

Authority to Share Your File for Independent Award and Waiver Advice

If Redress Scotland makes a decision on your application and you receive an offer of a redress payment, MMA Legal would like to obtain independent advice for you from a regulated Scottish law firm before you decide whether to accept the offer and sign any waiver.

This authority allows MMA Legal to provide the Scottish law firm with the information reasonably required for that advice. It does not transfer your case to the Scottish law firm and it does not authorise anyone to accept or reject an offer on your behalf. The decision remains yours.

Cost of the Advice

The cost of obtaining this award and waiver advice is already included within your existing fee arrangement with MMA Legal and falls within the overall fee cap of 20% under that agreement. You will not be charged an additional fee by MMA Legal for arranging this advice beyond the fee already agreed with you. This authority does not change or replace the terms of your existing fee agreement with MMA Legal.

Advice the Scottish Law Firm May Provide

The Scottish law firm may review the decision, offer and waiver together with the relevant parts of your file and advise you on matters including, where applicable:

- the Redress Scotland decision and the reasons given for it;
- the amount of the award offered and how the award has been assessed or calculated;
- whether any relevant previous payments, deductions or other adjustments have been taken into account;
- whether the award appears to reflect the evidence and information presented in your application;
- any apparent issue, omission or point that may require clarification before you make a decision;
- your available options following the decision, including accepting the offer, declining it or, where available, seeking a review;
- whether there appear to be grounds for a review of the decision or the level of award, together with any relevant procedure and time limits;
- the terms, legal effect and practical consequences of the waiver supplied with the offer;
- how signing the waiver may affect rights or potential civil claims covered by the waiver;
- the consequences of accepting the offer and signing the waiver, and the consequences of choosing not to do so;
- any documents, steps or deadlines relevant to responding to the offer; and



- any questions you have so that you can make an informed decision about the award, offer and waiver.

Where the Scottish solicitor considers that a particular issue requires separate or more specialist legal advice, they may recommend that this is obtained before you make your decision.

Information That May Be Shared

For this limited purpose, MMA Legal may provide the selected Scottish law firm with copies of information held on your file, including where relevant:

- the Redress Scotland decision, determination and offer;
- the waiver and any accompanying documents;
- your Redress application and witness statement;
- care, social work, education, institutional, medical or other records relevant to the advice;
- supporting statements, exhibits and other evidence;
- relevant correspondence with Redress Scotland or others; and
- any other information reasonably required for the Scottish law firm to advise you on the award, offer and waiver.

I understand that these documents may contain sensitive personal information relating to my health, childhood, care history and experiences of abuse.

Confidentiality and Data Protection

MMA Legal and the Scottish law firm will handle my information confidentially and in accordance with applicable data protection law and their professional obligations. Access will be limited to those who reasonably require it for the purpose of providing or arranging the advice described in this authority.

My information will not be disclosed for an unrelated purpose under this authority. The Scottish law firm may retain information where required by law, regulation or its professional obligations.

Limited Purpose of This Authority

I understand and agree that:

- my case and file will remain with MMA Legal;
- MMA Legal may select an appropriately regulated Scottish law firm to provide the award and waiver advice;
- the Scottish law firm will not take over the general management or day-to-day conduct of my case merely because my information is shared under this authority;
- the information may be used only for reviewing and advising on the Redress Scotland decision, award, offer, waiver and closely related matters described above;
- the Scottish law firm may contact MMA Legal for further information or clarification reasonably required to provide its advice;
- the Scottish law firm may communicate its advice to MMA Legal so that the advice can be provided to me and discussed with me; and
- the final decision whether to accept, reject or seek a review of any offer remains mine.



Your Authority

I authorise MMA Legal Ltd to share copies of my documents, evidence, correspondence and other relevant information with a regulated Scottish law firm selected by MMA Legal for the limited purpose of obtaining independent legal advice on any Redress Scotland decision, award, offer and waiver.

I confirm that I understand the nature and purpose of this authority, including that the cost of the award and waiver advice is included within my existing fee arrangement with MMA Legal and is subject to the overall 20% fee cap under that agreement.

I understand that I may withdraw this authority by notifying MMA Legal in writing. Withdrawal will not affect information already shared, advice already provided, or work already undertaken before MMA Legal receives my withdrawal.

I freely give this authority and understand that I will have the opportunity to consider the Scottish legal advice before deciding what to do in relation to any award, offer or waiver.

Client's printed name:

Client's signature:

Client Reference:

Date:

For Legal Representative:

Representative's name: MMA Legal Limited

Representative's signature:

MMA Legal Ltd

Date: