

Information about the Commonwealth Redress Scheme

In November 2016 the Commonwealth Government advised it would be establishing a Commonwealth Redress Scheme for survivors of institutional childhood sexual abuse.

relevant payments will be taken into account.

In May 2017, further information was made available about the scheme:

At that time the following information was made available about the scheme:

1. The proposed scheme will be established in 2018.
2. Survivors who suffered childhood sexual abuse in Commonwealth institutional settings will be able to access redress under the scheme.
3. The scheme will offer the following:-
 - i. Monetary payment up to \$150,000; and
 - ii. Psychological counselling support; and
 - iii. If requested, a direct personal acknowledgment and response from the responsible institution.
4. Other survivors of childhood sexual abuse will only be able to access redress if the State in which they were abused 'opts in' to the redress scheme.
5. Survivors who have received redress under other schemes can still apply to this scheme, however prior

1. The 2017-2018 budget committed an initial amount to meet the establishment costs of the scheme.
2. From March 2018 a dedicated telephone helpline and website will be available to provide information to survivors and their families about the scheme.
3. From July 2018 applications for redress will be open to survivors of abuse in Commonwealth institutions.
4. The Commonwealth Government will continue to encourage states, territories and non-government institutions to 'opt in' to the scheme.

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