

National Redress Scheme

For people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse

Application for Redress

Use this form to apply for redress under the National Redress Scheme

What is Redress?

Redress means to acknowledge harm done. The National Redress Scheme (the Scheme) seeks to acknowledge harm done to people who experienced institutional child sexual abuse.

What redress is available through the Scheme?

- 1 Access to counselling and psychological services.
- 2 A direct personal response from the institution(s) responsible for the abuse.
- 3 A redress payment.

Contact the Scheme

- Visit **nationalredress.gov.au**
- Phone **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply). Contact us 8.00am – 5.00pm local time Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays.
- If calling from overseas, please call +61 3 6222 3455 and ask to speak to someone from the National Redress Scheme.

Return your completed application to

NRS
Reply Paid 7750
Canberra BC ACT 2610
Australia

Please make and keep a copy of your completed application before you return it to us.

Information and help

More information

You can find more information about the Scheme at **nationalredress.gov.au**

You can register to receive email updates about the Scheme, including updates when new institutions join the Scheme at **nationalredress.gov.au**

Help to apply

Redress Support Services are specialist community based services available to people applying for redress under the Scheme. They can offer you information and support to complete your application for redress.

Find more information about these support services at **nationalredress.gov.au**

You can also contact us for help to find support services on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply). If you are calling from overseas, please call +61 3 6222 3455 and ask to speak to someone from the National Redress Scheme.

People applying to the Scheme can access free redress legal advice through knowmore.

The knowmore legal service is for anyone considering applying to the National Redress Scheme. It is free, confidential and independent.

knowmore will help you work out if applying to the National Redress Scheme or making a civil claim is a better option for you. knowmore can also assist you through the application process for the National Redress Scheme.

You may want to use your own legal service to obtain advice and assistance. This may not be free.

Contact knowmore at **knowmore.org.au** or call **1800 605 762** (call charges may apply). If calling from overseas, please call +61 2 8267 7400.

Redress nominees

A redress nominee is a person or an organisation who can act on your behalf for the purposes of the Scheme.

A redress nominee would act for you if you:

- want to apply for redress but you do not want to deal with us yourself;
- need extra support to deal with us; or
- have an existing legal arrangement, such as a Power of Attorney, Guardianship or Financial Management Order.

For more information about what nominees can do on your behalf in the Scheme, or to get a copy of the Redress Nominee Form: *Authorising a person or organisation to act on your behalf*, visit **nationalredress.gov.au** or contact us on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply). If you are calling from overseas, please call +61 3 6222 3455 and ask to speak to someone from the National Redress Scheme.

Eligibility for the Scheme

Find more information about eligibility under the Scheme at **nationalredress.gov.au**

To be eligible

- You experienced sexual abuse when you were a child (under 18 years of age);
- The sexual abuse happened before the Scheme start date of 1 July 2018; and
- An institution was responsible for bringing you into contact with the person who sexually abused you. The institution must be participating in the Scheme.

You can only make one application

You can only make one application for redress under the Scheme. Please use the application to write about each institution where you experienced sexual abuse. You can withdraw your application at any time prior to a decision on your application being made.

The Scheme will use the information you give and any other information available to assess your application. This would include information provided by the institution.

You can apply up until 30 June 2027.

Residency

To be eligible, you need to be an Australian citizen or permanent resident at the time you apply for redress. You did not need to be an Australian citizen or permanent resident at the time the abuse happened.

Participating institutions

To be eligible, a participating institution must be responsible for the abuse.

A participating institution is an institution that has chosen to join the Scheme.

A responsible institution is one that brought you into contact with the person or people who sexually abused you.

If you would like to find out which institutions are participating in the Scheme visit **nationalredress.gov.au** You can register to receive email updates about the Scheme, including when new institutions join the Scheme at **nationalredress.gov.au**

Children applying to the Scheme

If you will turn 18 years of age before 30 June 2028 you can apply for redress.

A decision about whether you are eligible for redress will not be made until you turn 18 years of age.

If you will not turn 18 years of age before the Scheme ends on 30 June 2028, you could consider seeking advice about your options from knowmore. Contact knowmore at **knowmore.org.au** or call **1800 605 762** (call charges may apply). If calling from overseas, please call +61 2 8267 7400.

Serious criminal convictions

Your eligibility may be impacted if you have been convicted of an offence and have been sentenced to imprisonment for five years or more. The conviction may have happened in Australia or overseas.

You should still apply.

When you apply, we will contact you to get more information and to explain the next steps in the application process for applicants with serious criminal convictions.

When can you not apply for redress?

You cannot apply for redress:

- if you have already made an application and a decision has been made;
- if you do not turn 18 years of age before 30 June 2028;
- if you are in gaol (unless there are exceptional circumstances);
- after 30 June 2027 (unless there are exceptional circumstances).

If you have any doubt about your eligibility please contact us on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply). If you are calling from overseas, please call +61 3 6222 3455 and ask to speak to someone from the National Redress Scheme.

The use of your information

Privacy Notice

The Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) is responsible for the administration of the Scheme. Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988*. It is collected by the department to administer the Scheme, including to assess your application for redress.

Your information may be used by the department, or given to other parties where you have agreed, or where the law allows or requires it.

You can find out more about the way the department will manage your personal information, including our privacy policy, at **humanservices.gov.au/privacy**

Information sharing

Some of the information you provide in your application will be shared with the institution(s) responsible for the abuse. This exchange of information is so that we can assess your application and the responsible institution(s) can provide you with redress.

From Part 1: Your name and date of birth will be shared.

From Part 2: Your experience of sexual abuse and Part 3: The impact sexual abuse has had across your life, will be shared with the responsible institution(s) your answers are relevant to.

Freedom of Information

The *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018* prohibits the disclosure of all information that the department obtains for the purposes of the Scheme (secrecy provisions), except in very limited circumstances.

Documents to which the secrecy provisions apply may be exempt from disclosure to any third party under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

Child safe reporting

We have obligations to report risks of ongoing abuse, based upon the information in your application, to the police and/or child protection authorities.

We will contact you to let you know if we need to report the abuse.

You should also be aware that institutions may have obligations to report child abuse.

Things to think about before you apply

To apply for redress you will need to:

- give personal information to us;
- confirm your identity with us;
- write about the sexual abuse and related non-sexual abuse that happened to you as a child;
- write about the impact child sexual abuse has had across your life; and
- sign the statutory declaration at the back of this application and have it witnessed.

When you apply for redress you acknowledge that:

- the Scheme will need to call and send you letters;
- some information about the people who sexually abused you may be reported to police and/or child protection authorities;
- your name, date of birth, Part 2, and Part 3 of this application will be shared with the relevant institution(s). The institution(s) may need to provide this information to their insurer;
- we will share some information with the institution(s) relevant to your redress. We need to do this to confirm who was responsible for the abuse; and
- decisions about your redress will be shared with the responsible institution(s). This may be a decision about your eligibility, an offer of redress or an outcome from a review. If you accept an offer of redress the institution will use this information to check that you are not pursuing further claims against them.

Before you apply for redress you may also want to:

- know that you do not need to have statements, reports, photographs or other evidence to apply, but you can attach them if you want to;
- find out what a redress payment may mean for you. For example, a redress payment is exempt from income tax, but may affect various Centrelink asset tests; and
- check that you are an Australian citizen or permanent resident. You must be either of these to apply.

Other things you may want to know before you apply:

- we are able to request more information from you and participating institutions, if we need it;
- we may need to contact you to talk about your options if an institution you have identified in your application as responsible for abuse is not participating in the Scheme; and
- if you accept an offer of redress you need to sign a document that will release the institution(s) from further claims. Free legal advice and information about redress is available through knowmore. Contact knowmore at **knowmore.org.au** or call **1800 605 762** (call charges may apply). If calling from overseas, please call +61 2 8267 7400.

There is more information at **nationalredress.gov.au**

Quick facts about applying for redress

- Apply in your own time and at your own pace. You can apply online or by using this application form.
- Redress Support Services are specialist community based services available to people applying to the Scheme. They can offer you information and support to complete your application for redress.
- Find more information about these services at **nationalredress.gov.au** You can also contact us for help to find support services on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply). If you are calling from overseas, please call +61 3 6222 3455 and ask to speak to someone from the National Redress Scheme.
- If you don't have an answer please write what you can, then keep going with your application. There is information to help you answer the questions at **nationalredress.gov.au** You can also contact us on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply).
- You should write about each institution responsible for bringing you into contact with the person or people who sexually abused you. You can only make one application for redress under the Scheme so it is important to include details in your application about each of these institutions.
- Before you submit your application, you will need to sign a statutory declaration in front of a witness. The witness does not need to look at any of your answers, they only need to see you sign the declaration. Some people who can witness your signature include nurses, pharmacists or legal practitioners. You can find the entire list on page 2 of the Statutory Declaration.
- There is a checklist at the back of the application so you can make sure your application is complete.
- We will contact you to confirm that your application has been received and to talk to you about what will happen next.
- It is important to let us know if you have changed your contact details. We can only use the contact details you provide.
- To add more information after you have submitted your application please contact us. You can add more or change your application up to the time a decision has been made.
- You can withdraw your application up to the time a decision has been made. You may choose to withdraw because you want to change or add more information, or if you want to wait to see if a particular institution decides to participate in the Scheme. Call us to discuss your options on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply).
- If you are uncertain about a question please contact us on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply). If you are overseas, please call +61 3 6222 3455 and ask to speak to someone from the National Redress Scheme.
- We can accept applications up until 30 June 2027.

Answering the questions in this form

To apply for redress you need to fill out this application. Complete all three parts plus the statutory declaration.

Part 1 Asks personal information

This section asks for information about:

- your name, date of birth and contact details;
- your eligibility for the Scheme;
- your identity.

You need to answer all of the questions in Part 1.

Part 2 Asks about your experience of sexual abuse

This section asks confronting questions about your experience of child sexual abuse and related non-sexual abuse, please:

- write about the institution responsible for bringing you into contact with the person or people who abused you;
- if you were abused in more than one institution, please include each one separately in this application;
- answer with as much detail as you can.

Part 3 Asks about the impact sexual abuse has had across your life

You need to answer this question. You only need to write about the impact once, even if you have written about more than one institution in Part 2.

Statutory declaration

When you make an application for redress under the Scheme you need to make a statement that the information you are providing is true, and any documents attached are true copies of the originals.

To do this, please sign the statutory declaration at the end of this form and have it witnessed. A list of people that can witness your statutory declaration is included in this form. It is an offence to intentionally make a false statement in a statutory declaration.

For more information:

- visit **nationalredress.gov.au**
- seek help from Redress Support Services;
- call us on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply). If calling from overseas, please call +61 3 6222 3455 and ask to speak to someone from the National Redress Scheme.

How to fill in this form

Write clearly so we can understand.

Write in BLOCK letters.


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Use Black Pen.

Black out where you make a mistake.

Please do not use correction fluid or tape.

Please initial any changes you make.

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Mark boxes like this 

Part 1: Your personal information

1 Your name

Your name will be exchanged with the relevant institution(s).

☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ No title

☐ Other

First name

Other given name

Other given name

Last name

2 What name would you like us to use?

☐ Please use the name above
OR

☐ Use a different name. (please write this below)

3 What is your date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)?

Your date of birth will be exchanged with the relevant institution(s).

If you do not know your date of birth please write 01/ 01/ YEAR.

Where you know only part of your date of birth, use an X to show the parts you are not sure of and write the parts you know.

For example: XX / 10/ 1951.

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4 What is your residential address?

Please do not use a PO Box for this question.

Street

Suburb

State ☐ ACT ☐ NSW ☐ VIC ☐ WA
☐ TAS ☐ QLD ☐ NT ☐ SA ☐ Overseas

Postcode

Country

5 What is your postal address?

You can use a PO Box, mailing address or myGov. You can choose more than one option.

- ☐ Use the address above
- ☐ Use a different address (please write this in the space below)
- ☐ Use myGov inbox You will need to link your myGov account to the Scheme. Visit **my.gov.au**

Street /
PO Box

Suburb

State ☐ ACT ☐ NSW ☐ VIC ☐ WA
☐ TAS ☐ QLD ☐ NT ☐ SA ☐ Overseas

Postcode

Country

Questions 6 – 17 are about your eligibility. You may want to speak with Redress Support Services to see if the Scheme is right for you.

6 Were you under 18 years of age when the sexual abuse happened?

☐ Yes

☐ No

7 Did the sexual abuse happen before the Scheme start date of 1 July 2018?

☐ Yes

☐ No

8 Was an institution responsible for bringing you into contact with the person or people who sexually abused you?

☐ Yes

☐ No Please contact us on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply).

9 Have you already applied to the Scheme?

You can only make one application for redress under the Scheme. If you have already applied to the Scheme and want to add to or change your application, you will need to withdraw your application and submit a new application. Please contact us on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply) if you want help to withdraw your application.

If you have already applied to the Scheme and a decision has been made on your application you should not complete this form as you cannot make another application.

☐ Yes Please write your Redress ID in the box below (if known)

You can find this on the top of most letters you have received from the Scheme.

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☐ No

10 Has an institution already paid you damages ordered by a court?

- ☐ Yes It is recommended you seek advice. Free legal advice is available through knowmore. Visit **knowmore.org.au** or call **1800 605 762** (call charges may apply). If calling from overseas, please call +61 2 8267 7400.
- ☐ No

11 Are you an Australian citizen?

You must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident at the time you apply. You did not have to be an Australian citizen or permanent resident at the time the sexual abuse happened.

- ☐ Yes (go to question 16)
- ☐ No

12 Are you a permanent resident of Australia?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

13 Do you have a visa?

- ☐ Yes What type of visa?
- ☐ Permanent
- ☐ Temporary
- ☐ Unknown (for example arrived on parent's passport)
- ☐ No Please contact us on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply)

14 What is your visa number?

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15 What date was the visa granted?

Please write DD/MM/YYYY.

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16 Have you been convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment for a period of 5 years or more in Australia or a foreign country?

This can impact eligibility. You should still apply, but we will need to contact you for more information.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

17 Are you currently in gaol?

You cannot apply from gaol. You can apply once you leave gaol. You may be able to apply from gaol if exceptional circumstances apply. Please contact us on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply) to find out if these apply to you.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

18 What is your preferred spoken language?

Please write one language.

[illegible]

19 What phone number should we use to call you?

We will call to let you know your application has been received and if more information is needed. We will call before sending you a letter about any decision about your application.

[illegible]

20 Can we leave voice messages for you?

If you answer yes to this question it means we can leave you a message asking you to contact us on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply). The message will not specifically identify the Scheme. Please choose one option.

- ☐ Yes Use the phone number at question 19
- ☐ Yes Use this number

[illegible]

- ☐ No Do not leave voice messages for me

21 Can we send SMS to you?

If you answer yes to this question it means we can send you SMS asking you to contact us on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply). The SMS will not specifically identify the Scheme. Please choose one option.

☐ Yes Use the phone number at question 19

☐ Yes Use this number

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☐ No

22 Is there another way to leave you a message asking you to contact us?

This would only be used if we were unable to make contact with you using any of the options above. Is there an organisation, for example a Redress Support Service, where a message could be left for you?

☐ Yes Please give details below

☐ No

Organisation name

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Contact person

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Phone number

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23 What is your gender?

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ X Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified

24 Are you an Aboriginal Australian or Torres Strait Islander Australian?

☐ Yes Aboriginal Australian

☐ Yes Torres Strait Islander Australian

☐ Yes Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian

☐ No

☐ I choose not to answer this question

25 Do you have a disability?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I choose not to answer this question

Please briefly describe the nature of your disability below

26 How will you confirm your identity with the Scheme?

Confirming your identity is one way your privacy and your information is protected.

Please write your Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN), if you have one. We will call you to ask some questions about your identity and to discuss next steps.

My CRN is

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If you do not have a CRN, you will need to visit a Centrelink service centre. You will need to take the required identity documents with you.

At least one of these documents must have a photo of you. All documents must be original. We cannot accept:

- copies or certified copies;
- expired documents.

You can find out more about the documents you can use to confirm your identity at **humanservices.gov.au/identity**

The validity of your documents will be checked with the authority that issued them.

When you provide these documents, you are agreeing to your documents being validated in this way.

Help and support to confirm your identity

It may be difficult for some people to confirm their identity. If you are finding it hard to find your identity documents or visit a Centrelink service centre, please contact us on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply). If you are calling from overseas, please call +61 3 6222 3455 and ask to speak to someone from the National Redress Scheme.

You can find your nearest Centrelink service centre at **humanservices.gov.au/findus**

27 Do you have a Power of Attorney, Guardianship or Financial Management Order in place?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (go to question 29)

28 Will they be acting on your behalf in the Scheme?

- ☐ Yes Please attach a copy of the Power of Attorney, Guardianship or Financial Management Order. A Redress Nominee Form: *Authorising a person or organisation to act on your behalf* will need to be completed.
Download the form at **nationalredress.gov.au** or contact us on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply). If you are calling from overseas, please call +61 3 6222 3455 and ask to speak to someone from the National Redress Scheme.
- ☐ No The orders do not cover decisions relevant to redress
- ☐ Not sure Please attach a copy of your orders and we will contact you.

29 Would you like to appoint a nominee to act for you with the Scheme?

- ☐ Yes You and your nominee need to complete the Redress Nominee Form: *Authorising a person or organisation to act on your behalf*. You need to do this even if they are already your nominee for Centrelink.
Download the form at **nationalredress.gov.au** or contact us on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply). If you are calling from overseas, please call +61 3 6222 3455 and ask to speak to someone from the National Redress Scheme.
- ☐ No

30 Bank account details

You can provide your details now or you can provide them once an offer of redress is made to you.

For Australian bank accounts

Branch or BSB number

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Account number (this may be different to the card number)

[illegible]

Name(s) the account is held in

[illegible][illegible]

For International bank accounts

Please provide all relevant account details below

What comes next?

The next page has instructions for answering the questions in Part 2, Your experience of sexual abuse.

Part 2: Your experience of sexual abuse

Part 2 asks you to answer some confronting questions.

In this section, you will be asked to describe:

- your experience of child sexual abuse; and
- non-sexual abuse such as physical abuse, psychological abuse or neglect; and
- the person or people who abused you.

How to answer these questions

You can only make one application for redress under the Scheme. You need to write about each institution responsible for bringing you into contact with the person or people who sexually abused you. Please ensure you:

- give detail so your answers show the type and extent of the abuse that happened to you;
- remember there are no wrong answers; and,
- know we are not looking at spelling or grammar.

What will be shared?

The law requires that the whole of Part 2 be shared with those participating institution(s) relevant to your redress.

The institution(s) will use this to look for records they may have about:

- when the abuse happened; and
- the person or people who abused you.

We understand some institutions may not have records. Please do not be concerned, this will not stop your application from being assessed.

If these questions raise any issues for you, please seek support from a person or service you trust.

Redress Support Services can help. Find more about these services at **nationalredress.gov.au** You can also contact us for help to find support services on **1800 737 377** (call charges may apply). If you are calling from overseas, please call +61 3 6222 3455 and ask to speak to the National Redress Scheme.

If you need immediate support, 24-hour telephone assistance is available through:

- Lifeline: **13 11 14**
- 1800RESPECT: **1800 737 732**
- MensLine Australia: **1300 789 978**
- beyondblue: **1300 224 636**
- Suicide Call Back Service: **1300 659 467**.



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Help to answer questions in Part 2

In Part 2 you need to answer questions about each institution responsible for bringing you into contact with the person or people who sexually abused you.

Important: If you experienced child sexual abuse in multiple institutions, please copy pages 12 to 26 before you write on them. You need to complete pages 12 to 26 for each of the institution(s) you were sexually abused in.

- You need to copy pages 16 and 17 if you will be writing about more than one person who abused you.
- You may need to copy pages 23 to 26 if you have had more than one prior payment for the abuse.

You may want to use the table below to assist you to put your experience of abuse in order.

It may also help you work out which pages you need to copy.

Name of institution	Date
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31 Please use this space to give as much identifying information as you can about the institution responsible for bringing you into contact with the person or people who abused you.

Reminder: If you experienced child sexual abuse in multiple institutions, please copy pages 12 to 26 before you write on them.

Name of institution

Your answer could be the name you knew the institution by, the name of the organisation who operated it, or the name it was known by in the community.

Do you know what type of institution it was?

For example, an orphanage, children's home, mission, church, foster care provider, school, disability service or youth detention centre.

Street

Suburb,
town or
city

State

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ACT

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NSW

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VIC

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WA

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TAS

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QLD

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NT

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SA

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Overseas

Postcode

Country

Please write other things that could help identify the institution below



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32 How you were known at this institution?

Please write any ways you know the institution used to identify you.

First name

Last name

Nickname(s)

If you know any other ways this institution made records about you please write it here.

This could be a date, a number or the name of another family member.

What comes next?

The next questions are about the dates and time you were at this institution.

33 What were the dates you were at the institution?

These might be the dates you were placed there, lived there, were employed or went to school.

Approximate dates are fine if that is what you know. If you left the institution and came back then please write a date range.

For example: January – June 1985. Sometime in 1987, 1989 – 1992.

34 How old were you when the sexual abuse happened?

If you are unsure, or if the sexual abuse happened over more than one year, please write your age range.

For example: 9-12 years old.

35 Did you live at this institution when the sexual abuse happened?

☐ Yes

☐ No

36 When the sexual abuse happened at this institution, were you:

- ☐ A state ward
- ☐ A foster child
- ☐ In relative or kinship care
- ☐ Under other court ordered care
- ☐ An unaccompanied child migrant
- ☐ A military cadet
- ☐ Apprentice in the Defence Force
- ☐ None of these apply to me

37 If you were a child migrant, were you from

- ☐ The United Kingdom or Malta
- ☐ Other

38 Did the sexual abuse at this institution happen more than once?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

39 Over what period did the sexual abuse happen?

Please only tick one box.

- ☐ Less than 12 months
- ☐ More than 12 months but less than 2 years
- ☐ More than 2 years but less than 3 years
- ☐ More than 3 years but less than 4 years
- ☐ More than 4 years but less than 5 years
- ☐ More than 5 years

What comes next?

The next questions ask you about the person who sexually abused you.

Reminder: If you were sexually abused by more than one person, please copy pages 16 and 17 before you write on them. Make enough copies to write about each person who abused you at this institution.

40 Do you remember the name of the person who sexually abused you while you were at this institution?

Please write what you can to help identify them.

First name

Last name

Other names

Include nicknames or aliases.

Other things you remember that identifies them

For example, tattoos, gender, voice, facial hair.

41 How did they come into contact with you?

Please write a short description. Some examples are:

I was living in an orphanage. The person was an employee of the orphanage. Sometimes they worked as the cook.

Living in foster care, the person was my foster parent.

At the mission. It was the priest and his visitor.

On school camp. They were a group leader who worked for the outdoor education program.

42 Do you know if they had an official role at the institution?

Some examples are a manager, leader, carer, coach, support worker, teacher, staff member, nurse, volunteer or a worker.

☐ Yes Please write their role as you remember it

☐ No

☐ Not sure

43 Do you know if this person was under 18 years of age at the time they sexually abused you?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not sure

What comes next?

The next question asks you about the sexual abuse.

44 Please describe the sexual abuse that happened while you were at this institution.

Please write in a way that gives a clear understanding of the sexual abuse that happened.

Detail is important. So are the words you choose.

A statement like ‘the person sexually assaulted me’ would not give enough detail to make a decision about your application.

When you write about the sexual abuse, you should also include related non-sexual abuse such as physical abuse, psychological abuse or neglect that happened at this institution. It is important to write separate statements for each institution responsible for bringing you into contact with the person or people who abused you.

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What comes next?

On the next page, there is more free space to write about the sexual abuse, if you need it.

What comes next?

The next question asks you about people you believe knew about the sexual abuse.

45 Please write about any person at the institution you believe may have known about the sexual abuse.

This question is not asking if the abuse was reported, it is asking you to identify others connected with this institution who may have known about the abuse.

If you are able, please use the spaces to write the name(s) they were known by. You could also write their job, title, role or place at the institution. For example, a supervisor, classmate, manager or volunteer.

If you have documents that show another person knew about the sexual abuse, that can help too. Please submit those documents with your application and list them on page 30. Remember, it is okay if you do not have such documents.

Name of person 1

Role of person 1

Name of person 2

Role of person 2

Name of person 3

Role of person 3

☐ I am unable to answer any part of this question

46 Please use this space to write as much as you are able to identify anyone else who may have known about the sexual abuse.

This could be the police, a doctor, friend, clergy, support worker or family member.

Please attach any documents that might be relevant and list them on page 30.

What comes next?

The next question asks you about the role other institutions may have had in your life at the time of this abuse.

47 The role of institutions in your life

The questions so far asked about the sexual abuse in relation to the institution responsible for bringing you into contact with the person or people who abused you.

This question is about any other institutions you understand may have had responsibility for you at the time of the sexual abuse. Tick any boxes that describe you and your situation at that time. Please write the name of the institution if you are able.

Do not worry if none of these apply to you.

At the time of the abuse did you live in?

- ☐ Orphanage
Please write the name of the orphanage or the institution responsible for the orphanage
- ☐ Mission
Please write the name of the mission or the institution responsible for the mission
- ☐ Foster care where the abuser was also the carer
Please write the name of the institution responsible for the foster care
- ☐ Out of home care
Please write the name of the institution responsible for the out of home care
- ☐ Relative or kinship care
Please write the name of the institution responsible for the care
- ☐ Youth detention
Please write the name of the detention facility
- ☐ Disability Housing
Please write the name of the institution responsible for the disability housing

- ☐ Boarding School
Please write the name of the school

- ☐ Other institution
Please write the name of the institution

- ☐ Defence Force
Please write the name of the force

- ☐ None of these apply to me

48 At the time of this abuse were you in the Defence Force and

- ☐ At sea
- ☐ On operation
- ☐ Deployed overseas
- ☐ At a residential training establishment
- ☐ None of these apply to me

What comes next?

The next questions ask you about prior payments.

Prior payments

The following questions are about any prior payment(s) you may have received from this institution for abuse. Any previous deed of release or confidentiality agreement you may have signed cannot stop you applying to this Scheme.

What prior payments do I need to include?

Please tell us about payments that have been made to recognise the harm done. For example:

- Victims of crime payments
- Other redress scheme payments
- Court awarded payments
- Any other payments.

What prior payments do I not need to include?

- Associated medical costs
- Payments for counselling
- One-off hardship payments.

Reminder: If you received more than one prior payment for the abuse, you may need to copy pages 23 to 26 before you write on them.

49 Have you received any payments in relation to this abuse?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No I have not had a prior payment for this abuse (go to question 58)
- ☐ Not sure Please give any details you think may be relevant at question 56 (go to question 56)

50 Was the payment made through a victims of crime scheme?

- ☐ Yes
Please write the name of the scheme
- Write the amount paid
\$
- Date of payment (DD/MM/YYYY)
 / /
- ☐ No (go to question 52)
- ☐ Not sure Please give any details you think may be relevant at question 56 (go to question 56)

51 What was this payment made for?

- ☐ Sexual abuse
- ☐ Non-sexual abuse
- ☐ Other

Please write other details for this payment

52 Was the payment made through another redress scheme?

- ☐ Yes
Please write the name of the scheme

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Write the amount paid

\$

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Date of payment (DD/MM/YYYY)

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- ☐ No (go to question 54)
- ☐ Not sure Please give any details you think may be relevant at question 56 (go to question 56)

53 What was this payment made for?

- ☐ Sexual abuse
- ☐ Non-sexual abuse
- ☐ Other

Please write other details for this payment

54 Was the payment awarded by a court?

☐

Yes

Write the amount paid

\$

Date of payment (DD/MM/YYYY)

/ /

☐

No

(go to question 56)

☐

Not sure Please give any details you think may be relevant at question 56 (go to question 56)

55 What was this payment made for?

☐

Sexual abuse

☐

Non-sexual abuse

☐

Other

Please write other details for this payment

56 Did you receive a payment, but are unsure who it was from?

☐

Yes

Write the amount paid

\$

Date of payment (DD/MM/YYYY)

/ /

☐

No

(go to question 58)

57 What was this payment made for?

- ☐ Sexual abuse
- ☐ Non-sexual abuse
- ☐ Other

Please write other details for this payment

What comes next?

On the next page, you are asked to describe the impact of sexual abuse across your life.

Part 3: The impact sexual abuse has had across your life

58 Please describe the impact of child sexual abuse across your life

It is important that you answer this question. Please use it to describe the impact all sexual abuse and related non-sexual abuse has had across your life. You only need to answer this question once.

To answer, you could circle words from the list below or write a short statement. You could do both if you want to.

Education	Relationships	Emotions
Shame	Sleep	Mental health
Fertility	Permanent physical disability	Use of drugs and alcohol
Home life	Ability to trust others	Sexual health
Opportunities	Cultural heritage	Physical health
Wellbeing	Faith	Financial security
Potential	Parenting	Life choices
Confidence	Sexuality	Family
Hospitalisation from injury	Friendships	Work
Sense of self	Housing and homelessness	

Use this space to write about the impact sexual abuse has had across your life. You do not have to write in this section if you circled the words in the list above.

What comes next?

On the next page, there is more free space to write about the impact of child sexual abuse across your life.



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What comes next?

The next questions ask you about supports you may have used to complete your application.

59 Please write details of any support person who helped you complete your application

This would include any help from your nominee, family members, organisations, Redress Support Services and/or legal or advocacy groups. If you completed this application on your own, please leave blank and go to the next page.

Name

Position

Organisation

60 Please write how they helped

For example, they gave information, helped me write the application form or provided legal advice.

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What comes next?

The next page asks you for attachments that may support your application.



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61 Attachments to support your application

You can attach copies of any documents that you feel support your application.

Some examples might be photographs, school reports, medical records, psychological reports, police reports, witness statements, testimony or other signed statements.

Please send copies as original documents cannot be returned.

Number	Type of Document For example Statement to police. Dated 12/6/72. Copy of Photograph. Date approx. 1945. Taken at the institution. I am the child in the centre of the photograph.
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

What comes next?

The next page is the Statutory Declaration.

Commonwealth of Australia
STATUTORY DECLARATION
Statutory Declarations Act 1959

1 Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration

I,¹

make the following declaration under the
Statutory Declarations Act 1959:

2 Set out matter declared to in numbered paragraphs

² All of the information in the attached application is true and correct.

Where I have provided documents in support of the application, those documents are true copies of the originals.

I have read and understand the Privacy Notice provided on page 5 of the Notes.

I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

3 Signature of person making the declaration

³

4 Place

Declared at ⁴

5 Day

on ⁵

of ⁶

6 Month and year

Before me,

7 Signature of person before whom the declaration is made (see next page)

⁷

8 Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)

⁸

Note 1 A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years — see section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

Note 2 Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* — see section 5A of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

A statutory declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* may be made before–

- (1) a person who is currently licensed or registered under a law to practise in one of the following occupations:
- | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Chiropractor | Nurse | Physiotherapist |
| Dentist | Optometrist | Psychologist |
| Legal practitioner | Patent attorney | Trade marks attorney |
| Medical practitioner | Pharmacist | Veterinary surgeon |
- (2) a person who is enrolled on the roll of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory, or the High Court of Australia, as a legal practitioner (however described); or
- (3) a person who is in the following list:
- | | |
|---|---|
| Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public | Member of the Australian Defence Force who is: |
| Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the <i>Consular Fees Act 1955</i>) | (a) an officer; or |
| Bailiff | (b) a non-commissioned officer within the meaning of the <i>Defence Force Discipline Act 1982</i> with 5 or more years of continuous service; or |
| Bank officer with 5 or more continuous years of service | (c) a warrant officer within the meaning of that Act |
| Building society officer with 5 or more years of continuous service | Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the National Institute of Accountants |
| Chief executive officer of a Commonwealth court | Member of: |
| Clerk of a court | (a) the Parliament of the Commonwealth; or |
| Commissioner for Affidavits | (b) the Parliament of a State; or |
| Commissioner for Declarations | (c) a Territory legislature; or |
| Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service | (d) a local government authority of a State or Territory |
| Employee of the Australian Trade Commission who is: | Minister of religion registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the <i>Marriage Act 1961</i> |
| (a) in a country or place outside Australia; and | Notary public |
| (b) authorised under paragraph 3 (d) of the <i>Consular Fees Act 1955</i> ; and | Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years of continuous service who is employed in an office supplying postal services to the public |
| (c) exercising his or her function in that place | Permanent employee of: |
| Employee of the Commonwealth who is: | (a) the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority; or |
| (a) in a country or place outside Australia; and | (b) a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority; or |
| (b) authorised under paragraph 3 (c) of the <i>Consular Fees Act 1955</i> ; and | (c) a local government authority; |
| (c) exercising his or her function in that place | with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this list |
| Fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association | Person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the law of the State or Territory in which the declaration is made |
| Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service | Police officer |
| Holder of a statutory office not specified in another item in this list | Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court |
| Judge of a court | Senior Executive Service employee of: |
| Justice of the Peace | (a) the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority; or |
| Magistrate | (b) a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority |
| Marriage celebrant registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the <i>Marriage Act 1961</i> | Sheriff |
| Master of a court | Sheriff's officer |
| Member of Chartered Secretaries Australia | Teacher employed on a full-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution |
| Member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student | |
| Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants | |
| Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy | |

Checklist

You can use the checklist to make sure your application is complete.

- ☐ Are you using a nominee? Have you completed a Redress Nominee Form: *Authorising a person or organisation to act on your behalf?* (see question 29)
- ☐ Have you attached copies of any Power of Attorney, Guardianship or Financial Management Order? (see question 28)
- ☐ Have you completed pages 12 to 26 for each institution where you experienced child sexual abuse?
- ☐ Have you completed pages 16 and 17 for each person who sexually abused you?
- ☐ Have you completed pages 23 to 26 if you have had more than one prior payment for the abuse?
- ☐ Have you attached copies of any reports or other supporting documents you want to include?
- ☐ Has the Statutory Declaration been signed and witnessed?
- ☐ Have you made and kept a copy of your application for your own records?

Reminder

Free legal advice and information about redress is available through knowmore. Contact knowmore at **knowmore.org.au** or call **1800 605 762** (call charges may apply). If calling from overseas, please call +61 2 8267 7400.

Return your completed application to

NRS
Reply Paid 7750
Canberra BC ACT 2610
Australia

Please make and keep a copy of your completed application before you return it to us.



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