



Australian Government

National Indigenous Australians Agency

Payments and support for Stolen Generations

*Information for First Nations people
who were removed from their families
or communities in Australian territories*

Easy Read fact sheet



Territories Stolen
Generations
Redress Scheme

A warning about this fact sheet



In this fact sheet, we talk about things that might bring up:

- uncomfortable feelings
- bad memories.



You can talk to someone you trust if you:

- need support to read this fact sheet
- don't feel comfortable to read this fact sheet.



We have a list of organisations who can support you with your:

- feelings
- memories.

You can find these organisations on page 20.

How to use this fact sheet



We are the Australian Government.

We wrote this fact sheet.



We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is also a list of these words on page 25.



This is an Easy Read summary of a fact sheet.

It only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other fact sheet on our website.

www.territoriesredress.gov.au

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What is the Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme?



This document is about the Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme.

We just call it the Scheme.



Redress is a way to recognise and say sorry for something that harmed you.

It can include money and support.



We want to help people without causing any more hurt.



The Australian Government runs the Scheme.

Who can apply to the Scheme?



You can apply to the Scheme if you are a **Stolen Generations survivor**.

A Stolen Generations survivor is an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person who was removed:



- from their family or community



- before they were **18 years old**



- because of past rules that tried to make them follow different beliefs and **culture**.

Culture is ways of knowing, being and doing.

It gives people a way to:



- show who they are
- feel safe.

The Scheme is for Stolen Generations survivors who were removed from their families or communities in the:



- Northern Territory
before 1 July 1978



- Australian Capital Territory
before 11 May 1989



- Jervis Bay Territory.

You can apply if you were removed from these territories.

Even if you:

- were born somewhere else
- live somewhere else now.



If a Stolen Generations survivor has passed away



You can apply to the Scheme for a family member who has passed away.

You can do this if your family member:



- was a Stolen Generations survivor



- passed away
on or after 5 August 2021 .

What can you get?



The Scheme offers a redress payment of **up to \$75,000**.



This payment might be less if you already got a similar redress payment.



For example, a payment from a state government redress scheme.



The Scheme also offers a healing payment of **\$7,000**.

You can use this payment for anything you like.

You can also choose to:



- share your story with a senior government person



- get a response from a senior government person.



You can get your response:

- face-to-face with a senior government person
- in writing.



You can also choose to get both.



You don't need to get a response if you don't want to.

You can choose just to get the payments.

How can you apply for the Scheme?



You can apply for the Scheme any time before 31 August 2027.



You don't need any documents about being removed to apply.

But it helps if you do have documents to share with us.



The Scheme will find information about you being removed.



You need to fill out a form to apply.

It's called the Application for Redress form.



You can download the form from our website.

[www.territoriesredress.gov.au/resources/
application-redress-form](http://www.territoriesredress.gov.au/resources/application-redress-form)



You can email your form to us.

help@territoriesredress.gov.au



Or you can apply online through our website.

portal.territoriesredress.gov.au



Or you can call and ask us to send you the form.

1800 566 111



You can also ask a Link-Up service for the form.

Who can support you to apply?



The Scheme has been designed to do no further harm.



There are supports you can use any time as you apply for the Scheme.



You can use these supports even if you're only thinking about applying.



You can contact Knowmore Legal Service for advice about the Scheme.

This includes:

- legal advice
- advice about money.

Knowmore Legal Service is:



- free



- independent – they don't work for the government.



You can call them.

1800 566 966



You can visit their website.

www.knowmore.org.au



Link-Up services can support you to apply for the Scheme.

This is a free service.



We can help you find a Link-Up service near you.

You can call us.

1800 566 111

How do payments from the Scheme work?



If you can get a redress payment, we will send you a letter to tell you.



You need to accept your redress payment **before 30 June 2028**.



You can choose to have your redress payment paid to you all at once.



Or you can choose to have it paid to you in small amounts **over 12 months**.



You can choose **2 small payments** .

You will get the second payment **6 months after** the first one.



You can choose **3 small payments** .

There will be **4 months** between each payment.



You can choose **4 small payments** .

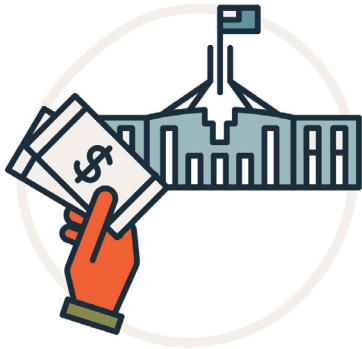
There will be **3 months** between each payment.



Small payments will be the same amount each time.



You won't need to pay any **tax** on your payment.



Tax is money that people pay to the government to help pay for services.



Like schools and hospitals.



A payment from the Scheme won't affect payments you might get from the **National Redress Scheme**.



The National Redress Scheme is another government scheme for people who were seriously harmed as children.

Who can you contact for support?



The information in this document might bring up:

- uncomfortable feelings
- bad memories.



Below are services you can contact for support.

13YARN



13YARN supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.



You can call them any time.

13 92 76

Lifeline

Lifeline is a service for people at risk of:



- hurting themselves because of their mental health



- suicide – when someone ends their own life.



You can call Lifeline any time.

13 11 14

Beyond Blue



Beyond Blue is a service that can support people with their mental health.



You can call Beyond Blue any time.

1300 224 636

Suicide Call Back Services



Suicide Call Back Service is a free call service for people at risk of suicide.



You can call Suicide Call Back Service any time.

1300 659 467

Contact us



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You can call us.

1800 566 111



You can send us an email.

help@territoriesredress.gov.au



You can visit our website.

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Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this fact sheet mean.



Culture

Culture is ways of knowing, being and doing.

It gives people a way to:

- show who they are
- feel safe.



National Redress Scheme

The National Redress Scheme is a way to support people who experienced child sexual abuse.

This abuse was done by organisations that were meant to take care of them.



Redress

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It can include money and support.



Stolen Generations survivor

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- from their family or community
- before they were 18 years old
- because of past rules that tried to make them follow different beliefs and culture.



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