



# HEPATITIS C

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT COMPENSATION

A Settlement Agreement reached between governments and certain class action plaintiffs provides individuals who have been infected with the hepatitis C virus through the Canadian blood system between January 1, 1986, and July 1, 1990 with compensation.

The Courts have appointed an Administrator, Crawford Expertises Canada Inc./The Garden City Group, at arm's length from governments, to manage and process claims.

For more information about your eligibility and how to apply, please call the Administrator's toll-free number, 1-877-434-0944.

### Frequently Asked Questions Hepatitis C Compensation

#### What compensation is available to persons infected with hepatitis C?

A Settlement Agreement was reached between the federal, provincial and territorial governments and lawyers for class action plaintiffs which provides compensation to those individuals who were infected with hepatitis C through the Canadian blood system between January 1, 1986, and July 1, 1990.

#### Who is eligible for this compensation and how do I apply?

Eligibility is determined by an independent Administrator, not governments. The Courts, when approving the Settlement Agreement, appointed an Administrator, Crawford Expertises Canada Inc./The Garden City Group, to operate at arm's length from governments. The Administrator is responsible for establishing application procedures and for issuing cheques to

claimants. Application forms and information about the claims process may be obtained from the Administrator at the following address:

1986-1990 Hepatitis C Claims Centre  
PO Box 2370, Station D  
Ottawa, ON  
K1P 5W5  
Toll-free: 1-877-434-0944

#### Should I apply for compensation?

You should apply for compensation under the Settlement Agreement if you have been infected with hepatitis C through the Canadian blood system in the period January 1, 1986, to July 1, 1990.

#### Will this amount have an effect on my social benefits?

The Settlement contains special protection for those who are receiving income or certain benefits from the federal, provincial or territorial governments. Certain income loss payments under the Settlement may affect entitlements to some government benefits.

#### Is the amount taxable?

Compensation received under the Settlement Agreement is not required to be included in the taxable income of the recipient under the *Income Tax Act (Canada)*.

#### Can an application be filed on behalf of a deceased person?

Yes. If it has been established that this person died as a result of an HCV infection that was contracted through the Canadian blood system between January 1, 1986, and July 1, 1990, an application for compensation may be filed.

#### Is there an appeals process?

Upon receiving notice from the Administrator, an individual may refer that decision to a Referee or an Arbitrator by filing a notice with the Administrator.

#### Where can I find out more information about the Settlement Agreement?

A copy of the Settlement Agreement is available at the following website: [www.hepc8690.com](http://www.hepc8690.com)

#### Where can I find out more information about other compensation available to individuals infected with hepatitis C?

Some provinces have acted alone and have chosen to provide compensation for individuals infected with hepatitis C before 1986 and after 1990.

##### Ontario

If you are an Ontario resident, contact: Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Ontario Hepatitis C Assistance Plan (OHCAP) c/o 77 Wellesley Street West Toronto, ON M7A 1N3 Toll-free: 1-877-222-4977

##### Quebec

If you are a Quebec resident, please call, toll-free, 1-800-561-9749.

##### Manitoba

If you are a Manitoba resident, contact: Public Health Branch Manitoba Health 4th Floor-300 Carlton Street Winnipeg, MB R3B 3M9 Tel.: (204) 788-6701 Fax: (204) 948-2204

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For more information, visit [www.healthcanada.ca/hepc](http://www.healthcanada.ca/hepc)

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