

# First Nations Drinking Water Class Action



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SETTLEMENT**

The lawsuit addresses Canada's failure to take all reasonable steps to ensure that First Nation communities have adequate access to safe drinking water.

The Settlement includes compensation for Impacted First Nations and eligible individuals as well as commitments to fund the construction, operation, and maintenance of infrastructure needed to provide regular access to safe drinking water in their homes in a quantity sufficient for everyday use including, laundry, cooking, washing dishes, bathing, etc.

The First Nations Drinking Water settlement totals roughly \$8 billion. \$6 billion is for community water and wastewater infrastructure and the rest is compensation for both Individuals and First Nations.

Courts have approved the Settlement between Canada and certain First Nations and their members who were subject to a drinking water advisory that lasted at least one year between November 20, 1995 and June 20, 2021.

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The claims process for compensation is now open.

- Individuals have two ways to make claims for compensation before **March 7, 2023**:
  1. on their own, using the Individual Claim Form
  2. have their name included on the Band Confirmation List
- Impacted First Nations wishing to accept the Settlement Agreement have a deadline of **December 2, 2022** to submit their Band Council Acceptance Resolution.

We realize the community will have many questions as we all are learning more about this Class Action.

All details and forms can be found on the following website:  
[Firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca](https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca)

For frequently asked questions, please visit:

[FAQs - First Nations Drinking Water](https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca/faq) or  
<https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca/index.php/help-support/faqs/>

If you have any questions regarding this, please call our consulting firm, Deloitte directly:  
1-833-252-4220

If you require a hard copy of the Claims form, please contact the Band Office.