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Southern Tasmania

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Redress Support Services

A free, confidential service for people considering applying to the National Redress Scheme



About the National Redress Scheme

In July 2018, the National Redress Scheme was established to provide support and payment to people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse.

The Redress Scheme was developed based on the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Who can apply to the National Redress Scheme?

You can apply to the National Redress Scheme if you experienced sexual abuse when you were a child (under 18 years of age) and

- the abuse happened before 1 July 2018, and
- an institution was responsible for bringing you into contact with the person who abused you, and
- you were born before 30 June 2010, and
- at the time you apply, you are an Australian citizen or a permanent resident.

Some circumstances can affect the application process.

Please seek further information if you:

- were abused in an institution that hasn't joined the National Redress Scheme
- are under 18 years of age
- have ever been sentenced to more than 5 years in jail
- have already received a payment related to the abuse.

What can you apply for?

The National Redress Scheme can help you get access to three things:

- counselling
- a Redress payment, and
- a direct personal response from an institution (e.g. an apology).

If you receive an offer of redress, you can accept any or all of these things. This is your choice.

When is an organisation responsible?

The National Redress Scheme holds institutions accountable for child sexual abuse.

For example, while in the care of an institution, child sexual abuse occurred:

- on the premises of an institution, such as a school, a church, a club, an orphanage or children's home,
- where activities of an institution take place, such as a camp or a sporting facility, or
- by an official of an institution, such as a teacher, a religious figure like a priest or nun, a coach or camp leader.

For you to access redress, the institution responsible for the abuse must have joined the National Redress Scheme.

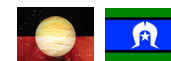
What support is available?

Sexual Assault Support Service and Relationships Australia Tasmania offer free confidential services across Tasmania including:

- information about the National Redress Scheme
- explanation on what to expect through the application process
- assistance to complete the Scheme's application form and support through the application process
- assistance to access other appropriate services such as legal and financial counselling or other community services
- safe environment to engage with the National Redress Scheme
- trauma-informed support delivered face-to-face and over the phone
- assistance to understand a redress outcome
- support to request a direct personal response from the institution.

Why support might be helpful

- if you are experiencing ongoing emotional or other health problems
- if you are unsure what to tell your loved ones
- if you are reminded of the past and are either struggling to manage, or you have decided 'it's time to deal with the past'
- if past experiences are impacting on your current relationships and quality of life
- if you are finding it hard to trust others
- if you are suspicious of institutions and organisations.



SASS and Relationships Australia Tasmania acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work.