



Consent and Declaration form for survivors with new claims

Introduction

On 9 May 2025, the Government announced changes to existing and new redress processes currently handled by the Ministry of Social Development, Oranga Tamariki, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Department of Corrections and Te Puni Kōkiri.

One of the changes applies to new claims from survivors who have convictions for a serious sexual and/or violent offence and who have been sentenced to five years or more in prison for that offence. A serious sexual or violent offence means one, or more, of the offences listed in schedule 1AB of the Sentencing Act 2002. A summarised list of the offences is set out at question 10. The effect of the change is that these survivors will not be able to receive financial redress unless an independent redress officer decides that the payment of financial redress will not bring the redress system into disrepute.

The process for new claims from survivors

You will need to complete and sign the attached form, which provides consent to the newly established Redress Specialised Assessment Unit (the Unit) to submit a criminal conviction history check request on your behalf, for the purposes of obtaining your criminal history.

What happens if I have been convicted?

If you have been convicted of one of the serious offences and sentenced to five years or more in prison for that offence, you are unable to receive a financial payment at this time.

Work is underway to establish legislation to appoint an independent decision-maker to consider applications to overturn this presumption. We will inform you when an independent decision-maker has been appointed and how to apply to them.

You will continue to be eligible to receive other redress offerings such as access to wellbeing supports and an apology.

Why do I have to complete the declaration form if I have not been convicted of any crimes?

Not everyone who completes the declaration form will go through the full checking process. However, random checking will be undertaken, which is why we are asking all survivors who lodged claims after 9 May 2025 to complete the consent form.

If your criminal conviction history changes during this process, please inform the redress agency you have registered your claim with.

Can a lawyer complete this form for me?

You must complete this form yourself unless you have a lawyer acting on your behalf. If you have a representative that is not a lawyer, you are still required to complete the form yourself.

If you do have a lawyer, you can choose to have them complete the Consent and Declaration form on your behalf. If you do choose to do this your lawyer will need to fill out the separate ***Consent and Declaration form for legal representatives of survivors***. You can obtain a copy of this from any of the following agencies, Ministry of Social Development, Oranga Tamariki, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Department of Corrections and Te Puni Kōkiri.

About the consent form

This form provides consent to the redress agencies carrying out a Ministry of Justice criminal record check. This form also provides consent for the Unit to request any sentencing information on your behalf from the relevant sentencing Court(s) if your criminal conviction history result shows a qualifying offence.

It is important to note that providing false information when completing this form may be an imprisonable offence under the Crimes Act 1961.

Please submit your completed and signed form along with a copy of your identification (ID) (see below) to the redress agency which you have registered your claim with.

What type of identification can I use?

To verify your personal information, please provide a copy of one of the following forms of ID:

- New Zealand or Overseas Passport (please include the first page with your photo and details as well as the page with your signature),
- New Zealand driver's license (please provide a copy of both sides),
- New Zealand firearms license,
- A statutory declaration, or
- A proof of identify form.

If you do not have one of these forms of identification or are not sure if your ID is acceptable, please contact the redress agency which you have registered your claim who will be able to assist you with working through alternative ways your identity can be verified.

Please note that overseas IDs must be current, and New Zealand IDs can be accepted within two years of the expiry date. IDs must also not be cancelled or defaced.

More information on ID check requirements and what to do if you do not have one of the forms of ID above can be found at; [Identification check requirements | New Zealand Ministry of Justice](#).

Contact details

If you have any queries or you would like support regarding this process, please contact the State Redress NZ service on:

Phone (NZ): 0800 110 886

Phone (overseas): +64 4 910 9886

Email: contact@info.redress.govt.nz

Post: State Redress Service, State Redress NZ, PO Box 1556, Wellington 6140

Personal Details

Please answer the questions below as much as possible.

1. What is your full name? (first, middle (if applicable), surname)

2. If your name different now, what have you previously been known as?

3. What is your date of birth?

4. What is your gender?

5. What is your email address? (if applicable)

6. What is your contact number? (if applicable)

7. What is your New Zealand Driver Licence number? (if applicable)

8. What is your current address?

9. Have you lived at any other New Zealand address in the last 10 years?
(If yes, please list all known addresses that you can below)

Criminal Conviction History Details

10. Have you been convicted of a violent, sexual or firearms offence for which you were sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 5 years or more?

Examples of qualifying offences include but are not limited to the following offences: aggravated robbery, murder, manslaughter, wounding with intent to injure or cause grievous bodily harm, abduction, kidnapping, poisoning, infecting with disease.

☐ Yes

☐ No [Note that random criminal conviction history checks will be carried out]

☐ I am unsure [Note that a criminal conviction history check will be required for confirmation]

Declarations

Please note that by submitting this form you confirm the accuracy of the information in it and consent to a criminal history check that includes information about any offences that you have been convicted of and if applicable, consent to a redress agency requesting information on the sentences that were imposed. By submitting this form, you also understand that you must inform the redress agency you have registered your claim with of any changes to your criminal conviction history during this process.

I _____ (survivor's name) declare that:

1. the information I have provided is true and correct,
2. I authorise and consent to the Redress Specialised Assessment Unit holding and disclosing my personal information to the Ministry of Justice to complete a criminal conviction history check to obtain my criminal conviction history;
3. I authorise and consent to the Redress Specialised Assessment Unit requesting any sentencing information on my behalf from the relevant sentencing Court(s) if my criminal conviction history result shows a qualifying offence; and
4. I understand that if my criminal conviction history changes during this process, I must inform the redress agency I have registered my claim with of these changes.

Signed (must be survivor's signature): _____

Date: _____

To be completed by redress agencies:

This claim has been registered with the following Government department(s):

- ☐ Ministry of Social Development
- ☐ Ministry of Education
- ☐ Ministry of Health
- ☐ Oranga Tamariki
- ☐ Department of Corrections
- ☐ Te Puni Kōkiri