



United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS



INFORMATION SHEET
INDIAN LAND CONSOLIDATION ACT
LAND PURCHASES

GA or General Assistance - If your land sale amount exceeds your monthly GA benefit you automatically lose your benefits for a minimum of 1 month. For instance, if you receive \$900 in land sale income and your benefits are \$300 per month, you will **not** be eligible to receive GA for 1 month. If the total land sale exceeds \$2000.00 the GA case will close a minimum of 1 month and remain closed until receipts are submitted showing land sale has been spent under the \$2000.00 limit. Please see your caseworker for more specific information.

Public Assistance - Under the TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Program, the first \$2000.00 would be exempt. Any more than that will be divided by 12 and deducted from each month's check for 12 months. Please contact your caseworker for specific information.

Food Stamp Program - The first \$2000.00 would be exempt. Any more than that will be considered a resource and could affect your ability to remain on the program. Please consult with your caseworker.

Social Security Benefits - Please consult with your Benefits caseworker to discuss any effect the land sale will have on your benefits. The toll-free number is 1-800-772-1213.

SSI Benefits - Income from an Indian land sale is considered a resource rather than income. Up to \$2000.00 per month can possibly be received from a land sale and it will not affect your benefits. However, a resource can include other assets for the month. If your resources exceed \$2000.00, (even by a penny) you could be declared ineligible for SSI benefits. Please see your caseworker or consult with Legal Aid for advice prior to your land sale.

VA - Please notify your Pension Caseworker to discuss any implications on your benefits. The toll-free number is 1-800-827-1000.

Federal Income Tax - Under the Internal Revenue Service Ruling 57-407, the income derived by an Indian from the sale of trust property is **not** subject to Federal income tax.