# NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT APPROVAL FOR CLASS ACTION AGAINST BUSBUD

***IF YOU PURCHASED A BUS TICKET VIA BUSBUD FROM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD YOU MAY BE AFFECTED BY A PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT***

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT**

This Notice advises you of a proposed settlement of a class action brought in Quebec, on behalf of individuals worldwide, for fragmented pricing of bus tickets sold via Busbud’s website and mobile application. The Court file is *Samson v. Busbud, et al.*, Quebec Superior Court File No. 500-06-000919-189 (District of Montreal).

# WHAT IS THE CLASS ACTION ABOUT?

The plaintiff alleges that bus tickets sold via Busbud’s website and mobile applications were charged a higher price than initially advertised, and that additional fees were disclosed later in the purchase process. The court has made no findings on the merits of the allegations.

# WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT CLASS?

# All individuals anywhere in the world, who from April 4, 2015 until June 8, 2019, purchased one or more bus tickets via Busbud (website and/or mobile application) and paid a service fee (or other similar fee) in addition to the bus ticket price.

# IS THE SETTLEMENT IN EFFECT?

No. Any settlement must first be approved by the Superior Court of Quebec before it takes legal effect.

# WHEN IS THE APPROVAL HEARING?

The approval hearing will be held on November 22nd 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 2.08 of the Montreal Court House.

**WHAT CAN I RECEIVE FROM THE SETTLEMENT?**

Busbud will automatically issue to each class member a voucher worth seven Canadian dollars ($7.00CAD), regardless of the number of bus tickets previously purchased. The vouchers must be used within twelve (12) months and are transferable.

**WILL BUSBUD CHANGE HOW IT DISPLAYS BUS TICKET PRICES?**

In addition to issuing a voucher to each class member, Busbud has undertaken, within ninety days of the settlement approval, to display an all-inclusive price at all steps of the purchasing process on its website and mobile application for all of its users accessing its website with a Canadian IP address.

**WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?**

1. If you **want to participate in the settlement** and receive the benefits, no action is required. You will then be bound by the terms of the legal release contained in the settlement agreement.
2. If you **do not want to participate in the settlement**, you can opt out of the class action by filing the necessary exclusion documents with the Court as further detailed in the long-form notice.
3. If you wish to **object to the terms of this proposed settlement**, you can write to Class Counsel by November 15, 2019 in accordance with the steps as further detailed in the long-form notice. Please note that the Court **cannot** change the settlement terms. Any objections will be used by the Court to consider whether to approve the settlement.

**WHO REPRESENTS THE CLASS MEMBERS?**

The Plaintiff and Class Members are represented by:

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**WILL I BE CHARGED FOR LEGAL FEES?**

No, there is no financial obligation for the class members.

Busbud, as part of the settlement, will be indemnifying the class members for legal fees, legal expenses and any service award to the Plaintiff in the amount of $150,000 plus applicable taxes. This indemnification is also subject to Court approval.

**THIS NOTICE IS JUST A SUMMARY. If there is any discrepancy between this notice and the settlement agreement, the settlement agreement shall prevail. Go to** <https://champlainavocats.com/action-collective/busbud/> **for further information and to review the proposed settlement agreement.**