

National Redress Scheme

For people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse

FACT SHEET

DESCRIBING IMPACT IN YOUR APPLICATION

The Application for Redress has three parts:

- Part 1: Your personal information
- Part 2: Your experience of sexual abuse
- Part 3: The impact sexual abuse has had across your life

In Part 3 you will be asked to describe the impact that the abuse has had across your life. We acknowledge that this can be challenging. The National Redress Scheme (the Scheme) needs to collect this information to use in considering what redress may be offered to you.

The Application for Redress has two options for how you can describe the impact.

- 1) You can circle relevant words and phrases from a list. An example of the list is below.
- 2) You can write a short statement.

You can choose one, or both of these ways.

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| 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 | |

What information will be shared with institutions?

Information in your Application for Redress is protected under the Scheme's legislation. There are strict rules about how the information in your Application for Redress can be shared and used. To find out more detail about this please refer to the *Using and Protecting Your Information* fact sheet.

The Scheme will share some information from your Application for Redress with the relevant institutions. Part 3 of an application will not be shared with a responsible institution unless you indicate that you want the Scheme to provide it to the relevant institutions.

Institutions are required by law to ensure personal information is secure at all times, and that only those people who need to see or use certain information will have access to it. The penalty for misusing protected information is imprisonment for two years or a fine of \$25,200, or both.

Those who need immediate emotional support can contact:

- Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636
- Lifeline 13 11 14
- 1800 Respect 1800 737 732
- Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467
- Mensline 1300 78 99 78
- In an emergency call Triple Zero (000)