

Scotland's Redress Scheme

Reclaiming expenses for solicitors

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About this form

This form is for solicitors to reclaim any applicable costs you have incurred on behalf of a client in connection with an application to Scotland's Redress Scheme.

You should use one form for each client's expenses. Do not claim for more than one client on each form.

You can claim expenses for money you have spent on:

- getting or certifying records and documents for your client (Section 2)
- other expenses (Section 3)

You are strongly encouraged to contact a case worker before you incur an expense above £50. A case worker will advise you if you are likely to be reimbursed for this cost.

International solicitors

The cost information in this form must be in pounds sterling (£).

Receipts

Please submit receipts or invoices with your form. These should be copies of the originals.

When to reclaim expenses

You can reclaim expenses related to your client's application:

- as long as you spent the money on or after 11 March 2021
- if it falls within the specific deadlines outlined below

You are strongly encouraged to contact a case worker before you incur an expense above £50. A case worker will advise you if you are likely to be reimbursed for this cost.

Before your client receives their determination letter

You can reclaim your expenses at any point before your client receives their determination letter.

After your client receives their determination letter

Once your client has received their determination letter, you must submit your expenses form within 8 weeks.

If your client decides not to submit their application or is unable to submit their application

If your client does not submit their application, you must return this form within 6 months of the date of your expense.

Once you submit your expenses form, a case worker might contact you for more information.

Help and support

If you have any questions about expenses claims, please contact a case worker.

- **Telephone:** 0808 175 0808 (freephone)
- **International:** +44 131 297 6500

Lines are open Monday to Thursday, from 10am to 4pm (except Scottish public holidays).

There is an answering machine at other times, and if you leave a message a case worker will get back to you as soon as they can.

- **Email:** apply@redress-scheme.scot

Section 1: Personal details

This information will be used to:

- identify you
- keep you up to date on the progress of your expenses claim

First name

Last name

Your legal firm

Work address

Telephone number

Email

Section 1: continued

Would you like to be contacted in a language or format other than English?

Please tick the box of any other format you would like:

braille (English only)

large print

audio

video call for British Sign Language (BSL) users

other language

Section 2: Your client's details

Your client's first name

Your client's last name

Your client's date of birth

Day

Month

Year

Your client's application reference number (if known)

Section 3: Expenses for getting or certifying records

Before commissioning expert reports to support a client's application, or incurring costs above £50, please contact a case worker.

Please use this section to provide information about any money you spent getting or certifying records for your client's application.

Getting and certifying records

You can claim expenses up to £50 for getting or certifying records. This includes the cost of:

- birth certificates
- marriage certificates
- deed poll certificates
- health records
- identity and document certification

When you submit your form please include copies of receipts, if you have them.

Name of expense For example, ordering a birth certificate	Date The date on the receipt or invoice	Cost The cost on the receipt, or invoice, in pounds sterling (£)	Receipt Are you providing a receipt of this expense with your form?	
			Yes	No
			Yes	No
			Yes	No
			Yes	No
			Yes	No
			Yes	No
			Yes	No

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Section 3: Expenses for getting or certifying records continued

Why are you incurring these costs on behalf of your client? Please detail your expenses and why you paid for these.

Section 4: Other expenses

Before commissioning expert reports to support a client's application, or incurring costs above £50, please contact a case worker.

Use this section of the form for other expenses related to your client's application.

This includes:

- psychological assessments
- BSL interpretation or other services to help support someone to apply to the scheme
- other costs

These expenses are reviewed on a case by case basis.

When you submit your form please include receipts, or copies of receipts, for each expense.

Name of expense	Date The date on the receipt or invoice	Cost The cost on the receipt, or invoice, in pounds sterling (£)	Receipt Are you providing a receipt of this expense with your form?	
			Yes	No
			Yes	No
			Yes	No
			Yes	No
			Yes	No
			Yes	No
			Yes	No

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Section 4: Other expenses

Why was the expense necessary to support your client's application? Please explain your rationale for commissioning any expert reports and why you discounted alternative means of securing supporting information.

Section 5: Your bank account details

Please provide your bank account details for any payment.

Name on account

Sort code

Account number

Building society or credit union reference number

International only

Bank Identifier Code (BIC) or SWIFT code

International only, if your account has one.

Clearing code

International only

International Bank Account Number (IBAN)

Section 6: International solicitors only

If you are reclaiming expenses in another currency please provide the exchange rate you used to convert them and the date of the conversion.

Original currency

Date of currency conversion

Day

Month

Year

Exchange rate on that date

Section 7: Declaration and privacy notice

Use this section to make a declaration and sign and date your form.

For information about how Scotland's Redress Scheme will record and protect your personal information, please read the Privacy Notice for Scotland's Redress Scheme. You can find this on mygov.scot/redress

Before you submit this form, please read and confirm the following:

I confirm that the details and information I have given in this form are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief

I confirm that I have read and understood the Privacy Notice for Scotland's Redress Scheme, which sets out how the information I have provided will be used and stored according to data protection laws

Your signature

Date

Day

Month

Year

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Submitting your expenses form

Once you have completed and signed your expenses form you can submit it. Please include any copies of invoices or receipts alongside your form.

You can choose whether to submit your form by post or email.

By post

Please submit your completed form and receipts to:

Redress
PO Box 24209
EDINBURGH
EH7 9GT

By email

Please submit your completed form with your receipts as attachments to: apply@redress-scheme.scot

If you have any questions, you can also contact a case worker:

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