

Redress Scheme for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse

Information Factsheet

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Information about the Redress Scheme for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse

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

The following information has been made available about the scheme:

1. Subject to the passage of the legislation, the scheme will start in 2018.
2. Survivors who suffered childhood sexual abuse in Commonwealth, NSW or Victorian institutional settings will be able to access redress under the scheme.
3. The scheme will offer the following:-
 - i. A 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. No-one can apply until the scheme starts.
5. Survivors who have received redress under other schemes can still apply to this scheme, however prior relevant payments will be taken into account.
6. A dedicated telephone helpline and website will be available to provide information to survivors and their families about the scheme.
7. The Australian Government is strongly encouraging the other states and territories and all relevant institutions to opt into the scheme.

More information is available at
www.dss.gov.au/redress

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