

Scheme Updates

6 March 2011

Redress WA has now committed more than \$80 million in ex-gratia payments and is on track to have all applications assessed by the 30 June 2011.

While every effort will be taken to make sure that no one is kept waiting, it is important that each applicant is assessed with the care and consideration they deserve.

The thoroughness of the process will also ensure the courage the applicants demonstrated in completing their applications is fully acknowledged.

28 July 2010

Payment update - \$16 Million paid to Redress WA applicants

Since the first payments were made in February, Redress WA has paid over sixteen million dollars to applicants.

Redress WA is working as quickly as possible to assess applications in a careful and considered manner and all applications will be assessed by 30 June 2011, as forecast.

8 September 2009

\$5000 Eligibility Payment to go to the estate of deceased applicants

The deceased estates of eligible applicants, who pass away before a Redress WA payment is approved, are able to receive a \$5000 eligibility payment.

The \$5000 eligibility payment is the first level of payment for Redress WA applicants who detailed they suffered abuse or neglect while in the care of the State.

The Redress WA Guidelines were amended to allow a payment to be made to someone other than the applicant. This change was made because applicants who hadn't lodged a medical certificate for a possible interim payment and pass suddenly, or didn't have an interim payment approved before they died, were being disadvantaged.

Eligibility does need to be determined before an approval can be given for a payment.

The eligibility payment will be backdated and Redress is confirming the estate details of all eligible applicants who have passed away.

Redress officers investigate the next of kin details and phone the family to find out how the estate of the deceased applicant is being administered. How the estate is being administered will determine to who and when the \$5000 eligibility payment is made.

Many applicants have told Redress that they want to spend their payment on their children and families. It is hoped that the eligibility payment of \$5000 to their deceased estate will realise their wish.

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Maximum payment amount reduced, allowing the majority of applicants to get more.

When Redress WA was established in 2008, a total budget of \$114 million was allocated to administer the scheme. \$90.2 million of this funding was set aside for ex-gratia payments alone.

Following the close of the scheme, early evaluation of the applications shows a large number of the claims are severe.

Because of this, the State Government made the difficult decision to adjust ex-gratia payments of up to \$80,000 to a maximum payment of \$45,000.

The decision to adjust the maximum payment recognises the fact that most people will be entitled to a greater share of payment than was originally anticipated.

The State Government has a responsibility to fairly and equally distribute ex-gratia payments among all claimants. Redress WA acknowledges the decision to lower the maximum amount payable disappointed many of the applicants.

Redress WA Guidelines

The Redress WA Guidelines provide a framework for the operations of the scheme.

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