

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

Vic McCoag

Date of birth

Day 17 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).

North Lanarkshire Council

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.

1980

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.

Brother Cuthbert

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:

- 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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My father was unable to look after us because he worked long hours and could not keep an eye on me. As a result, I was placed into a large mansion with other children under the care of North Lanarkshire Council.

One of the people in charge was Brother Cuthbert. He was a very intimidating man and made it clear that he was the one in control. I was constantly scared of him. He would take us to school each day, collect us afterwards, make our dinner, and then send us straight to bed.

On Thursday evenings, groups of men would come to the house and they would all be drinking together. On one of those nights, I got out of bed to go to the toilet. Brother Cuthbert was standing at the bottom of the stairs and he was very drunk. He asked me where I was going, I was instantly terrified, I told him I was going to the toilet. He then grabbed me and pushed me into his office. Once inside, he took a metal ruler, forced my hand onto his desk, and used the ruler to cut all of my fingers. The injuries were so severe that my fingers remain deformed to this day.

Afterwards, I told him I was going to report what he had done. He told me to keep my mouth shut and said that he would lie about what had happened. I was frightened and felt completely powerless.

If any of the children reported abuse or mistreatment, we were simply sent somewhere else. Instead of Brother Cuthbert being investigated for what he had done, the children were removed from his care and nothing happened to him. As far as I am aware, no charges were ever brought against him. This made me feel that no one was willing to listen to or protect us, and that what had happened to me did not matter.

After everything that happened, I ran away from the home. I was so frightened that I hid in the woods, where I slept for two days before the police eventually found me.

The police took me to the police station, where I told them what Brother Cuthbert had done to me. I hoped that by telling them the truth, someone would finally listen and help me.

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?

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

Calder House Children's Unit

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.

1980

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:

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After speaking with the police, I was placed under a Children's Panel, and the social workers took me to Calder House Assessment Centre in Blantyre. It was an assessment centre for children under the age of 16, many of whom had been involved in offending behaviour or were considered to have behavioural problems. I stayed there for approximately three months. I remember feeling that my placement there was deeply unfair because I had not done anything wrong. I had run away because I was trying to escape what had happened to me, yet instead of receiving the help and protection I needed after speaking out, I felt as though I was being treated as though I was the one who had done something wrong. To me, Calder House felt like a prison for children. Being surrounded by young people who had committed offences left me feeling frightened, vulnerable and completely out of place. I felt as though I was being punished rather than protected. Instead of receiving care and support after everything I had experienced, I was placed in an environment that made me feel like I was a criminal. The placement reinforced feelings of fear, isolation and worthlessness, and I felt that no one truly understood or cared about what I had been through.

The purpose of my placement was to keep me there until another placement could be found. During my time at Calder House, we were made to carry out jobs around the centre. I worked in the kitchen and was given broken, worn-out clothing to wear. I found this degrading and humiliating, and it reinforced the feeling that I was not valued or cared for. I felt neglected throughout my stay. My emotional wellbeing was never considered, despite everything I had already experienced. Rather than receiving care, support and reassurance, I felt disciplined for something I had not done. Being treated in this way left me feeling isolated, ashamed and mentally worn down. I felt forgotten and believed that nobody cared about what I had been through or how I was coping. At the time, I thought it was normal to be sent to a place like this if you did not go to school. It was simply the way things were done, and I felt I had no choice but to accept it. Looking back, I now realise that I should have been protected and supported instead of being placed in an environment where I felt criminalised. I was also allowed to smoke, despite being only 15 years old. Staff did nothing to discourage it or protect us. This made me feel as though our welfare did not matter. We were vulnerable children who needed care and guidance, but instead I felt neglected and left to fend for myself.

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?

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Loaningdale School

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.

1981-1982

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?

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Following my time at Calder House, I was sent to Loaningdale School. There were very strict rules that everyone had to follow, and once again I felt that I simply had to accept the way I was treated. I had no voice and no choice in what happened to me. I was treated more like a worker than a child. I was expected to carry out jobs and responsibilities that I do not believe any child should have been made to do. We were not allowed to just be children, and I feel that my childhood was taken away from me. The atmosphere was similar to Calder House, where discipline and control came before care and support. I was a bright and capable student, but I was denied the education I should have received. I was never given the opportunity to sit the exams that I was capable of taking, and as a result I lost out on opportunities that could have shaped my future. I have always felt that my potential was ignored, and I continue to think about what I might have achieved if I had been properly supported. Whenever I questioned this or expressed how much I felt I had lost, I was told that I was lucky because other schools had even less than we did. This made me feel guilty for being upset about my education, as though I had no right to expect better. Looking back, I know that being told I should feel grateful did not justify what I was denied. Instead of being encouraged to reach my potential, I was made to believe that I should simply accept having fewer opportunities than other children.

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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Q2 | When were you abused?
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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 rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink.

Date

16/07/2026

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**](mailto:apply@redress-scheme.scot)

If you would like to contact a case worker

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