# **Redress Schemes**

The following Schemes may be relevant to Stolen Generations Survivors

## What is the Scheme?

# Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme

The Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme is for Stolen Generations survivors who were removed as children from their families or communities in the territories administered by the Commonwealth.

The Scheme offers a:

- redress payment of up to \$75,000
- healing assistance payment of \$7,000
- Personal Acknowledgement.

## Who is eligible?

#### https://territoriesredress.gov.au

The delegated National Indigenous Australians Agency decision-maker must be satisfied that it is *plausible* that:

- 1. The applicant is a person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, who is a Stolen Generations survivor; and
- 2. The applicant's removal took place in the:
  - NT prior to 1 July 1978; or
  - o ACT prior to 11 May 1989; or
  - Jervis Bay Territory.

## How to apply?



#### **Australian Government**

#### National Indigenous Australians Agency

- Visit the Scheme's online portal https://portal.territoriesredress.gov.au
- Download an application form http://territoriesredress.gov.au/resources/application-redress-form
- Email help@territoriesredress.gov.au
- Call 1800 566 111
- Seek assistance from a Scheme support service.

Applications close on 31 August 2027.



The Victorian Stolen Generations Reparations Package is to help address the trauma and suffering caused by the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, community, culture, identity and language. The Package offers:

- a payment of \$100,000
- a personal apology
- access to trauma-informed counselling and other support services
- access to records held by the State about their removal
- supported access to healing programs.

https://www.vic.gov.au/stolen-generations-reparations-package

The Package is available to people who:

- are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- have been removed by a government or non-government agency prior to 31 December 1976, while under the age of 18
- have been first removed in Victoria
- have been separated from their family for a period of time that resulted in the experience of loss of family, community, culture, identity, and language and
- have lodged a valid application with all necessary supporting identification documents.



Justice and Community Safety

- Visit the website for more information <u>http://www.vic.gov.au/stolen-generations-reparations-package</u>
- Apply online or download an application form <a href="https://www.vic.gov.au/stolen-generations-reparations-package#apply-now">https://www.vic.gov.au/stolen-generations-reparations-package#apply-now</a>
- Email <u>stolen.generations@justice.vic.gov.au</u>
- Call 1800 566 071 (from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)

Applications close on 31 March 2027.

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The WA Government is delivering a Stolen Generations Redress Scheme for living members of the Stolen Generations in WA who were removed as children from their families in WA prior to 1 July 1972.

The Scheme offers a payment of \$85,000 to eliaible individuals.

The WA Government is also working with Stolen Generations Organisations on additional measures to support healing and truth tellina.

The WA Stolen Generations Redress Scheme is for:

- living Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons
- removed from their families in WA before 1 July 1972
- where removal took place before age of 18.



The Scheme is expected to open to registrations in the second half of 2025 with distribution of payments to commence in late 2025. Register for updates on the Scheme website below.

https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-thepremier-and-cabinet/stolen-generations-redress-scheme

## National **Redress Scheme**

For people who have experienced institutional child sevual abuse

Between 2013 and 2017, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse listened to thousands of people about the sexual abuse they experienced as children in an institution.

In response, the Australian Government set up the National Redress Scheme for people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse. The Scheme acknowledges that many children were sexually abused in Australian institutions and holds institutions to account.

The Scheme provides access to:

- Counselling that is confidential and culturally safe
- A payment of up to \$150,000, and

The option of a direct personal response from the institution (e.g. an apology).

Applicants can apply to the National Redress Scheme if:

- You experienced sexual abuse when you were under 18 years of age, and
- You were born before 30 June 2010, and
- The abuse happened before 1 July 2018 while you were in the care of an institution, such as a school, church, sporting club, juvenile justice, or mission, and
- You are an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

To access redress, the institution responsible for the abuse must have joined the Scheme.



Australian Government Department of Social Services

- Visit the Scheme's website https://www.nationalredress.gov.au/
- Call 1800 737 377
- Free and confidential legal, financial, emotional and practical support is available to help you throughout the application process. Information on how to access support services can be found at: https://www.nationalredress.gov.gu/support

Applications close on 30 June 2027