

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

- the National Redress Scheme
- a civil claim
- Victims of Crime Assistance
- an institutional redress scheme
- criminal injuries compensation.

How TasVOCAL can help

It is important that you get legal advice. **TasVOCAL** can give you more information and help you work out your options for compensation.

Please call 1300 366 611 and ask for **TasVOCAL** for free legal help.

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.

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 Tasmania.

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

Victims of crime assistance

You may be eligible for victims of crime assistance. Usually you have 3 years from when the crime took place to apply. If you were under 18 when the crime happened, you need to apply before you turn 21. You might be able to apply after this if there are special circumstances.

You can find more information by contacting:

Victims Support Services

Call: **1300 663 773**

Email: victims@justice.tas.gov.au.

www.justice.tas.gov.au/victims

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.

With all of these options it is very important that you seek legal advice.

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