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Financial redress for survivors of child abuse in care: Advance Payment Scheme form and guidance

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Application form and guidance for the Advance Payment Scheme for those who suffered abuse in care in Scotland before December 2004 and who have a terminal illness or are age 68 or over - this scheme is closed to new applications.

The Advance Payment Scheme is **closed to new applications**. Please see [information on Scotland's Redress Scheme](#) which replaces this.

The Advance Payment Scheme opened on 25 April 2019. You are eligible to apply to the scheme if you were abused as a child in care in Scotland before December 2004 AND you either have a terminal illness or are age 68 or over. The age threshold for eligibility was lowered from age 70 to age 68 in December 2019 following a [review of the scheme](#).

You can find the application form, which includes guidance, a frequently asked questions booklet and a privacy notice linked from this page.

We have also published [guidance for people applying to the Advance Payment Scheme about how to obtain 'a supporting document'](#) – some kind of 'record' which shows you spent time in care in Scotland as a child.

The Advance Payment Team is available to provide information and advice, and can refer you to other sources of help and support if needed. Contact details are provided below.



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