

If you used Google's Search Engine from October 25, 2006 to September 30, 2013 you could get cash from a class action Settlement

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A proposed Settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit called *In re Google Referrer Header Privacy Litigation*, Case No. 5:10-cv-4809-EJD, pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

The lawsuit claims that Google improperly shared Class Member search queries with third-party websites and companies between October 25, 2006 and September 30, 2013. Defendant denies any wrongdoing and the Court has not decided who is right or wrong. The Defendant is entering into this Settlement to avoid burdensome and costly litigation and to focus on timely addressing consumer complaints.

WHO IS INCLUDED?

You are included as a Settlement Class Member if you used Google Search and clicked on a Google Search link at any time on or between October 25, 2006 and September 30, 2013. The Settlement Class also includes anyone who could bring any of the claims in the lawsuit on behalf of these users of Google Search, such as representatives, heirs, administrators, and assigns.

WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

Under the Settlement, Google will pay \$23 million to make payments to Settlement Class Members, payments to Class Representatives, attorneys' fees, litigation costs, and settlement administration costs related to the Settlement. The exact amount each Class Member will receive will be based on the total number of claims filed. Google will also revise its "FAQs" and "Key Terms" webpages to include conspicuous, clear and concise explanations of how and when search queries may be disclosed to third parties via referrer headers.

The only way to receive benefits from the proposed Settlement is to file a claim.

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

- **File a Claim.** You must submit a Claim Form to be eligible to receive a payment under the Settlement. The deadline to file a claim is **July 31, 2023**. Claim Forms may be submitted online at RefererHeaderSettlement.com or mailed to the Settlement Administrator at: *In re Google Referrer Header Settlement*, c/o Kroll Settlement Administration, P.O. Box 225391, New York, NY 10150-5391.
- **Do nothing.** You will not receive any benefits from the Settlement, you will be legally bound by decisions of the Court, and you give up your right to sue the Defendant relating to the claims resolved by this Settlement.
- **Exclude Yourself.** If you do not want to be included in the Settlement, you must submit a written request to the Settlement Administrator, Settlement Class Counsel, and Google's Counsel by **July 31, 2023**. You will keep your right to sue the Defendant about the claims in this case, but you will not receive money. Detailed instructions on how to exclude yourself can be found at RefererHeaderSettlement.com.
- **Object.** You have the right to object to the Settlement and still get benefits. If you want to object to or tell the Court what you think about the Settlement, you must submit your Objection in writing by **July 31, 2023**. Detailed instructions on how to object can be found at RefererHeaderSettlement.com.

The Court has scheduled a Final Approval Hearing for the Settlement of this case on **October 12, 2023** at the San Jose Courthouse, Courtroom 4, 5th Floor, 280 South 1st St, San Jose, CA 95113 at 9:00 a.m. PDT to consider: (1) whether to approve the Settlement; (2) any Objections; (3) the requests for awards to the Settlement Class Representative of \$5,000 each; and (4) the request for an award of costs as well as attorneys' fees of up to 25% of the Settlement Fund. Motions for attorneys' fees and costs are due June 26, 2023. You may attend the Final Approval Hearing and ask to be heard by the Court, but you do not have to attend. Attorneys' fees and expense requests will be posted on RefererHeaderSettlement.com, after they are filed with the Court.

This is only a summary. For more information about the Settlement and benefits:

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