Government of Northwest Territories

EVACUEE INCOME DISRUPTION SUPPORT PROGRAM

BACKGROUNDER

OVERVIEW

The wildfire event in the Kátł'odeeche First Nation has resulted in an Evacuation Order for Kátł'odeeche First Nation and the Town of Hay River residents.

The Evacuee Income Disruption Support program aims to provide one-time targeted financial relief during evacuations. Its goal is to ease the financial burdens faced by evacuees who have suffered a loss of employment income.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

Residents 17 years old and older whose employment has been affected by an evacuation lasting more than seven days can receive a onetime payment of \$750.

ELIGIBILITY

The NWT Evacuee Employment Income Loss Support program is available to all NWT residents 17+ residents who:

- Are subject to an evacuation order of over seven days and
- Have suffered a loss of employment income because their employment has been disrupted due to the evacuation order.

The program is **NOT** available to:

 Shareholders of an incorporated business who own more than 40 per cent of the common shares of the business and who are also employees of the business.

HOW TO APPLY

Residents will be provided with an application form to apply for Evacuee Income Disruption Support. To participate in the program, residents will have to:

- Register as an evacuee with the GNWT;
- Provide proof of employment income;
- Provide a declaration that they have lost their employment income and have received no financial assistance from their employer; and
- Provide personal information sufficient for the GNWT to issue a T4A slip. The payment will be subject to a ten per cent withholding tax.

Completed applications can be sent to:

EIDS@gov.nt.ca

PAYMENT PROCESS AND TIMELINES

Eligible individuals will be provided with the onetime payment in one of the following forms:

- Direct deposit for individuals with electronic banking capability; or
- Cheque.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

https://www.fin.gov.nt.ca/en/services/evacueeincome-disruption-support-program