

## **Magdalen Restorative Justice Ex-Gratia Scheme**

The McAleese report (The Report of the Inter-departmental Committee to establish the facts of State involvement with Magdalen Laundries) was published in 2013. Following that report, the Government asked Mr. Justice John Quirke to devise a scheme to address the needs of the women who were admitted to and worked in the Magdalen institutions. Justice Quirke submitted his report to Government in June, 2013 – The Magdalen Commission Report.

The Government accepted in principle all of the recommendations in the Quirke Report. These recommendations included the payment of an ex-gratia lump sum to each eligible woman. The report sets out the amounts which may be paid, which vary between €11,500 and €100,000.

The Government later decided to add two further institutions to the scheme - St Marys Domestic Training Centre, Stanhope Street; and the House of Mercy Domestic Training School, Summerhill, Wexford. For the purposes of the ex-gratia scheme, these twelve institutions are collectively called the 'Magdalen institutions'.

Up to November 2018 over €26 million was paid out in awards under the scheme to approximately 700 women who were admitted to and worked in the twelve Magdalen institutions.

In 2017, The Ombudsman issued a report on the operation of the scheme and made a number of recommendations, all of which were accepted by Government. Arising from one of the Ombudsman's recommendations, in May 2018 the Government decided to apply the scheme to women who worked in the laundries in the 12 institutions but who were resident in one of the 14 adjoining institutions. A complete list of the Magdalen institutions and the adjoining Institutions is set out in the below table.

### What should you do now?

There are two separate application forms. One is for the scheme established in 2013 i.e. for those who were admitted to and worked in the twelve Magdalen Institutions. The other is for those covered by the May 2018 Government decision i.e. those who worked in the laundry of the Magdalen institution and who were resident in the adjoining institution.

The relevant application form should be fully completed, signed and returned to the Restorative Justice Implementation Unit, Department of Justice and Equality, Montague Court, Montague Street, Dublin 2, along with the requested support documents. It is important to complete all sections of the form, which must be signed and dated, as an incomplete form will be returned and may cause a delay in processing your application.

If you need help in completing the form, you are welcome to contact the Restorative Justice Implementation Team at 01-4768660 or call to your local Citizens Information Centre.

You may have nominated a third party as a contact person. However, it is important that you include on your application form (if you have not already done so) a current home address at which you normally reside.

## Supporting Documentation

Along with the completed application form, you will need to provide some support documentation:

- Birth Certificate – long form.
- Proof of your current place of residence – a Gas bill or Electricity bill or Telephone bill will suffice.
- Proof of your identity – for example a photocopy of your Passport, or of your Driving Licence (Photo ID)
- Proof of your PPS Number – for example a photocopy of your Social Welfare Card or of your Medical Card
- Records or other evidence of residence in one of the relevant institutions as set out in the attached table.
- Records of time working in the laundry in the Magdalen institution (if applicable)
- A recent passport size photograph.

At this point you don't need to seek legal advice. The purpose of this application is to assess if you come within the scope of the scheme.

You will be contacted again once that process is completed and at that point, you may decide to seek legal advice.

If you do not have records or evidence of your time in one of the relevant institutions you will need to contact the relevant religious congregation to request a copy of whatever documents they hold in relation to your residence and, if applicable, to your work in a laundry of a Magdalen institution (see list of institutions with contact details in table below).

If the religious congregation has no record or incomplete records for you, all you need to do is forward us a copy of your request to the religious congregation and their response. We will then be in touch with you to see how we can best confirm your eligibility under the scheme.

Restorative Justice Implementation Team  
Department of Justice and Equality  
Montague Court  
Montague Street  
Dublin 2  
D02 FT96

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**List of 'Magdalene' institutions and adjoining institutions**

<b>Column A 'Magdalen' institution in 2013 Scheme</b>	<b>Column B Institutions adjoining the 'Magdalen' institutions</b>
<b><i>Good Shepherd Sisters</i></b>	
Magdalen institution New Ross	St. Aidan's Industrial School
Magdalen institution Waterford	St. Dominick's Industrial School Gracepark Training Centre Mayfield Training Centre
Magdalen institution Cork	St. Finbarr's Industrial School Marymount Training Centre
Magdalen institution Limerick	St. Georges's Industrial school St. Joseph's Reformatory School Rosemount Training Centre
<b><i>Sisters of Our Lady of Charity</i></b>	
St. Mary's Refuge, High Park, Dublin 9	An Grianán Training Centre St. Joseph's Industrial School Martanna House Hostel
Monastery of Our Lady of Charity Sean McDermott Street, Dublin 1	St. Anne's Hostel
<b><i>Sisters of Mercy</i></b>	
House of Mercy Domestic Training School, Summerhill, Wexford	St. Michael's Industrial School, Summerhill
Magdalen asylum, Forster Street, Galway	No relevant adjoining institution
St. Patrick's Refuge, Crofton Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	No relevant adjoining institution
<b><i>Sisters of Charity</i></b>	
St. Mary's Magdalen, Donnybrook, Dublin 4 St. Vincent's, St. Mary's Road, Cork Domestic Training School, Stanhope Street, Dublin 7	No relevant adjoining institution No relevant adjoining institution No relevant adjoining institution

**Contact Persons for the Religious Orders who operated the Laundries relevant to  
Mr. Justice Quirke's report**

Religious Order	Relevant institution/Laundry
<b><i>Good Shepherd Sisters</i></b>	
<p>Sr. Brid Mullins Good Shepherd Provincialate</p> <p>Ring: Sr. Brid Mullins 021 - 4503815 or 0872724436 Email: <a href="mailto:mbridmullins@gmail.com">mbridmullins@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>St Mary's Cork Road, Waterford St Mary's New Ross, Wexford St Mary's Pennywell Road, Limerick St Mary's Sunday's Well, Cork.</p>
<b><i>Sisters of Our Lady of Charity</i></b>	
<p>Write to: The Ministries Desk Sisters of Our Lady of Charity 63 Lower Sean McDermott Street Dublin 1</p> <p>Ring: Ms Valerie Coonagh 01 8711109 or 0877719723 Email: <a href="mailto:ministriesdesk@olc.ie">ministriesdesk@olc.ie</a></p>	<p>St Mary's Refuge, High Park, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9</p> <p>Monastery of Our Lady of Charity, Sean McDermott Street (formerly Gloucester Street), Dublin 1</p>
<b><i>Sisters of Mercy</i></b>	
<p>Write to: Ms. Marianne Cosgrave Catherine McAuley Centre 23 Herbert Street Dublin 2</p> <p>Ring: Ms. Marianne Cosgrave 01-6387521 Email: <a href="mailto:info@mercyarchive.ie">info@mercyarchive.ie</a></p>	<p>Magdalen Asylum / Magdalen Home, 47 Forster Street, Galway</p> <p>St Patrick's Refuge, Crofton Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin</p> <p>Summerhill Training Centre, Wexford (Laundry operated in the Training Centre)</p>
<b><i>Sisters of Charity</i></b>	
<p>Write to: Sr. Christina Gorman Mary Aikenhead House St. Mary's Donnybrook Dublin 4</p> <p>Ring: Sr. Christina Gorman 01-2698744 or 0872127245 Email: <a href="mailto:generalate@rscaritas.com">generalate@rscaritas.com</a></p>	<p>St Mary Magdalen's, Floraville Road, Donnybrook, Dublin</p> <p>St Vincent's, St Mary's Road, Peacock Lane, Cork</p> <p>St Mary's Stanhope Street (Laundry operated in the Training Centre)</p>

