory is under a Boil Water Advisory.

For more information on anticipated amounts and certain circumstances around the amounts, visit firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca FAQ Page 'Compensation – Individual'

How Do I Get Support to Fill Out a Claim?

Laurie will assist with filling out the claim, as well as submitting it on your behalf electronically. Please get in contact at 519-445-2201 ext. 3229 to schedule an appointment.

Connect with Deloitte, the claim administrator by calling 1-833-252-4220 (Monday–Friday, 10am–6pm EST)



Why is Six Nations Not on the Affected List?

The administrator denied the application to have Six Nations of the Grand River added to the list of affected communities. Although Six Nations is not on the list, we encourage all Six Nations band members who lived on the territory at any time between November 20, 1995 and June 20, 2021 to submit an individual claim.

Can I Reapply if I Applied Before the Previous Deadline?

If the administrator has approved your claim, you may not re-apply or update your claim. If the administrator has not approved your claim, you may provide additional information to it.

Reminder: check the status of your claim and ensure you received a claim number, if you do not have a claim number please call and request it.

What Documents/Records are Required to Submit With My Claim?

SNGREC created a letter of attestation (letter of support) for all individuals submitting a claim to explain that Six Nations of the Grand River Territory is under a Water Boil Advisory. Please submit this with your claim with any applicable water records/documents that support your claim.

