Victims Support Scheme helps people who have been injured by a violent crime in NSW. All victims of violent crime can get help with information and referrals.

**We can help with:**
- Counselling
- Financial assistance for immediate needs
- Financial assistance for economic loss
- Recognition payment.

If you, or someone you are supporting, is a victim of violent crime and would like to apply, we need you to send us information to support your application.

**There are four templates you may use to collect the information we need.**
1. Certificate of Injury
2. Certificate of Earnings
3. Government-funded organisation report
4. Expense form

These are only a guide and you don’t have to use them. You can give us the information in another way. This table below shows what help you can get and what templates you can use to collect the information we need.

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**Financial assistance for economic loss** | Application form | n/a | n/a
| Government issued identification (ID) | n/a | n/a | n/a
| Police* or another government/ government-funded organisation | Government-funded organisation report (if the violent crime was not reported to police) | Government or government-funded organisation | Government or government-funded organisation
| Medical, dental or counselling report | Certificate of Injury | A medical practitioner or other health professional | A medical practitioner or other health professional
| Tax invoices, receipts, treatment plans, and/or Certificate of Earnings | Expense form (for new costs you want to claim after submitting your application) Certificate of Earnings | You | You
|  |  | Your employer or your accountant (if you are self-employed) | Your employer or your accountant (if you are self-employed)

**Recognition payment**

| Application form | n/a | n/a | n/a
| Government issued identification (ID) | n/a | n/a | n/a
| Police* or another government/ government-funded organisation | Government-funded organisation report (if the violent crime was not reported to police) | Government or government-funded organisation | Government or government-funded organisation
| Medical, dental or counselling report | Certificate of Injury | A medical practitioner or other health professional | A medical practitioner or other health professional

* If the violent crime was reported to the police, you do not need to send us a police report – just provide as much information as you can in the application form.

**What government ID do you accept?**
Make sure you include a copy of a current government issued ID when you submit your application. You are not required to provide original copies - this may be a screenshot.
This could be a:
- driver licence
- passport
- Medicare card or
- card issued by Centrelink.
If you do not give us ID, we may not accept your application.

**How do I get the medical, dental or counselling report to support my application?**
Contact the health service you went to (a doctor, dentist or counsellor), and ask them for your records. Tell them you need it because you are applying to Victims Services for support.
Or, you could ask your health practitioner to complete the Certificate of Injury template. You have a right to access information about you.
To learn about how to get your health records, go to www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/fact-sheet-accessing-your-health-information-nsw.
To learn about how to get records the government may hold about you, go to www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/fact-sheet-your-right-access-government-information.

**Important information**
We will reimburse the cost of getting copies of existing records if your application is successful.
We will not cover the cost of new reports created for the purposes of supporting your application, except in the case of a report provided by a Victims Services Approved Counsellor.