

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

Stewart Mcfarlane

Date of birth

Day

09

Month

06

Year

1971

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).

Craig Residential School, Crosshouse, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland

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:

- 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.

Please read page 36 of “Help to apply” to find out more about what information you may want to include.

See Attached

Your statement for Care setting 2

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Your statement for Care setting 3

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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

Do you want help
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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

Date

13/03/2026

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

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Statement Addendum

Client Name:	Stewart Mcfarlane
Date of Birth:	09/06/1971
Care Setting:	Craig Residential School, Crosshouse, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland
Dates:	1980
Persons Involved:	

Full Statement

I was taken out of school in 1980 for reasons that were never explained to me and placed in Craig Residential School in Cross House, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland. From the moment I arrived, my life changed forever—it was absolute hell. I was terrified, not just for myself, but for my brother too. They split us up from the very beginning, and that separation left me feeling helpless and alone.

The staff would assist us to the showers, but it was anything but assistance. They watched us shower, forced us to undress, and told us they had to “wash us.” I was a young boy, and it made me feel completely exposed and unsafe. I was forced to get dressed in front of them, and they made me believe this was normal, though deep down I knew it was wrong. They would point out my body parts and touch me, and I felt powerless to stop it.

We were always starving. Food was scarce and insufficient. I remember sneaking out to a shop one day just to try to eat something, and for that, I was beaten and then starved for even longer. It felt like we were locked away and forgotten. I would sit in the gardens trying desperately to protect my brother, while other children and the staff would beat us. It was like being trapped in a real-life version of the film Scum. I was secluded, locked away, and utterly helpless.

Over the years, I tried to talk about what happened, but I often blamed my parents instead, because I couldn’t fully comprehend the cruelty I had endured. My mental health has been affected profoundly ever since. I struggle to trust people, and I find it almost impossible to build meaningful relationships. We were forced to fight other children, and staff would push and hit us constantly. I wasn’t a bad boy, yet every day I felt terrorized.

Education was nonexistent. Every day, I was made to copy letters from the blackboard. There was no real teaching, no support, no encouragement—only neglect and abuse. I felt abandoned, like nobody cared about my wellbeing or my future. From a young age, I was treated as if I were less than human. The staff screamed at us, beat us, and treated us like animals they despised. I was always bruised, black and blue, and I lived in constant fear.

Everyone was scared. Nobody felt safe enough to speak up. Punishments were brutal—beatings, being locked in a room, and nights spent terrified and alone. I couldn't sleep because I was afraid. I would be taken to an empty room and made to sit there all night, all I wanted was my family and to make sure my brother was safe. Even now, thinking about it, I break down. I suffer in silence, carrying the trauma with me every day.

The neglect was so extreme that sometimes I was so hungry I ate toothpaste because there was nothing else to eat. That is how abandoned and forgotten we were. My brother was my only source of comfort, but even he was taken from me when they separated us into different dormitories. It was devastating, leaving me feeling even more isolated.

During the six weeks I was there, family visits were completely stopped. I felt completely cut off from the world I knew, abandoned and powerless. Nobody cared how I felt. I felt intimidated, bullied, humiliated, neglected, and utterly alone.

The impact of what I experienced has stayed with me my entire life. The abuse and humiliation I endured have had lasting effects on my mental health. I struggle to trust anyone, I find it difficult to form relationships, and I live with constant depression, anxiety, and PTSD. I still cannot read or write properly because the education I should have had was stolen from me. The trauma from Craig Residential School is life-threatening in its consequences, and it continues to shadow every part of my life.

Even today, I still suffer. I break down when I think about it. I live with the fear, the helplessness, and the scars of being so thoroughly abused and neglected. My life was forever altered, and the mental and emotional impact continues to affect me every single day.