



Monthly update – December 2021

We pay our respects to the First Nations people of the country in which we live, and acknowledge elders - past, present and emerging. We acknowledge that children entrusted to the care of the Church did not always receive the care they deserved and we acknowledge the ongoing impact and trauma of the separation of children from families and communities.

If you would like to make an application for redress go to: [Home](#) | [National Redress Scheme](#)

Update on the National Redress Scheme

An update was released by the Scheme in November and can be found here: <https://www.nationalredress.gov.au/about/updates/1456>. Redress Scheme related activity over recent months has included:

- The passage of legislation to implement the first tranche of recommendations from the Second Anniversary Review of the Scheme including: removing the requirement for a statutory declaration to accompany an application; advance payments for very elderly or terminally ill applicants; and, allowing payments to be made in instalments.
- The release of the Second Interim Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Implementation of the National Redress Scheme. Recommendations echo the second anniversary review report, including with regard to the need to improve the trauma informed practice of the Scheme, ensure community awareness of the Scheme, cultural appropriateness and safety of the Scheme. The Committee also makes recommendations to alter the way indexation is applied to prior payments and that indexation should be applied to redress payments. There is no government response at this stage.

The UCA Redress Ltd annual report is now available from our website at:

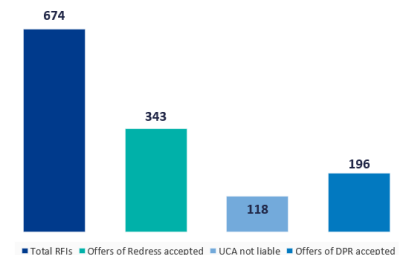
https://ucaredress.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Final_UCA-annual-report-2021.pdf

12,612

Total applications to National Redress Scheme (12/11/21)

Uniting Church Data

AS AT 3 DECEMBER 2021



UCA Redress Ltd sends best wishes of the season to its partners and stakeholders, redress applicants and survivors.

We note that this can be a difficult time of year for some survivors of abuse. For emergency support contact 000, additionally you can reach out to someone you trust, contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 (24 hr), or Blue Knot Foundation on 1300 657 380 (9am – 5pm AEST).

If you have any queries or concerns, please get in touch with us at info@redress.uca.org.au