

Application for counselling Victims Support Scheme

Victim Services supports people who have been injured by a violent crime with counselling and financial help.

If you, or someone you are supporting, is a victim of a violent crime and would like to make an application, please read the **Victims Support Scheme – Detailed Guide** to find out about the different types of support available.

From 1 January 2022, primary victims of modern slavery may be eligible for victims support. For guidance on making an application, visit the Victims Services **website**.

It is important you carefully fill in this form and send us the documents we need. Unfortunately, if something is missing, we may not be able to make a decision about your claim and it could take more time.

The information you share helps us to make sure that people who have experienced violence or modern slavery get the help that they need.

Violence and modern slavery can affect people in lots of different ways and we know it may be difficult to fill in this application. We are here to help.

If you need help or have any questions - ask a support worker, friend or family member. Or please call our free **Victims Access Line (VAL)** on **1800 633 063** or the **Aboriginal Contact Line (ACL)** on **1800 019 123** where we have people who can help you.

You can find more information on our website www.victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au.

Who should use this form?

- Primary victims applying for counselling only
- Secondary victims applying for counselling

What will you need to fill in your application?

- ID – A current government issued identification (ID) such as a driver's license, passport, Medicare card, or a card issued by Centrelink

Important information about your application

Please make sure you answer all the questions in the application form and include a copy of a current government issued ID when you submit this application. If this is not provided, we may not accept your application.

Confidentiality and privacy

In general the material in our possession is not released to other people. We may be required to produce documents to a court where there is other legal action.

Further information and our online application can be found at www.victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au.

Victims Services is required to comply with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (NSW) and the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002* (NSW).

