

3.6. Redress WA Assessment Matrix

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Name:

Application No: 00000

SRO Check Approval

1. Severity of Abuse and/or Neglect

Scale for this section: Moderate =1 Serious= 2 Severe= 3-4 Very Severe= 5

a) Sexual/Physical Abuse (give rating for highest- do not average or add)

b) Emotional/Psychological Abuse

c) Neglect

d) Frequency Nature of Abuse and/or Neglect

Subtotal	0	0	0
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2. Compounding or Ameliorating Factors

a) Period of Time in Abusive Care

The longer the period in abusive care, the more adverse the impact on the child's development and wellbeing. Assess the time in abusive care, not the entire period of wardship or guardianship

Moderate (<3 yr)= 1 Serious (3-5 yrs)= 2 Severe (5-10 yrs)= 3 Very Severe (>10 yrs)= 4

b) Age of Child at Entry to First Abusive Care Placement

The younger the child the more adverse the impact abuse and/or neglect may have on the child's development and wellbeing

Moderate (>13 yrs)= 1 Serious (10-13 yrs)= 2 Severe (6-10 yrs)= 3 Very Severe (<6)= 4

c) Isolation and Depersonalization

Isolation as it relates to being in a mission or other institution with no or little contact with the outside world, or being in a foster care situation but not permitted contact except for school and/or depersonalization as it relate to being place in an institution or mission and living in dormitories and/or being dressed in similar clothes not being called by your name etc

Moderate= 1 Serious= 2 Severe=3 Very Severe= 4

d) Amount of Contact with Parent(s) or Extended Family

(Use contact time while in care, regardless of whether or not it was negative or positive)

Moderate (>5 contacts)= 1 Serious (3-5)=2 Severe (1-3)= 3 Very Severe (No contact)= 4

e) Position or Role of Abuser in the Placement or Organisation

Moderate Stranger or Visitor= 1

Serious Gardener or Cleaner= 2

Severe Manager, Team Leader, Other Residents, Volunteer, Relative= 3

Very Severe Superintendent, Matron, Welfare Officer, Direct Care Worker, House Parent, Foster Parent, Group Worker, Parent or Significant Carer= 4

Subtotal	0	0	0
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3. Consequential Harm - Extent of Injury, Loss or Harm Resulting from Abuse and/or Neglect

Scale for this section: Moderate =1 Serious= 2 Severe= 3-4 Very Severe= 5

- a) Physical Harm (consider care period and ongoing consequences)
- b) Psychological/Psychiatric Harm (consider care period and ongoing consequences)
- c) Social Harm- Behavioural/psychosocial (consider care period and ongoing consequences)
- d) Sexual Impact (sexual dysfunction, negative body image, anxiety about sex etc)

Subtotal	0	0	0
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4. Aggravating Factors (combined with acts of abuse and/or neglect that occurred during care)

To be determined by applicants statements and/or assessment of the case

Scale for this section: Moderate level or short time in care = .05 Very severe level and longer time in care = 2

- a) Verbal Abuse
- b) Racist Acts
- c)Threats/Intimidation (ie direct threats)
- d) Intimidation/Inability to complain; oppression (ie indirect threats)
- e) Humiliation; degradation
- f) Sexual abuse accompanied by violence
- g) Abuse of particularly vulnerable child (eg age <6; disability; language; absence of parent)
- h) Failure to provide care of emotional support following abuse requiring such care
- i) Witnessing another child being subject to abuse
- j) Use of religious doctrine, paraphernalia or authority during, or in order to, facilitate the abuse

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Total	0	0	0
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Level

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