

National Redress Scheme

For people who have experienced
institutional child sexual abuse

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SCHEME STATUTORY DECLARATION VIDEO

The National Redress Scheme acknowledges the significant trauma caused to people who experienced institutional child sexual abuse.

It aims to help people access support and to hold institutions to account.

When you apply to the Scheme, you need to complete a Statutory Declaration.

This video provides information on how to complete your Statutory Declaration.

Watching this video could raise difficult memories and feelings.

Remember to look after your wellbeing.

This might involve approaching someone you know and trust or a Redress Support Service which can offer you help and support.

Free, confidential Redress Support Services are available in all states and territories providing emotional and practical support before, during and after applying to the Scheme.

For more details, go to www.nationalredress.gov.au/support, or call 1800 737 377, or from overseas, call +61 3 6222 3455.

Knowmore is a free, independent legal service which provides advice and support around the National Redress Scheme. You can contact knowmore via a free call, 1800 605 762, or you can visit their website, www.knowmore.org.au.

What is a Statutory Declaration?

A Statutory Declaration is a written legal statement you sign and declare to be true and correct.

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When you sign a Statutory Declaration as part of your Scheme application, you are saying the information you have given is true and correct, and any documents attached are true copies of the originals.

As a Statutory Declaration is a legal document, it's important to make sure you complete it correctly. Your application can't be processed until a correctly completed Statutory Declaration has been received.

You can find the Statutory Declaration template at the end of the application form available on the Scheme's website, www.nationalredress.gov.au, or by calling the Scheme on 1800 737 377.

You need to use this Scheme specific Statutory Declaration template and not a different one from the state or territory in which you live.

You will need to sign your Statutory Declaration in front of an authorised witness.

You can find a list of people who can be authorised witnesses on page 2 of the Statutory Declaration template.

This includes people who are registered or licensed as a justice of the peace, a doctor, a lawyer or a psychologist and some other professions.

Your authorised witness does not need to see your application or know you're applying to the Scheme.

You will need to show the authorised witness photographic identification, such as your licence, to confirm your identity.

You can fill out a printed copy of the Statutory Declaration template by hand or fill it in on a computer before printing it out.

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In Part 1, you will need to complete all boxes, including writing your full name you are legally known by, your address and your occupation. If you don't have a fixed address, you can provide an address through which you can be reliably contacted, like the address of a relative.

If you are not currently working, you can write something like 'retired', 'pensioner' or 'not currently working'.

In Part 2, you don't need to write anything, as we filled it in for you, but you will need to read it and make sure you understand the information.

In Part 3, you sign this part in front of your authorised witness using a black pen.

In Part 4, when you are with your authorised witness, write the city or town you are in when you are signing your Statutory Declaration.

In Part 5, write the day of the month in words. And in Part 6, write the month and year. Your authorised witness can now sign in Part 7.

In Part 8, they will need to write their full name and address and why they are qualified to be an authorised witness. Their qualification will need to be one of those listed on the Statutory Declaration template. If they do not want to write these details, you will need to find another authorised witness who will.

Once your Statutory Declaration is complete, you need to attach this to your Scheme application.

If you are applying online, you will need to upload a photo or image of the entire signed application and your Statutory Declaration.

If you are mailing a paper copy of your application, include your Statutory Declaration when sending it.

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If watching this has brought up difficult feelings for you, 24-hour telephone assistance is available.

- Beyond Blue - 1300 224 636
- MensLine Australia - 1300 789 978
- Lifeline - 13 11 14
- Suicide Call Back Service - 1300 659 467

If you would like more information or support around the National Redress Scheme, Redress Support Services are available to help.