

Aboriginal Advisory Committee

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Scheme overview

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The Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme (the Scheme) is a financial and wellbeing package for Stolen Generations survivors who were removed as children from their families or communities in the territories administered by the Commonwealth in the past.

Redress

The Scheme seeks to recognise the harm and trauma experienced by Stolen Generations survivors and offers eligible people a:

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

A Personal Acknowledgement is an opportunity for a Stolen Generations survivor's story of removal and the impact it has had on them to be acknowledged in a personalised and genuine way by a senior government person. It can be provided in a face-to-face meeting as a letter, or both.

Eligibility

The National Indigenous Australians Agency decision-maker must be satisfied it is plausible that both of the following criteria are met:

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

Key Information

Applications can be submitted any time up until 28 February 2026.

Stolen Generations survivors can apply if they were removed in the territories regardless of where they were born; where they removed to; or whether they live outside of the territories, in urban centres or a community, in long term residential care, or in prison.

Representatives of Stolen Generations survivors who have passed away since the Scheme's announcement (5 August 2021), but would be otherwise eligible for the Scheme, may apply on behalf of the person who has passed away.

The application process is simple and the requirements on Stolen Generations survivors is kept to a minimum.

The Scheme recognises there may be absent or inadequate historical records about the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, and the evidentiary standard of plausible takes this into account.

There is no requirement for the applicant to provide any documentation in support of their story of removal but they may choose to do so.

Our research team conducts the research required to support the assessment of an applicant's eligibility.

The Scheme operates on the basis of doing no further harm, there is trauma-aware and healing informed supports available to help Stolen Generations survivors at all stages of the application process – even if someone is just thinking about applying.

