



Stolen Generations Reparations Package

Next of Kin

It is important to think carefully when choosing a Next of Kin as they may receive your financial reparations payment if you pass away during the application process.

Who is a Next of Kin?

For the Stolen Generations Reparations Package (Package), 'Next of Kin' means the person or people you choose to receive your financial reparations package if you pass away during the application process. This is often a family member, relative, and/or someone you trust.

You may choose to appoint more than one person as a Next of Kin.

Your Next of Kin may be different from your [Nominated Support Person/Organisation](#).

You can withdraw or change your Next of Kin at any time by contacting us.

Why should I appoint a Next of Kin?

If you pass away during the application process, we may need to contact your Next of Kin to:

- discuss your application.
- request, share or receive information, including personal information, about you and/or your application.
- facilitate the payment of your financial reparations to them, if you are eligible for the Package, and if you have nominated them to receive the payment.

If you nominate multiple Next of Kin, you can specify how to split your reparations between them. If not specified, the department may divide the payment equally between them.

How do I appoint a Next of Kin?

To nominate a Next of Kin you must complete the Next of Kin section in the [Stolen Generations Reparations Package – Application Form](#), available on our website or by contacting us.

What a Next of Kin can do?

If you pass away during the application process, we need your Next of Kin to:

- contact us to let us know that you have passed away.
- inform us if you had changed who you would like to receive your financial reparations payment before passing away.
- send us a copy of your death certificate.
- answer any queries we may have about your application or circumstances.

What happens if there is a change in my circumstances?

We will consider all changes in circumstances regarding your financial reparations payment before making a payment.

For example, if you make a Will after applying and pass away during the application process, we will also consider your Will when deciding who receives your payment.

We will pay the financial reparations as per your wishes unless we consider in our absolute discretion that it would not be appropriate to do so.

Find out more.

For further information or to apply, please contact.

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