

National Redress Scheme

For people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse

Applying from Gaol Additional Information Form

Information sharing

The information in this form will be shared with:

1. The Department of Social Services (DSS) in their role as the Scheme Operator.
2. The Attorneys-General in the jurisdiction where you experienced abuse and where your offence occurred.

Special application process for people applying from gaol

The National Redress Scheme (the Scheme) has a special application process for people who seek to make an application from gaol. For the Scheme to accept an application made from gaol there must be exceptional circumstances. Some circumstances that might be exceptional include:

- you are too ill to make an application after being released
- you will not be released from gaol before the Scheme stops accepting applications on 30 June 2027. Note, if you are due for release before this date, you should consider applying once you have left gaol.

To start the special application process you need to complete this form, make a copy for your own records and return it to us. If you are unable to return this form within 8 weeks, we will put your Application for Redress (if you have already lodged one) on hold until we hear from you.

Part A of this form asks for your personal information. If you have already made an application to

the Scheme you may have already provided some of this information to us. We need to ask for it again so we can start this special application process.

Part B of this form asks you to tell us about any exceptional circumstances you would like considered as part of this process.

The Department of Social Services (DSS), in its role as Scheme Operator will look at your answers, then determine if an application made from gaol can be accepted from you.

In some cases the Scheme Operator may seek advice from the Attorneys-General in the jurisdiction where you experienced abuse and where you are currently being held.

Important information about applying from gaol

It is important to know that if you make an application from gaol, Redress Support Services will be limited in the level of support and information they can provide.

If your application is accepted and an offer of redress is made your access to some of the redress components (the counselling and psychological service and the direct personal response) will be limited. These limitations will not apply once you leave gaol. You can make an application for redress up until 30 June 2027.

If you have a serious criminal conviction

If you have a single sentence to imprisonment for 5 years or more you will need to complete the

Serious Criminal Convictions - Additional Information Form. This form asks you to provide personal information along with details of the nature of your offence, your sentence and your rehabilitation.

To find out more about this special assessment process go to **nationalredress.gov.au**.

You can 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 from someone from the National Redress Scheme.

Redress nominees

Legal redress nominees

If you are the legal redress nominee for a person who has made an *Application for Redress*, you may complete this form on their behalf.

You will need to write your Redress Nominee ID when signing this form. This ID starts with RN, followed by nine numbers. It appears on letters we send to redress nominees.

If you are not yet a legal redress nominee, you must complete the *Redress Nominee Form* before you can act on behalf of a person in the Scheme.

Assistance redress nominees

Assistance redress nominees are unable to complete this form.

You can 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 from someone from the National Redress Scheme.

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* and the *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018*. 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**

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.

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

Return your completed form to

NRS
Reply Paid 7750
Canberra BC ACT 2610
Australia

Other names - continued

First name

Other given name

Other given name

Last name

Include all names you have used. Please attach another sheet if you need more space.

Yes, I have attached another sheet for other names.

3 What is your date of birth?

Please write this as DD/ MM/ YYYY.

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4 Your gender

- Male
- Female
- X Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified

5 Your current postal address

Number / PO Box

Street

Suburb

State ACT NSW VIC WA
 TAS QLD NT SA Overseas

Postcode

Country

6 Do you have a Redress ID?

If you have already applied to the Scheme you will have a Redress ID. You can find the Redress ID on the top of most letters you have received from the Scheme.

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

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- No

11 Please tell us about the exceptional circumstances you would like the Scheme to take into account.

For example, you are terminally ill, you do not believe you will be well enough to apply once you have left gaol, or you do not expect to be released from gaol before 30 June 2027, when the Scheme will stop accepting applications.

Please attach another sheet if you need to add more information.

- Yes, I have attached another sheet with more information.

12 Have you ever been convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment for a period of 5 years or more in Australia or overseas?

- Yes You must also complete the *Serious Criminal Convictions - Additional Information Form*.
- No

Declaration

- 13** I declare the information I have provided is true and correct. I understand that giving false or misleading information on this form is a serious offence. I acknowledge that information contained within this form will be shared with the Department of Social Services. The information in this form may also be shared with the relevant Attorneys-General, and their relevant government departments.

Your name/legal redress nominee name

Your signature /legal redress nominee signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Legal Redress Nominee ID

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