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# Métis Veterans Recognition Payment

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# Overview

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- In March 2017, the president of the Métis National Council wrote to the Prime Minister to highlight that issues related to redress for Métis Veterans had gone unaddressed.
- Budget 2019 provided \$30 Million to Veterans Affairs Canada to recognize the pre-and post-war experiences of Métis Veterans as well as support commemorative initiatives.
- In June 2019, the Métis Veterans Recognition Payment Contribution Agreement was signed and \$30 Million was transferred to the Métis National Council.
- In September 2019, the Minister of Veterans Affairs issued a statement to recognize the contribution of Métis Veterans of the Second World War.

## ▼ Background

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- The Métis have long voiced their concerns about what they view as a lack of compensation and recognition for Métis Veterans' contributions in the Second World War.
- Veterans Affairs Canada, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada and the Métis Nation worked collaboratively to support reconciliation and advance work on the *Canada-Métis Nation Accord's* Métis Veteran priority.
- As a result, the \$30 Million Métis Veterans Recognition Payment was established to recognize Second World War Métis Veterans for their pre-and post-war experiences.
- The Payment will provide a \$20,000 recognition payment to a Veteran or survivor and support commemorative initiatives.
- The Métis Veterans Recognition Payment was provided to the Métis National Council for administration and distribution in the spirit of self-determination and furthering Métis self-government.

## ▼ Current Status

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- The implementation of the Métis Veterans Recognition Payment Contribution Agreement is underway.
- The Métis National Council has submitted a comprehensive work plan to the Department as per the terms of the Agreement.
- As of September 2019, eight (8) recognition payments have been issued to Métis Veterans.



## Next Steps

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- As per the Contribution Agreement, Veterans Affairs Canada will assist the Métis National Council in the implementation of the recognition payment and commemorative initiatives as required.
- The Métis National Council will provide Veterans Affairs Canada with yearly activity reports commencing in June 2020 until June 2023.



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# QUESTIONS