

# Can I get compensation? South Australia

If you were sexually abused as a child, you may be able to get compensation. Compensation can recognise the wrong done to you and help you to recover money.

## What are my compensation options?

In South Australia, the compensation options for survivors of childhood sexual abuse may include:

- the National Redress Scheme
- a civil claim
- Victims of crime compensation
- an institutional redress scheme
- criminal court compensation.

## How knowmore can help

It is important that you get legal advice. knowmore can give you more information and help you work out your options for compensation.

Please contact knowmore on 1800 605 762 for free legal advice.

## National Redress Scheme

The Australian Government established the National Redress Scheme for survivors of institutional childhood sexual abuse that occurred prior to 1 July 2018.

The scheme is accepting applications until 30 June 2027. You can find more information or request a form by calling 1800 737 377 or visiting [www.nationalredress.gov.au](http://www.nationalredress.gov.au).

## Civil claims

A civil claim is where you 'sue' the person and/or institution responsible for your injuries. There is no time limit for making a civil claim for child sexual abuse in South Australia.

Civil claims are complicated and knowmore can help you find a lawyer to advise you.

## Victims of crime compensation

You may be eligible to receive compensation from the government's Victims of Crime Fund. Usually you have 3 years from when the crime took place. You might be able to apply after this in some circumstances.

You can find more information by calling Victims of Crime South Australia on 7322 7007 or emailing them at [victimsofcrime@sa.gov.au](mailto:victimsofcrime@sa.gov.au). You can also visit their website at [www.voc.sa.gov.au/](http://www.voc.sa.gov.au/).

## Institutional redress scheme

Some institutions offer a type of compensation for abuse committed by their staff via an 'institutional redress scheme'. These schemes may make a payment and provide other support, such as counselling.

Please contact knowmore for more information.

## Criminal court compensation

If the person responsible for what happened to you is prosecuted and they are found guilty of the offence, at the time of sentencing the court may order the offender to pay you compensation. You need to tell the investigating officer that you want a compensation order so that they can ask for one.

**With all of these options it is important to seek legal advice.**

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