**Public Notice**

**Cows and Ploughs**

**Per Capita Distribution**

**ATTENTION GUARDIANS OR PARENTS OF MINORS WHO ARE NOT YET ERFN MEMBERS**

**YOU *MUST* APPLY TO CANADA TO ADD THE MINOR TO THE ISC LIST ON OR BEFORE MARCH 4, 2026**

The deadline to apply to Canada on behalf of a minor to be added the Indigenous Services Canada list of ERFN affiliates (the ISC List) is fast approaching.

Minors (17 years of age or younger) who are not yet ERFN Members must apply to Canada to get a 400 Band Number and be added to that ISC List of affiliated ERFN members. Therefore, guardians or parents must apply to Canada on behalf of the minor to have the minor’s name added to the ISC List on or before **MARCH 4, 2026**.

Applying to be added to the ISC List is one important factor in a minor’s application for the per capita distribution. Other factors include:

1. The minor’s application to ISC to be added to the ISC List must be completed while the minor is alive;
2. The minor must have been born on or before February 6, 2023;
3. The minor must not have had a band number from any other First Nation at any point in their lives;
4. Canada allocates a 400 Band Number to the minor under the *Indian Act* rules in force as of February 6, 2023.

If the parent or guardian of a minor has not applied to ISC to be added to the ISC List on or before March 4, 2026, then that minor’s claim to the per capita distribution will forever end and they will NOT be entitled to the per capita distribution.

If you are a guardian or parent and you have already applied on behalf of a minor to be added to the ISC List then keep the ISC documents concerning the minor’s application to ISC, which may be required to complete the minor’s application for the per capita distribution when they turn 18 years of age.

If you are a guardian or parent and you believe the minor’s name is already on the ISC List, then we strongly encourage you to reach out to CIBC Trust (contact information is below) to confirm that the minor’s name is indeed on the ISC List.

**For more information please see:**

“Applying as an Eligible Minor Turning 18”, which can be found: <https://erfn.net/cows-ploughs/>

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