

The National Redress Scheme

**acknowledges sexual abuse
people experienced as
children in connection
with institutions.**

**PWDA can help people with
disability access the Scheme.**

What is the National Redress Scheme?

The National Redress Scheme (the Scheme) is one way for people to get recognition for the harm they experienced. The Scheme offers three forms of redress, you can choose which ones you want, one or two or all three:

- Monetary payment.
- Psychological counselling/support.
- A personal response, like an apology, from the responsible institution.



Who is eligible?

The National Redress Scheme is for people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse.

You may be eligible to apply for redress if:

- you experienced sexual abuse when you were under 18 years old, and
- an institution was responsible for bringing you into contact with the person who abused you, and
- the abuse happened before 1 July 2018.

Institutions can include schools, churches, medical settings, sporting groups, group homes, foster care situations, and many others.

There are a few other rules about who can apply.

For more information on the National Redress Scheme

Visit nationalredress.gov.au
or call 1800 737 377
or contact **PWDA**



How can PWDA support you to apply to the Scheme?

PWDA provides **confidential** and **free** support to survivors of institutional child sexual abuse with disability.

PWDA can provide you with information to help you understand more about the Scheme, what your rights are, and how your personal information will be shared in the application process. This information can help you to decide if you want to apply.

You can phone or email us for information, and in parts of NSW and Queensland we have advocates who can meet with you face-to-face to assist you all the way through the application process.

We can also assist you over the phone or online if there is not a service near you that can help.

We can also connect you with other free services that may be helpful, such as legal and financial advice, and counselling services.



Contact us

Phone (toll free) 1800 843 929
Email pwd@pwd.org.au

If you are experiencing distress and need help immediately, contact:

- **Lifeline**
13 11 14
lifeline.org.au
- **Beyond Blue**
1300 224 636
beyondblue.org.au
- **MensLine Australia**
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mensline.org.au

