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Flood Award One-Time Per Capita Payment Frequently Asked Questions

How much is the payment?

\$1,250 per person.

Am I eligible to receive a payment?

You are eligible if:

You were eligible to be a registered Lac Seul band member on or before October 12, 2017

AND

You are registered as a Lac Seul band member on or before January 31, 2020

AND

You submit a completed application for a payment to Lac Seul First Nation on or before January 31, 2020.

When can I receive my payment?

Once you have filled out and submitted an application form, the First Nation will assess your application to ensure it meets the eligibility requirements. If it does, the First Nation will issue a cheque or direct deposit payment. This process can take several weeks. Mailed cheques will take longer, depending on postal services.

How do I receive a payment?

You will need to fill out an application form provided by the First Nation. Once you have filled out the form, it will be reviewed to ensure that you meet the eligibility requirements. If you do, the form will be processed and either a cheque will be issued, and will be mailed to you, or direct deposit payment will be issued.

Can I pick up my payment cheque?

No. All cheques will be mailed to the address provided on the application.

Where can I get an application form to apply for a payment?

Request one by mail from Lac Seul First Nation, P.O. Box 100, Hudson, Ontario P0V 1X0, Attention: Jill Koval

Request one by phone from (807) 582-9722 or Toll Free: 1-866-582-9722.

Request one by fax from (807) 582-3449.

Download from the internet at www.lsfn.ca.

Pick one up at any Lac Seul First Nation band office.

How do I submit my application?

By mail to PO Box 100, Hudson Ontario, P0V 1X0, Attention Jill Koval

By fax (807) 582-3449

By email awardspayment@lacseulfn.org

In person at any Lac Seul First Nation band office.

How is my application processed?

All applications and payments are administered offsite. Because of this no same-day applications will be processed.

Do I need to show any documents to receive a payment?

If you are applying for your own payment [use **Application Form 1**]:

- You will need to provide personal and contact information for yourself (e.g. band registration number, date of birth, etc.), and
- Provide copies of two (2) pieces of identification (e.g., driver's license, status card, birth certificate).

If you are applying for a minor child (under the age of 18) [use **Application Form 2**]:

- You will be required to provide the personal information of the child (e.g. date of birth, band registry number, etc.),
- Provide your own contact information,
- Provide copies of two (2) pieces of identification for yourself (e.g., driver's license, status card, birth certificate), and
- If you are a parent, a copy of your child's birth certificate; or
- If you are a guardian, a copy of proof of guardianship.

If you are applying for a person who is not capable of managing their own financial affairs (e.g., by reason of a mental handicap, dementia, age or infirmity, etc.) [use **Application Form 2**]:

- You will be required to provide the personal information of the person who is not capable (e.g., date of birth, band registry number, etc.),
- Provide your own contact information,
- Provide copies of two (2) pieces of identification for yourself (e.g., driver's license, status card, birth certificate),
- Provide copies of two (2) pieces of identification for the person who is not capable (eg. Status card, birth certificate, etc.) and
- If you are a guardian, a copy of proof of guardianship, or
- If you are an attorney under a continuing power of attorney, a copy of the power of attorney document.

If I live off reserve, how will my payment get to me?

You can have either have a cheque mailed to you or be issued a direct deposit payment. If payment by cheque is selected you must provide your mailing address, if direct deposit is selected either a copy of a void cheque or direct deposit form must be provided with your application. Cheques will not be available for pick up.

Can I direct my payment be issued to another individual of my choosing?

Only in special circumstances will requests for payment to be issued to another individual be approved. Details explaining why payment cannot be issued to yourself must be provided in the Notes Section of the application form. Acceptable reasons include being out of the country, being incarcerated and not having a Canadian bank or credit union account. If you have a Canadian bank or credit union account, payment may be directed there.

Can I claim a payment for a deceased relative or individual?

No. Persons who are deceased before the receipt of the payment are ineligible.

Can I claim a payment for a mentally disabled person in my care?

Yes, if:

- The mentally disabled person was a registered Lac Seul band member on or before October 12, 2017, or was eligible to be a registered Lac Seul band member on or before October 12, 2017 and has become a registered Lac Seul First Nation band member on or before January 31, 2020; and
- You are the parent, legal guardian, or attorney (under a power of attorney) of the mentally disabled person.

You will be required to fill out a separate application [use **Application Form 2**] to make a payment claim on behalf of the mentally disabled person. You will be required to provide the personal information of the person (e.g. date of birth, band registry number, etc.), state the basis of your claim, provide two pieces of identification for yourself and the mentally disabled person, along with proof of your entitlement to apply for the person's payment (e.g., a copy of your legal guardianship, or power of attorney). The payment will be issued in the name of person in care by either cheque or direct deposit. Cheques will be mailed to the parent, legal guardian, or attorney of the mentally disabled person. Direct deposit will only be issued into an account owned by the person in care.

Can I claim a payment for my child?

Yes, if:

- Your child is under the age of 18 [children over 18 can apply on their own behalf using **Application Form 1**];
- Your child was a registered Lac Seul band member, or was eligible to be registered, on or before October 12, 2017, and has become a registered Lac Seul First Nation on or before January 31, 2020; and
- You are the parent or legal guardian the child.

You will be required to fill out a separate application [use **Application Form 2**] to make a payment claim on behalf of your minor child. You will be required to provide the personal information of your child (e.g. date of birth, band registry number, etc.), provide two pieces of identification, along with proof of your entitlement to apply for the person's payment (e.g., a copy of your legal guardianship, valid custody order, or power of attorney).

The child's payment will be held in trust until the child turns 18 years old.

Can a child's payment be paid to a parent or a guardian?

No, all payments for children will be held in trust by Lac Seul First Nation until the child turns 18. The child (or a person acting under a valid power or attorney on behalf of the child) will then be eligible to apply to receive the payment from trust for a period of three (3) years from the date of the child's 18th birthday until the day before their 21st birthday. Any funds remaining in trust on December 31, 2038 will be taken out of trust and will revert to the Lac Seul First Nation.

What if my child has not been registered yet?

In order to be eligible for a payment, the child must have been eligible to be registered as a Lac Seul First Nation band member on or before October 12, 2017 and been registered as a band member on or before January 31, 2020.

What if my child doesn't reside with me?

Any parent, legal guardian, or agency that has legal custody of a child who is eligible to receive a payment can make an application on behalf of that child.

What if another family has adopted my child?

If the adopting family has legal custody of your child, and if your child meets the eligibility requirements, someone from that family will have to make an application on behalf of your child, to ensure that your child eventually receives his or her payment when they turn 18 years old.

What if my child is under the care of child and family services (e.g., Tikinagan)?

If your child is under the care of a child and family services agency, and if your child meets the eligibility requirements, the agency may make an application on behalf of your child, to ensure that your child receives his or her payment when they turn 18 years old.

What if I share custody of my child with another person?

If you and the person with whom you share custody are both legal guardians and if your child meets the eligibility requirements, only one person should apply on behalf of the child for the child's payment.

What if I don't claim my child's per capita payment?

An application must be made for every eligible child in order for that child to benefit from the per capita payment. All legal guardians who have submitted an application will ensure that the child's payment is placed into trust until that child turns 18 years old. The child will then be able to claim their payment by applying for it by the age of 21. If this does not occur the funds will revert back to Lac Seul First Nation.

How much will my child receive upon turning 18?

Upon turning 18 years of age your child will need to provide written notification to Lac Seul First Nation requesting funds held in trust to be released. The child will receive the original \$1,250 plus any interest earned while being held in trust.

How can I find out the value of funds held in Trust for my child?

You can find out the value by contacting the Lac Seul First Nation Finance Manager.

Will I be required to sign anything when I receive my per capita payment?

You are required to sign an indemnification clause, which is a statement that says that you release the First Nation from any liability related to the payment(s) that you have received and accepted for yourself or others. This means that you will not be able to sue the First Nation in the future for any claims related to the payment.

How long do I have to apply for a per capita payment?

You must submit your application on or before January 31, 2020 in order to be considered for a payment.

Who do I speak to if I have other questions or need help with my application?

Contact Jill Koval at 1-807-582-3053 x 273 or awardspayment@lacseulfn.org.