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## ENROLLMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR PEMBINA CHIPPEWA INDIAN CLAIMS PAYMENT

The March 29, 1972, deadline for filing enrollment applications for members of the Pembina Band of Chippewa Indians has been extended to June 27, 1972, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Louis R. Bruce announced today.

The roll is being established to determine Pembina Chippewa Indians eligible to share in awards totaling \$237, 127.82 in land claims funds, pursuant to the Act of July 29, 1971 (85 Stat. 158).

The deadline was extended when it was learned that many of the older people who do not speak English needed assistance in completing their applications. Others did not understand that to be eligible to share in the judgment, their applications must be filed before the deadline expires. It was unclear to others that supporting documents need not be submitted at the time their applications were filed.

To ensure that all eligible Pembina Chippewa Indians have ample opportunity and assistance in filing their enrollment applications, the Commissioner has approved an amendment to Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 43g.5 to extend the period for filing applications for enrollment to share in Pembina judgment funds to June 27, 1972.

Persons who believe they are eligible to share in the awards may obtain application forms and instructions from the Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Aberdeen Area Office, 820 Main Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401. Applications must be postmarked no later than midnight, June 27, 1972. Supporting documents to prove ancestry need not accompany applications for enrollment.

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