



# Stolen Generations Reparations Package

## Information for applicants

The Victorian Government has established the Stolen Generations Reparations Package (Package) to help address the trauma and suffering caused by the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, culture and Country.

### How to apply

#### Applications are now open.

You can apply for the Package [online](#), download a copy of the application form or request that a copy be sent to you using the contact details below.

### What's in the Package?

Eligible applicants will be able to access:

- a lump sum payment of \$100,000
- a personal apology from the Victorian Government
- supported access to healing programs such as family reunions, reconnection to Country and language programs
- an opportunity to record and share their story
- access to trauma-informed counselling
- access to records held by the State about their removal.

### Who is eligible for the Package?

The Package is available to people who:

- are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- have been removed by a government or non-government agency in Victoria prior to 31 December 1976, while under the age of 18
- have been first removed in Victoria
- have been separated from their family for a period of time that resulted in the experience of loss of family, community, culture, identity, and language **and**
- have lodged a valid application with all necessary supporting identification documents.

You must meet all the above criteria (the Eligibility Criteria) to be eligible for the Package.

You cannot apply on behalf of someone who has passed.

### What supports are available?

Support to complete the application is available by contacting us. You can also work with an organisation that supports Stolen Generations and their families including:

- [Bringing Them Home workers \(based at some Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services\)](#)
- [Connecting Home](#)
- [Link-Up Victoria](#)
- [your local Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service.](#)

You can nominate a friend, family member or support person to assist you to apply.

Once you have applied for the Package, you can access funded support services, including legal and financial advice, trauma-informed counselling and disability supports, if you require. Please contact us for more information.

### What happens after I've applied?

We will contact you about the next steps once you have submitted your application.

You may be eligible for an Advance Payment of \$20,000 if you are terminally or critically ill.

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### What happens during the research and assessment phase?

After you submit your application, we will assess your application against the Eligibility Criteria. We will consider the information you have provided us and, if you gave us permission to do so, search public records for information relevant to your application.

If we do not have enough information to show that you meet the Eligibility Criteria and we are unable to find the information in public records, we may contact you for further information.

When we have assessed your application, we provide the Independent Assessment Panel (Panel):

- a summary of your application information **and**
- an explanation for the Panel's consideration on how your information aligns with the Eligibility Criteria.

### Independent Assessment Panel (Panel)

The Panel reviews applications for the Package and determines whether the applications meet the Eligibility Criteria.

Panel members have a thorough understanding of Stolen Generations history or experiences and/or a background in decision making, advocacy, law, policy development and public administration. Most Panel members are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. You can find more information about the Panel members on our website.

The Panel will consider your application and find that your application is either eligible **or** not eligible for the Package.

The Panel may request further information before making a finding about your application. We may gather this information by:

- conducting a further search of your application and, with your consent, public records
- asking your consent for Panel members to use their Aboriginal community networks to seek information **and/or**
- requesting information from you.

We will contact you about your outcome and next steps when the Panel has determined your application.

### Find out more

For further information or to apply, please contact:

- 1800 566 071
- [stolen\\_generations@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:stolen_generations@justice.vic.gov.au)
- [www.vic.gov.au/stolen-generations-reparations-package](http://www.vic.gov.au/stolen-generations-reparations-package)
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