

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. This may include where:

- 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
- you are experiencing other exceptional circumstances, which justify your application being accepted while you are in 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.

Part A of this form asks for your personal information. We need to ask for this information 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.

Please include as much detailed information as you can to help the Scheme Operator understand your circumstances. You can add any documents (such as medicate records) that support your circumstance(s).

The 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(s) where you experienced abuse and where you are currently being held.

Important information about applying from gaol

If you submit your *Application for Redress* with this form, the Scheme cannot process your application until:

- your application for exceptional circumstances is accepted by the Scheme Operator, or
- you are released from gaol before **30 June 2027**.

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 to someone from the National Redress Scheme.

Redress nominees

A redress nominee is a person or organisation who can act on your behalf for the purposes of the Scheme. Your redress nominee can be your contact person for the Scheme. There are two types of redress nominees, **Assistance** and **Legal** nominees.

Assistance nominee

An assistance nominee may help you complete this form but **cannot** sign this form on your behalf.

Legal nominee

A legal nominee may complete **and sign** this form on your behalf.

If you are the **legal nominee**, 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 the assistance or legal nominee, you **must** complete the *Redress Nominee Form* before you can act on behalf of a person in the Scheme.

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Privacy Notice

The Australian Government Department of Social Services (the department) administers the Scheme, assisted by Services Australia. The department is responsible for the collection, use and disclosure of your personal information.

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018* and the *Privacy Act 1988*. It is collected and used by the department, and where applicable, Services Australia, to process your application and for the purposes of administering the Scheme. Your information may be given to third parties with your consent, or where the law allows or requires it.

You can find out more about the way the department and Services Australia will manage your personal information, including the privacy policy for the Scheme, at **nationalredress.gov.au/about/privacy**

Information sharing

The information in this form will be shared with the National Redress Scheme Operator and the Attorneys General in the jurisdiction(s) where you experienced abuse and where your offence occurred.

Released from gaol

If you are released from gaol, please let us know about your updated contact details.

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

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Reply Paid 7750

Canberra BC ACT 2610

Australia

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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

7 Will a redress nominee act on your behalf 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.
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- No

Note: A redress nominee cannot act on your behalf until you and the person or organisation complete (and sign where possible) the Redress Nominee Form: *Authorising a person or organisation to act on your behalf*.

If you have an existing legal arrangement in place, such as a Power of Attorney, Guardianship or Financial Management/Administration Order, the Redress Nominee Form **must** still be completed and provided to the Scheme.

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

Please add as much information about your circumstance(s) as you can below. Please also attach any medical records or other documents to support your exceptional circumstance(s).

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

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

Have you attached other documents to support your exceptional circumstances?

- Yes I have attached medical/health records.
- Yes I have attached court documents.
- No

13 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

- 14** 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 National Redress Scheme Operator and 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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