



## WINDRUSH COMPENSATION SCHEME FACTSHEET

19 July 2018

- The Home Secretary is committed to do right by those who have made an invaluable contribution to this country.
- Together with independent advisor Martin Forde QC, we are working to put in place a compensation scheme for the Windrush generation and Commonwealth citizens, who have faced difficulties in establishing their lawful status under the immigration system.
- We want to put in place a compensation scheme as quickly and as carefully as possible, to put things right for the people who have suffered – through no fault of their own – as a result of measures that are in place to tackle illegal immigration.
- To get the compensation scheme right we need to listen; and so we have launched a 12-week consultation to ensure anyone who has been affected can have their say and help us shape the scheme.
- The consultation will close on 11 October.
- A 4-week call for evidence was the first step to listen to those affected, before engaging on the details of the scheme. We had 650 responses that helped to inform the issues we are now consulting on.
- The consultation covers three core elements: who should be eligible for compensation; what losses should be compensated for; and how the process should work.
- We want to hear from the widest possible range of voices, including those affected and their families, community groups and specialist legal representatives.
- People will be able to respond to the consultation:
  - Online at [www.gov.uk/windrush](http://www.gov.uk/windrush)
  - Over the phone through freephone 0800 678 1925.
  - Via post – individuals can request a postal copy at [www.gov.uk/windrush](http://www.gov.uk/windrush)
  - At dedicated events set up to allow affected individuals to speak to us face to face
- The final scheme will be announced as soon as possible after the end of the consultation.
- Martin Forde QC is providing independent oversight of this stage of the design of the compensation scheme. He will ensure that the interests of those affected will be properly represented and reflected in the scheme.
- More information on the call for evidence can be found at [www.gov.uk/windrush](http://www.gov.uk/windrush)

**1. Who will be eligible for compensation?**

We have not decided any details of the scheme. A key question in the consultation is who should be eligible for compensation; responses to this will inform the final scheme.

**2. How much compensation will people get?**

We have not decided any details of the scheme. The consultation will help gather views on what losses should be compensated.

**3. When will the scheme be in place?**

The consultation will last for 12 weeks, from 19 July to 11 October, to allow people enough time to respond. We will be announcing details of the final scheme and how to apply as soon as possible after the public consultation has ended.

**4. Can affected individuals submit claims now?**

The scheme is not open for claims yet. It is important that we don't rush to judgement and take all views on the design of the scheme.

**5. Is there a hardship fund for those who are currently struggling following losses as a result of not being able to prove their status?**

The first priority is to help people establish their immigration status through the Windrush taskforce, to alleviate any barriers they are facing in connection with their immigration status. To support this, alongside working to put in place the compensation scheme, we have a series of measures to help people access existing support and advice.

**6. What exactly are you consulting on?**

The consultation focuses on 3 core elements: who should be eligible for compensation; what losses should be compensated for; and how the process should work.

**7. Who can respond to this consultation?**

The consultation is open to those who have suffered loss as a result of not being able to prove their status in the UK as well as friends, family and representatives of those affected.

**8. I responded to the call for evidence. Should I respond to the consultation as well?**

The call for evidence was the first step to hear the experiences of those affected; the responses informed the consultation document. We are now seeking views on more detail of the design of the scheme, and we would encourage anyone who has been affected to take part.

**9. How do I respond to the consultation?**

You can respond online at [www.gov.uk/windrush](http://www.gov.uk/windrush); via phone at 0800 678 1925; or you can request a printed version to be sent to you through [www.gov.uk/windrush](http://www.gov.uk/windrush).

**10. Can I answer the consultation over the phone?**

Yes. You can call us our taskforce on freephone 0800 678 1925.

**11. I've completed a paper version, where do I send it back to?**

The address is **Freepost WINDRUSH COMPENSATION CONSULTATION**. This is the full address; no stamps are required.

**12. Do I have to complete every question?**

No, but the more feedback we receive will help us to better design a compensation scheme that meets the needs of those affected.

**13. What do I do if I have questions while completing the form?**

You can call our taskforce on freephone 0800 678 1925.

**14. Can I respond to the compensation if I am overseas?**

Yes, you can respond online at [www.gov.uk/windrush](http://www.gov.uk/windrush) or email your response to [windrushcompensation@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:windrushcompensation@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk).