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As you are no doubt aware, in 2017, the Supreme Court of Canada ordered that all of the confidential records relating to the claims for abuse made by former Indian Residential School students in the Independent Assessment Process under the IRSSA will be destroyed on September 19, 2027, unless the individual expressly consents to preserving their records or requests a copy of the records for themselves.

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) has received very few inquiries from individuals or families about the options for preserving IAP records.

Attached is a pamphlet that explains the choices for former students and provides phone numbers and websites for people to obtain more information. As noted in the pamphlet, you can obtain more IAP information online at www.MyRecordsMyChoice.ca.

The records that can be preserved are:

- IAP Application Form
- Printed record or voice recording of the testimony
- Decision on the claim

If any member of your community is interested in learning more about preserving their records at the NCTR, we would be pleased to speak to them. They can reach us by calling us toll-free at 1-855-415-4534 or by email at NCTRrecords@umanitoba.ca.

Sincerely,

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What are my records?

Your records are:

- your IAP or ADR **application** form
- the printed record (**transcript**) of your testimony
- the voice **recording** of your testimony, and
- the **decision** on your claim.

And my other records?

The IAP Secretariat was required to destroy other records after the end of your claim, such as your medical and employment records and other documents used in deciding your claim.

Anyone else who had copies of your records because they were involved with your hearing—such as the Government of Canada or a church—is required to keep them confidential and destroy their copies after they are no longer needed for your claim.

Why am I being asked about my records now?

In October 2017, the Supreme Court of Canada decided what happens to IAP and ADR records after claims are finished.

The Supreme Court ruled that you were promised confidentiality and that promise is being kept. As a claimant, you and you alone choose what happens to your records.

For more information

For more information about your choices, or for help with forms, contact:

- **IAP Information:** call toll free (877) 635-2648
online: www.MyRecordsMyChoice.ca

- **Assembly of First Nations:**
call toll free (833) 212-2688
email: iapdesk@afn.ca
online: www.afn.ca

- **Inuit Representatives:**
Contact for the Inuvialuit:
Contact: Gayle Gruben, Project Administrator
Telephone enquiries: (867) 777-7018
Email: ggruben@inuvialuit.com
Website: <http://www.irc.inuvialuit.com/>

Contact for Makivik:
call toll-free (800) 369-7052

Electronic communications can be submitted at:
<http://www.makivik.org/contact/>
Website: <http://www.makivik.org>

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My Records, My Choice

If you made a claim in the

- Independent Assessment Process (**IAP**) or
- Alternative Dispute Resolution process (**ADR**)

This booklet has important information about your confidential records.

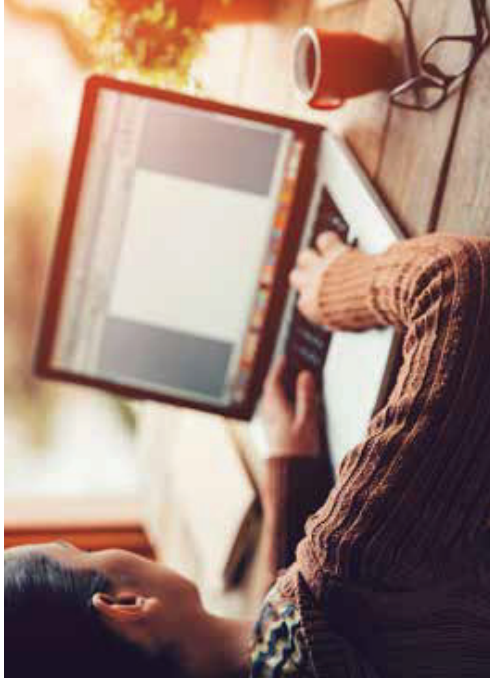
The **IAP** is the process for compensating claims of Indian residential school abuse. The deadline for IAP applications was in 2012.

The **ADR** was the earlier process for the same types of claims.



*If you are feeling pain or distress because of your residential school experiences please call the free 24-hour crisis line:
Residential Schools Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419*

This booklet is **not** about the Common Experience Payment (CEP).



Preserving the history of Indian residential schools

The NCTR was created to preserve the history and legacy of Canada's residential schools. It has a responsibility to foster truth, reconciliation, and healing.

Hosted at the University of Manitoba, it is the permanent home for the records of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).

The NCTR welcomes those who made IAP or ADR claims to add their records to this collection. Preserving your records at the NCTR will help future generations understand the history and impacts of residential schools.

How would my records be used at the NCTR?

NCTR records will be used for education and research. If you choose to include your records, you may choose either restricted or open access.

- **Restricted access** means your personal information will not be available to the public. It will be available to the NCTR and authorized researchers but won't be available to the public or to your family, and won't be published.
- **Open access** means that your records and personal information may be shared with the public, which may include your family.

Your personal information is your name and other information that could be used to identify you.

What are my choices?

- You may **do nothing**. Your records will remain confidential. On September 19, 2027 they will be **automatically destroyed**.
- You may get a **copy for yourself**, to keep or to share with others.
- You may choose to **preserve your records** at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) for history, education, and research.
- You may choose to get a copy for yourself and also preserve them at the NCTR.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS, AND YOURS ALONE.

Privacy of other people

If you get a copy of your records for yourself, or have them preserved at the NCTR, information that identifies other people will be blocked out. That way, you control what happens to your records and the privacy of others is respected.



The NCTR is committed to the respectful use of your records. Records are kept in a secure database managed by carefully trained staff. However, there is always some risk of unauthorized use or disclosure.

What do I need to do?

To keep your records confidential you don't need to do anything. On September 19, 2027 they will be destroyed.

To get a copy of your records you must complete a request form.

To ask that your records be sent to the NCTR, complete a consent form and send it to the office listed on the form. To get these forms or more information, use the contact information on the back of this booklet.

If you choose to get a copy of your records or preserve them at the NCTR, you have until September 19, 2027. But you don't have to wait until then. If you die or become unable to make decisions for yourself, nobody else can make the choice for you.

To get help

Resolution Health Support Workers (**RHSWs**) can answer questions and help with forms. To find an RHSW in your area, call the toll-free lines listed on the back, or ask your band office.

For emotional support and crisis referrals, the free, 24-hour Residential Schools Crisis Line is available until September 19, 2027.

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