

Redress Scheme for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse

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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. Once the law setting up the scheme has gone through, the scheme will start in 2018.
2. Survivors who experienced childhood sexual abuse in Commonwealth and/or State government institutions will be able to access redress under the scheme.

The Anglican Church, the Catholic Church, the Uniting Church, Scouts, Salvation Army and YMCA have announced they will be joining the National Redress Scheme.
3. The scheme will offer the following:-
 - i. A monetary payment up to \$150,000. The purpose of the redress monetary payment is to provide recognition and acknowledgement of the seriousness of the hurt and injury suffered. It is not the same as common law damages, there will be no component to reflect loss of income or pain and suffering; and
 - ii. psychological counselling support; and

iii. if requested, a direct personal acknowledgment and response from the responsible institution.

4. Survivors who have received redress under other schemes can still apply to this scheme, however prior relevant payments may be taken into account.
5. No-one can apply until the scheme starts, which is expected to be 1 July 2018.
6. A dedicated telephone helpline and website will be available to provide information to survivors about the scheme.
7. The Australian Government is strongly encouraging the other states and territories and all relevant institutions to opt in to the scheme.

More information is available at www.dss.gov.au/redress or by phoning the National Redress Information Line – 1800 146 713

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