Since 2007, more than 80,000 former students have received a Common Experience Payment (“CEP”) as part of the Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. If you have received a CEP payment for a period of residency at Kivalliq Hall, you are now eligible to receive non-cash Personal Credits of up to $3,000, for either yourself or certain family members, for educational programs and services.

What are Personal Credits? Personal Credits may be used for a wide range of educational programs and services, including those provided by universities, colleges, trade or training schools, Indigenous Institutions of Higher Learning, or which relate to literacy or trades, as well as programs and services related to Indigenous identities, histories, cultures or languages.

How much are Personal Credits? Funds are available for each Kivalliq Hall CEP recipient to receive up to $3,000 worth of Personal Credits, depending on their approved educational expenses.

Which educational entities and groups are included? A list of approved educational entities and groups has been jointly developed by Canada, Inuit representatives and the Assembly of First Nations. If an educational entity or group is not on the list, please consult the website for more information.

Will I receive a cheque? No. Cheques will be issued directly to the educational entity or group providing the service.

Who can use Personal Credits? CEP recipients can use the full amount themselves or give part or all of their Personal Credits to certain family members such as a spouse, child, grandchild or sibling, as defined in the Personal Credits Terms and Conditions. Personal Credits of multiple CEP recipients can be combined to support a group learning activity.

How can I get Personal Credits? Only Kivalliq Hall CEP recipients are eligible to access Personal Credits at this time. If you have received CEP for a period of residency at Kivalliq Hall, a personalized Personal Credits Application Form will be mailed to you. If you do not receive a personalized Application Form, please call 1-866-879-4913 or 1-877-627-7027 (TTY). Personal Credits Application Forms should be returned as soon as possible and must be postmarked no later than 11:59 pm March 25, 2020. If you resided at Kivalliq Hall and have not yet applied for CEP, please ensure you do so as soon as possible.

How do I redeem my Personal Credits? Once approved, you and the Education Entity or Group Educational Service where the credits are being used will receive a copy of the Decision Letter stating this. Payments will only be issued to the Education Entity or Group Educational Service. No payments will be issued directly to you and/or your family member(s).

What happens to unused Personal Credits? The value of unused Personal Credits will be transferred to the Inuvialuit Education Foundation and the National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund for educational programs.

For more information, including how Personal Credits can be redeemed by certain family members of deceased CEP recipients, visit www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca or call 1-866-879-4913.

The IRS Crisis Line (1-866-925-4419) provides immediate and culturally appropriate counselling support to former students who are experiencing distress.

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