

National Redress Scheme

For people who have experienced
institutional child sexual abuse

What happens after you apply to the National Redress Scheme?

Easy Read fact sheet



How to use this fact sheet



We want to warn you that this fact sheet talks about **child sexual abuse** in **institutions**.



We explain what these words mean in the word list on page 9.



This subject may be very hard to:

- read about
- talk about.

It may bring up difficult feelings and memories.



The Australian Government wrote this fact sheet. When you see the word 'we', it means the Australian Government.



We have written this fact sheet to make it as easy to read as we can.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.



You may decide to ask for help to read this fact sheet.

A support person like a friend or family member may be able to help you.



We also have free and confidential Redress Support Services that can help you.

These can be found on our website at

www.nationalredress.gov.au/support

There are services that can help:



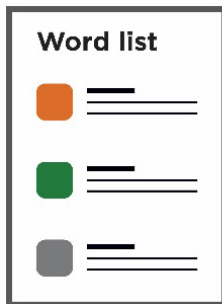
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



- people with disability.



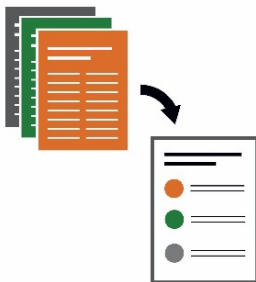
You can also call the National Redress Scheme on **1800 737 377**.



We have written some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 9.



This fact sheet is from a set of fact sheets about the National Redress Scheme.



You can find the whole set on our website at www.nationalredress.gov.au/about/resources

What happens after you apply for the Scheme?



It may take us some time to work through your application.



We will look at your application to decide:

- if you can receive **redress**
- what types of redress you can receive
- how much the payment will be.



Redress is a way of trying to make things right.

Scheme payments



If you can be given redress, your payment could be from less than \$10,000 up to \$150,000.

Your payment amount will depend on what you tell us in your application about:



- what happened when you experienced child sexual abuse
- the effect the child sexual abuse had on your life.



But if you have been given a payment for the abuse before, your redress payment may be lower.



We will look at how much that other payment would be worth now and take it away from your payment from this Scheme.



We won't include other payments you were given for:

- lawyers
- medical care
- dental care
- counselling
- living expenses.

If you get a payment:



- you won't need to pay tax on it



- it won't count as income



- it might count in an **assets** test for a government payment.

Your assets are things you own that have value, such as:



- a car
- land
- a house, a flat or a unit
- money you have saved or put away.



If you give your payment to someone else, they will need to let Centrelink know.

Word list



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Child sexual abuse



Child sexual abuse is when a person younger than 18 is included in or shown sexual acts:

- they don't understand
- the community thinks are wrong
- that are against the law.

Child sexual abuse includes:

- sexual touching of any part of the body, with or without clothes, including with an object
- sex of any kind with a child
- showing a child sexual acts.



Child sexual abuse is:

- wrong
- a crime
- never the child's fault.

Institution

An organisation set up:



- by the government
- for a religion
- for teaching and learning
- to run a business
- for a social activity
- for sporting activities.

Redress

A way of trying to make things right. It includes offering support if you were sexually abused as a child and while an institution was supposed to be looking after you.



Contact us



You can contact us to find out more about the Scheme.



1800 737 377



www.nationalredress.gov.au



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