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Regulations governing the enrollment of Cherokee Indians who will share in the per capita distribution of $1 million are being published in the Federal Register, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today.

The fund to be distributed is part of an award made by the Indian Claims Commission to the Cherokee Nation as additional compensation for lands taken between 1872 and 1893.

According to the regulations, only those Cherokees who were alive on November 5, 1975 and whose names appear on one of eight final rolls of the tribe are eligible for enrollment.

The eight final rolls are listed as follows: 1) Cherokees by Blood, approved March 4, 1907; 2) Cherokees by Blood, approved August 1, 1914; 3) Cherokees by Blood, minor children (1907); 4) Delaware Cherokees (1907); 5) Cherokees by Intermarriage (1907); Cherokee Freedmen, approved March 4, 1907; 7) Cherokee Freedmen; approved August 1, 1914; or 8) Cherokee Freedmen, minor children (1907).