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The National Redress Scheme provides acknowledgement and support to people who experienced institutional child sexual abuse.

It was created in response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, which estimated that 60,000 people experienced institutional sexual abuse in Australia.

Redress is an alternative to seeking compensation through the courts.

The National Redress Scheme can provide three things:

- access to counselling;
- a payment; and
- a direct personal response from the institution (e.g. an apology) for people who want it.

The scheme started on 1 July 2018 and will run for 10 years.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart have joined the National Redress Scheme for those who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse. This was confirmed by Ministerial Declaration on 24 January 2019.

People can apply now using an online or paper form.

Free and confidential Redress Support Services are available throughout the process.

They can help explain the Scheme and who can apply.

For more information, visit [www.nationalredress.gov.au](http://www.nationalredress.gov.au) or call the National Redress Scheme line on **1800 737 377**.

Find out all you need to know about applying for the National Redress Scheme here:

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