

# Can I get compensation? Northern Territory

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 the Northern Territory, the compensation options for survivors of childhood sexual abuse may include:

- the National Redress Scheme
- a civil claim
- Victims of Crime Assistance Scheme
- 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 Northern Territory.

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

## Victims of Crime Assistance Scheme

You may be eligible for victims of crime assistance, including payments and free counselling. To apply for a sexual assault that happened when you were a child there is no time limit to apply.

You can find more information by calling the Crime Victims Services Unit on 1800 460 363, visiting their website at <https://justice.nt.gov.au/justice-services/crime-victims-services-unit> or emailing them at [cvsu.doj@nt.gov.au](mailto:cvsu.doj@nt.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 offender is prosecuted, the court may order the them to pay you compensation.

If you want a compensation order, let the prosecutor know.

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

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