

The movement of Indians from reserves and their successful integration into non-Indian communities is a matter of increasing concern; and, in view of the limited resources and employment opportunities on reserves and the rapidly increasing Indian population, this trend will inevitably be accelerated as time passes. To provide for a more orderly movement to urban centres, and to ensure as far as possible that the Indians concerned are equipped to obtain employment and meet the problems of modern-day living, the Individual Placements Programme was formally established in 1957. Under this programme, the facilities of the National Employment Service are utilized to the greatest possible extent in placing selected Indians in employment. A rural placements programme has also been undertaken which co-operates with other agencies and government departments in assisting or placing Indian individuals or groups in employment, particularly in the Alberta beet fields and in northern and other remote areas where extensive new developments are under way.

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The medical care of Indians and Eskimos is within the jurisdiction of the Directorate of Indian and Northern Health Services, Department of National Health and Welfare. Eskimo affairs generally are the direct responsibility of the Northern Administration Branch, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

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