

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

Were you placed on the Waitlist, or placed in an Institution, Nursing Home, or Hospital, while eligible for disability services under the *Social Assistance Act* after April 1, 1998?

If yes, please read this notice carefully because it may affect your rights.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE

This notice is to inform class members in the Nova Scotia Disability Services Waitlist class action that you may be able to claim money in a class action settlement.

The lawsuit alleged that the Province of Nova Scotia's mismanagement of its system of disability assistance violates sections 7 and 15(1) of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and is negligent.

Nova Scotia denied the allegations and the Court did not decide who was right. The parties reached a voluntary settlement. The Court approved the settlement on November 12, 2025.

WHAT IS THE SETTLEMENT?

There is a Settlement Fund of between **\$32 million** and **\$34 million** available to pay Class Members as well as certain fees and expenses, including an honorarium for the Representative Plaintiff and Class Counsel Fees in the amounts approved by the Court.

Eligible class members will receive compensation depending on the duration of their placement on the waitlist for disability services, and placement in any Institution, Nursing Home, or Hospital while waiting for other housing options. You can read more about the Settlement at www.NSWaitlistSettlement.ca.

The amount paid for an approved claim will depend on whether you are a member of one or more of the Waitlist Class, the Institution Class, the Nursing Home Class or the Hospital Class.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION?

You may be eligible for compensation if you are a member of the Class. The certified Class consists of:

Waitlist Class Members

All persons, who were alive as of May 4, 2022, who were on the waitlist for services (other than a residential placement for seniors) under the *Social Assistance Act*, S.N.S. 1989, c. 432, for any period of time after April 1, 1998, exclusive of any period for which an individual was a member of

- (a) the Institution Class;
- (b) the Nursing Home Class; or

- (c) the Hospital Class.

Institution Class Members

All persons, who were alive as of May 4, 2022, who for any period of time after April 1, 1998 resided at a Regional Rehabilitation Centre, Adult Residential Centre, or Residential Care Facility, while eligible for assistance under the *Social Assistance Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 432.

Nursing Home Class Members

All persons, who were alive as of May 4, 2022, who:

- (a) For any period of time after April 1, 1998, resided in a nursing home;
- (b) Were eligible for assistance under the *Social Assistance Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 432 while residing in the nursing home; and
- (c) Had been assessed by an agent or employee of the Department of Community Services as having support needs which fell within the mandate of the Department of Community Services pursuant to the Disability Support Program Policy (or Services for Persons with Disabilities Policy) applicable at the time of their residence in the nursing home.

Hospital Class Members

All persons, who were alive as of May 4, 2022, who for any period of time after April 1, 1998 resided in the Nova Scotia Hospital or another hospital operated by the Nova Scotia Hospital Authority or any of its predecessors, without a medical reason for the hospitalization, while eligible for assistance under the *Social Assistance Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 432.

HOW DO I MAKE A CLAIM

The period for submitting a Claim runs from December 17, 2025 to March 17, 2027. During that period, you can make a Claim by filling out the Claim Form and submitting it (and any supporting documents) to the Administrator online, by mail, or by email, on or before March 17, 2027.

The deadline to submit a Claim Form is **March 17, 2027**. Within ninety (90) days after that date, you may be able to submit a late Claim if you provide written reasons for failing to submit a Claim on time.

See www.NSWaitlistSettlement.ca for more details. After that, it will be too late for your Claim to be considered.

www.NSWaitlistSettlement.ca or contact the Claims Administrator at 1-844-677-1771 or info@NSWaitlistSettlement.ca, or by mail at:

PO BOX 998 STN CENTRAL, Halifax, NS B3J 2X1

CONTACTING THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR

For a copy of the Settlement and the Claim Forms, or for any other information, visit

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Settlement, you may visit the class action website at: NSWaitlistSettlement.ca

You may also contact the Claims Administrator at 1-844-677-1771 or info@NSWaitlistSettlement.ca, or by mail at: PO BOX 998 STN CENTRAL, Halifax, NS B3J 2X1.

You may also contact Class Counsel at the contact information below. There is no cost for speaking with Class Counsel about the class action or the Settlement.

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This Notice has been approved by the Nova Scotia Supreme Court.