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All Band Social Development Workers
Holders of the Social Development
Policy and Procedures Manual
British Columbia Region

To All Band Social Development Workers

Manual Amendment Letter No # 01 2008/2009

- Re:
- 1. Money Received from the Common Experience Payment or the Independent Assessment Process under the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement**
 - 2. A working income tax benefit, including a disability supplement under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada)**
 - 3. Housekeeping**

This manual amendment provides changes to the Social Development Policy and Procedures Manual Volume 1, BC Region

1. Money Received from the Common Experience Payment or the Independent Assessment Process under the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement

Effective immediately, money received from the Common Experience Payment or through the Independent Assessment Process under the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement will be totally exempted, as income and assets, in the determination of eligibility for income assistance and hardship assistance

2. A working income tax benefit, including a disability supplement under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada)

Effective immediately, The Working Income Tax Benefit (WITB), including a disability supplement, which is a federal refundable tax

benefit provided to low income persons with earned income, will be totally exempted, as income and assets, in the determination of eligibility for income assistance and hardship assistance

3. Housekeeping

The following sections have been updated for Volume 1

- Income Assistance Table of Contents
- Chapter 4 7 Asset - definitions of the terms "applicant" and "recipients" introduced and procedures to complete the *Budget and Decision Form* (901-25) clarified
- Chapter 4 9 Earned Income and Exemption Eligibility - procedures to complete the Budget and Decision Form (901-25) clarified
- Appendix 4 Manual Amendment Letters

INSTRUCTIONS FOR UPDATING THE MANUAL:

All changes are **highlighted**. Please remove the following chapters and sections and replace them with the corresponding sections and chapters that are included in this package into Volume 1 of 2, Income Assistance Program Manual

Please remove Table of Contents (pages 1 to 6) and replace with the attached Table of Contents (pages 1 to 6) dated April 2008

Please remove Chapter 4 Section 7 (pages 1 to 9) and replace with the attached Chapter 4 Section 7 (pages 1 to 10) dated April 2008

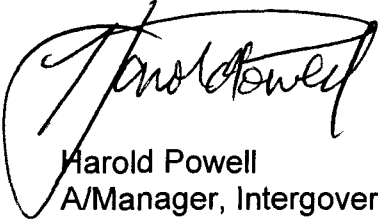
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Should you have any questions or require clarification on this policy amendment, please contact Gwen John, Communications Officer, Resource Centre, First Nations Social Development Society (FNSDS) at 1-800-991-7099

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