

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Application form **Part 3**

For individually assessed payment applicants

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Section 1: Personal details

This information will be used to join together Part 1 and Part 3 of your application forms.

Name

Angela Wood

Date of birth

Day 10 Month 02 Year 1966

The next section asks you to write your statement of abuse.

Section 2: Your statement of abuse

Please refer to page 32 of the “Help to apply” guidance when filling in this form.

Please make sure that whatever way you provide your statement, you include all the information Redress Scotland needs to make a decision. You can find out more on page 35 of “Help to apply”.

You may find that writing this brings up feelings or memories. If you need support you can speak to a case worker who can refer you to further help:

- **Telephone:** 0808 175 0808 (freephone)
- **International:** +44 131 297 6500
Lines are open Monday to Thursday, from 10am to 4pm (except Scottish public holidays)
- **Email:** apply@redress-scheme.scot

Providing your statement of abuse

In Part 1, you will have provided information about any relevant care settings you were abused in.

In Part 3, you need to provide a statement about your abuse. You can choose how you want to provide your statement. You can complete Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4. Or you can:

- submit a previous statement (for example, a copy of a statement given to the police)
- write your statement in another format that is better suited to you

How to complete this section

You may have been abused in one relevant care setting, or in several different ones.

For this part of the application form, please provide a statement about each care setting you were abused in.

For example, if you were abused in 3 relevant care settings, please provide 3 statements.

You can do this in any order that makes sense to you.

There are pages for 4 care settings included in this form. If you need more copies, you can:

- contact a case worker
- make a copy yourself
- print additional pages from mygov.scot/redress

Please remember:

- there are no wrong answers - if Redress Scotland needs more or different information, your case worker will get in touch with you and let you know
- do not worry about your spelling
- use as much or as little space as you need to give your information - you can continue on additional pages if you want to

Your statement for Care setting 1

Please read page 32 of the “Help to apply” guidance before you begin.

In Part 1, you will have already provided information about the care settings you were abused in. By providing this information here, your case worker can join together the name of the care setting with your statement of abuse.

Q1 | What is the name or location of the relevant care setting you were abused in?

(For example, the name of the care home, or the city or region where you lived in foster care or while boarded out).

Do not worry if you are uncertain about dates or time. Please provide your best estimate.

Q2 | When were you abused?

For example: a single date, an age, or an approximate time or time range.

You do not have to provide names, if you cannot remember or do not feel comfortable doing so. If you do provide a name it will be passed to Police Scotland.

Q3 | Who was involved in your abuse?

For example: a member of staff, a peer or someone outside the care setting.

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Q4 | On the next page, please provide as much information as you can about:

- the abuse you experienced while living in this care setting
- what life was like for you during this time
- how the people responsible for your care and welfare failed to carry out that duty (within or beyond your care setting)

You can continue on additional pages if you need to.

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Nunnery in Aberdeen

The first memory I have is being in a nunnery in Aberdeen with the sisters. They were quite cruel. I was there with my younger sister and my brother, but we were all split up. I don't know where they went. I just remember us all huddled together, even though I was still only a baby, I had to protect them. We were taken into what I remember as a kitchen or laundry room. We had to strip off the clothes we arrived in, and the nuns hosed us down. My brother was crying and lashing out at one of the nuns. We had already been through so much together at home, I remember how distressed he was. We were taken to a dorm room, there were two single beds, one for my brother and one for me and my sister. I remember a long corridor with lots of closed doors. At the end of the corridor was the dining room where the other children were. We were fed, but apart from meal times we were locked in our room. Every day we were hosed down again.

One of the first homes I remember was in Maryhill. It was a very large house with lots of children. When we first arrived, we were put into a room that I can only describe as being like a padded cell. Everyone was fighting. It was frightening. After that, we were moved into a dormitory. At night, there was a man who would come around to check whether we were asleep. He would put his hand under the sheets and over your mouth. I remember this happening during the 1970s. At one point, because there were no spaces available, we were taken somewhere else during the night. I remember constantly being moved around and never feeling safe.

Your statement for Care setting 2

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Q1 | What is the name or location of the relevant care setting you were abused in?

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Care Setting

Do not worry if you are uncertain about dates or time. Please provide your best estimate.

Q2 | When were you abused?

For example: a single date, an age, or an approximate time or time range.

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Q3 | Who was involved in your abuse?

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Q4 | On the next page, please provide as much information as you can about:

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We were later placed in East Park Home. It was a huge house with disabled children living there as well. We were all separated from each other. My brother was kept apart, and I used to sneak away just to see him. Life in all these homes was extremely strict. We were beaten with belts. My sister had it even worse because she wet the bed. I would secretly change the bedding and hide the wet sheets because I was frightened she would be hit if anyone found out. The other children could also be very violent. We had to run what felt like a gauntlet. We weren't allowed to do anything for ourselves. Everything was controlled. It felt like living in a prison.

There was many male staff. They would grab us and put their hands where they shouldn't. I saw them touching the girls. One girl fought back and lashed out. She was taken away, and I never saw her again. I tried to just stay quiet, it was no different that what happened at home. To me, it felt normal because it was all I had ever known.

I experienced a lot of sexual abuse at home. The sexual abuse in care was different but just as damaging. Male staff would touch me inappropriately, try to get into my underwear, touch my hair and kiss my face. When I tried to run away, they would grab me and pretend they were only playing or tickling me so they had an excuse if anyone saw. Eventually, I stopped speaking about it altogether. I just let it happen because I didn't believe anyone would listen. The emotional abuse was constant. I was made to believe I was lying or imagining things. I was always running away because I didn't feel safe, but nobody ever understood why. The police were often called to bring me back. By the age of eleven, I had started drinking with adults while wandering the streets because Stuart simply didn't care. He neglected us completely.

Your statement for Care setting 3

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Q1 | What is the name or location of the relevant care setting you were abused in?

(For example, the name of the care home, or the city or region where you lived in foster care or while boarded out).

Glasgow

Do not worry if you are uncertain about dates or time. Please provide your best estimate.

Q2 | When were you abused?
For example: a single date, an age, or an approximate time or time range.

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Q3 | Who was involved in your abuse?
For example: a member of staff, a peer or someone outside the care setting.

Staff

The information you provide will be used by Redress Scotland to make a decision about your application. Redress Scotland will use the “Assessment framework” to help them do this, available on [gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot). Please be aware that it contains graphic descriptions of abuse.

Q4 | On the next page, please provide as much information as you can about:

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When I was very young, my mum left home and left us with Stuart, my dad. When Stuart became ill, we were taken into children's homes, which was very often.

I wish Stuart had just let us be adopted. There was a woman, who I believe was called Fran McGwigan, who wanted to keep us. It was the only place that ever felt like a proper home. Stuart refused to let her adopt us because he needed the money. That sense of safety was taken away from us. She was devastated when we had to leave. Looking back, I believe that losing that opportunity affected all of us. My sister later became addicted to drugs, and I feel it all leads back to what happened to us as children. Throughout all of this, I constantly blamed myself. I kept wondering whether it was something about me, whether I was the problem, or whether I had done something wrong to deserve the way I was treated. I begged social services not to send us back. I remember pleading with them and telling them what was happening to us, often shouting "Please don't make us go back there." They dismissed me and said, "You've got a good imagination, Angela." The neglect was severe. We were sent away to get food and money by Stuart, but all for him. We were often living on stale bread. My dad interfered with us, and so did my grandfather. My grandfather would sometimes be the one to take us away, and I believe he was getting sexual gratification from doing so. He tried to have sex with us. Later in life, I found out he was a paedophile. There were loads and loads of Polaroid photographs of naked children. He was forceful. My dad knew what was happening and did nothing to stop it because he was abusing us himself.

Your statement for Care setting 4

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Q1 | What is the name or location of the relevant care setting you were abused in?

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Glasgow

Do not worry if you are uncertain about dates or time. Please provide your best estimate.

Q2 | When were you abused?

For example: a single date, an age, or an approximate time or time range.

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Staff..and other children, also at home

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Looking back, I experienced neglect, physical abuse, emotional abuse and sexual abuse throughout my time in care. The physical abuse mainly involved being beaten with belts. There were always punishments and consequences. At the time, I believed that was simply what happened because it was my normal. I accepted it without questioning it. I also lost any chance of an education because I was hardly ever in school.

As I got older, I developed an eating disorder. It became my way of coping because it gave me some control over my life. It was easy not to eat because we had already become used to going hungry.

The abuse has affected every aspect of my adult life. I have required sexual counselling. My relationship with my children has suffered. I would never allow my ex-husband to see my daughters in the bath or while they were getting changed because I had absolutely no trust in men. It destroyed my marriage. I continue to live with the effects of both the physical and psychological trauma. I feel as though I am just surviving rather than living.

I am easily triggered by day to day life. Anything can trigger me, the smell of certain men, particular words, songs on the radio or unexpected physical touch. I rarely tell people about what happened because I don't want to be treated differently. My sister has severe mental health problems. We have both experienced breakdowns. When I was 33 years old, I was sectioned and admitted to Hospital in Manchester. My ex-husband took my children and told people I was mentally ill. My own children have gone on to develop eating disorders and other difficulties. I believe this is part of the lasting impact of what happened to me as a child and because nobody listened when I tried to tell them what was happening.

Do you want help
with this section?

If you want help before sending in the form, you can:

- read page 32 of the "Help to apply" guidance
- contact a case worker

The next section has questions about your supporting documents.

Section 3: Supporting documents

Please provide any supporting documents you have related to your abuse in care.

You can find out more about these types of documents on page 33 of the “Help to apply” guidance.

In some cases, it may be difficult to find supporting documents. To help with this part of the application, you can:

- include supporting documents when you send this part of the form, if you already have them
- send in your form without any supporting documents – your case worker will get in touch with you and have a conversation about what you can provide

Please tick which option you have chosen:

- ☒ I am including supporting documents with my form
- ☒ I am not including supporting documents
(if you tick this, a case worker will contact you)
- ☒ I am collecting my documents and will submit them a later date

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The next section has a declaration you must sign and details about how your information is kept and shared.

Section 4: Declaration and privacy notice

In this section, you must sign your form.

For information about how Scotland's Redress Scheme will record and protect your personal information, please read the Privacy Notice for Scotland's Redress Scheme. You can find this on mygov.scot/redress.

Before you send your application you must agree to these statements:

I confirm that the details and information I have given in this application form are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I understand that I must notify Scotland's Redress Scheme of changes in my circumstances that may affect my application.

I confirm that if any of the information I gave in Part 1, Section 8 (related to previous payments and convictions) changes, I must let my case worker know.

I confirm that any documents I have provided in support of my application are genuine and any copy is a true copy of the original. I understand that if I provide a document which is not genuine, I may be subject to court proceedings.

I understand that if I give false or misleading information in support of my application or make a fraudulent application I may:

- be subject to court proceedings
- have to re-pay any money I was not entitled to

I confirm I have read and understood the Privacy Notice for Scotland's Redress Scheme which explains how the information I provide will be lawfully used and stored.

Your signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. W.', is written inside a rectangular box.

Date

01/07/2026

Next steps

This is the end of Part 3. You do not need to submit your forms all at once. Once you are ready, you can submit your forms by email.

Afterwards, a case worker will contact you to confirm:

- they have received your application
- if they have any follow up questions
- next steps

By email

Please submit your application and any relevant documents to:

apply@redress-scheme.scot

If you would like to contact a case worker

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