

## Part 2: Your experience of sexual abuse



In this Part of the application you will be asked to describe:

- your experience of child sexual abuse, and
- other forms of abuse that were related to your experience of sexual abuse, such as physical abuse, emotional abuse and/or neglect, and
- the person or people who abused you.

If you find that thinking about the abuse is distressing or brings back painful memories, please seek support from a person or service you trust. You can find a free and independent support service that can provide emotional and practical support at

**[nationalredress.gov.au/support](https://nationalredress.gov.au/support)** or call us on **1800 737 377**.

### 24/7 support

If you need **immediate help** to manage the emotional impact of applying for redress, 24 hour phone assistance is available through:



- **BeyondBlue** 1300 224 636
- **Lifeline** 13 11 14
- **1800RESPECT** 1800 737 732
- **13YARN** 13 92 76
- **Full Stop Australia** 1800 385 578 or 1800 211 028
- **Mensline** 1300 789 978
- **Suicide Call Back Service** 1300 659 467.

### Who will see Part 2 information?

Your answers and, where necessary, supporting documents from **Part 2**, will be given to the institution(s) that may have information we need to help us with your application.

Institutions will provide us with any information they have related to your application, including:

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

Institutions who receive your personal information are required to comply with strict privacy requirements in use, handling and disclosure of that information. For more information on how Part 2 information is used, see 'Who will see your information?' on page 7 of *the Guidebook*.

We understand some institutions may not have records. If there are no records held by the institution this will not stop your application from being assessed.

### Experience of child sexual abuse in multiple institutions

If you experienced abuse at more than one institution, please answer questions about each institution separately. You will need extra copies of Part 2 before you get started.

You can download extra copies of Part 2 from our website at **[nationalredress.gov.au/applying](https://nationalredress.gov.au/applying)** or call us on **1800 737 377** for a copy to be sent to you. You can also copy pages 10 to 22 for each institution.



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**29 Please provide as much information as you can about the institution responsible for you having contact with the person or people who abused you.**

For more information, see page 12 of *the Guidebook*.

**Reminder:** If you experienced child sexual abuse in more than one institution, please complete a new Part 2 for each institution. You can download Part 2 from [nationalredress.gov.au/applying](http://nationalredress.gov.au/applying) or call us on **1800 737 377** for a copy to be sent to you.

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.

Name

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.

Type

Number   
Street

Suburb, town or city

State  ACT  NSW  VIC  WA  
 TAS  QLD  NT  SA  Overseas

Postcode

Country

Please write other things that could help identify the institution, such as red brick building, new housing development, new name of a church or organisation.

  
  
  


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### 30 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, the name of another family member (such as a sibling) or other names you were known by at the institution.


### Information about when the abuse happened

#### 31 When were you at the institution?

Please write the dates you were placed there, lived there, were in care, were employed, went to school or were member of a sporting group.

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.

#### 32 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.

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

Yes

No

### 34 Over what period did the sexual abuse happen?

Please only tick one box.

- Less than 1 year
- Between 1 and 2 years
- 2 years or more Give details below

If more than 2 years, how long?

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

- Yes
- No

### 36 When the sexual abuse happened to you at this institution, which of the following circumstances applied to you? You can tick more than one.

Answering this question may help us find more information to help with your application.

- A state ward
- A foster child
- In relative or kinship care
- Under other court ordered care
- A Defence Cadet
  - Army
  - Navy
  - Air Force
- In the Defence Force
  - Army
  - Navy
  - Air Force
- None of these apply to me

### 37 Were you a child migrant?

A person is a child migrant if they arrived in Australia without a parent or guardian and were placed into state care before 1984. A person living overseas who was a child migrant may be eligible for redress even if they are not currently an Australian citizen or permanent resident. For more information, see page 13 of *the Guidebook*.

- Yes
  - The United Kingdom or Malta
  - Other
- No

### 38 Did you have a disability at the time of abuse?

Answering this question will help us better understand the experiences of people with disability.

For more information, see page 13 of *the Guidebook*.

- Yes Please give details of the disability below

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- No
- I prefer not to answer this question

**39 Please tell us about the person(s) who abused you at this institution.**

If you do not remember their name that is okay. Can you please tell us about any job or role they had at the institution, what age they were or any other features that would help identify them.

**Person 1**

Name and/or nickname

Role at institution

Approximate age

Gender  Male

Female

Other

Features (for example, hair colour, height, tattoo)

**Person 2**

Name and/or nickname

Role at institution

Approximate age

Gender  Male

Female

Other

Features (for example, hair colour, height, tattoo)

### Person 3

Name and/or nickname

Role at institution

Approximate age

Gender  Male

Female

Other

Features (for example, hair colour, height, tattoo)

I have attached an extra page to this application listing other people.

#### 40 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 carer.

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.




## Writing about your experience of abuse

The next questions will ask you to write about your abuse.

Telling us about your experience of abuse can be hard. You may find that thinking about what happened brings up painful memories.

Before you get started with this section, you may wish to ask for support from a person or service you trust. They can help you write down what happened to you and support you if you are distressed.

You can find a free and independent support service at **[nationalredress.gov.au/support](https://nationalredress.gov.au/support)** or call us on **1800 737 377**.

There are many forms of sexual abuse and it can be hard to know what to include in your statement. To help you complete this question about the sorts of behaviours that are defined as sexual abuse, see page 14 of *the Guidebook*.

### 41 Please describe the sexual abuse that you experienced while you were at this institution.

Tell us about what happened to you in your own words. Please describe:

- the sexual abuse that happened
- how often the abuse happened
- who the abuser was
- any other abuse you experienced such as emotional, physical or neglect, and
- anyone you told about the abuse at the time.

Please provide as much information as you can and seek support as described before this question if you need.

If you have previously prepared a written statement about your experience of abuse **at this institution**, it can be attached at the end of the application form.


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## Information about people who may have known about the sexual abuse that happened at this institution

### 42 Please write about any person at the institution who may have known about the sexual abuse.

You can name people who you believe knew about the abuse even if you did not report the abuse.

Please use the spaces below 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.

You could also attach any documents you may have that show another person knew about the abuse. Please list any documents on page 27 and then submit copies with your application.

You do not have to answer this question. You may not have had a chance to talk to anyone else, or you may not have had anyone to talk to. Thinking about this may be too difficult or bring up bad memories.

Your application can still be processed if you do not write anything here.

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

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

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

Please list any documents that might be relevant on page 27 of this form, then attach copies to this application.




## Prior payments

The next questions are about prior payment(s) you may have received for experiencing child sexual abuse while at this institution, such as victims of crime, court awarded payments or another redress scheme. These payments may be taken into account when calculating an offer of redress.

Where a prior payment can be broken down into separate amounts for different purposes, only the amounts that were made in recognition of abuse, or harm caused by the abuse will be taken into account.

Any previous deed of release or confidentiality agreement you may have signed cannot stop you applying for redress.

For more information about how prior payments are taken into account, and may affect any redress amount you may be offered, see page 15 of *the Guidebook*.

### What information do you need to include?

Please let us know if part of a prior payment was made for legal costs or other expenses (for example, medical, dental or other treatment).

If you have settlement, legal, or other documents that show the prior payment amount and when it was paid to you, please attach them.

You may have received one or more payments to recognise the harm of the sexual abuse at this institution. Please use the following questions to let us know about the prior payments you received.

#### 44 Have you received any payments in relation to this abuse?

- Yes      Please attach any documents you may have (go to question 45)
- No        I have not had a prior payment for this abuse (go to Part 3)
- Not sure    At question 45 select the 'Other' option and please give any details you think may be relevant. (go to question 45)

**45 Which scheme was the payment made through?**

You can tick more than one

- Victims of crime

Date of payment (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Write the amount paid

\$ □□□□□□□□

Was the payment made for:

- Sexual abuse
- Other abuse
- Other/Not sure

Please write other details for this payment


- Another redress scheme

Date of payment (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Write the amount paid

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Was the payment made for:

- Sexual abuse
- Other abuse
- Other/Not sure

Please write other details for this payment


- Awarded by a court  
Date of payment (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Write the amount paid

\$

Was the payment made for:

- Sexual abuse  
 Other abuse  
 Other/Not sure

Please write other details for this payment

- Other  
Please write the name of the payment

Date of payment (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Write the amount paid

\$

Was the payment made for:

- Sexual abuse  
 Other abuse  
 Other/Not sure

Please write other details for this payment

**You have reached the end of Part 2.**