

# HIA Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry

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## **Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse in Northern Ireland 1922-1995**

The First Minister and deputy First Minister have extended the terms of reference for the Inquiry into historical institutional abuse in Northern Ireland to cover the period 1922 – 1995. A Bill to put the Inquiry on a statutory basis is currently before the Northern Ireland Assembly. The Statutory Inquiry will enable those who experienced abuse in children's residential institutions (but not in schools) to recount their experiences to the Inquiry and/or, in confidence, to an Acknowledgment Forum. The Acknowledgment Forum will start its work before the Bill becomes law, and applications are now invited from anyone who wishes to describe their experience of abuse in children's residential institutions in Northern Ireland between 1922 and 1995.

An information leaflet and application form can be downloaded from the website [www.hiainquiry.org](http://www.hiainquiry.org) or may be requested by telephoning **Freephone 0800 068 4935**. Callers from outside the United Kingdom need to add the 0044 prefix.

Completed applications can be returned to **Freepost HIA Inquiry** from within the United Kingdom. From other countries return to:-  
**HIA Inquiry, P O Box 2080, BELFAST, N IRELAND, BT1 9QA.**

*The Terms of Reference for the Statutory Inquiry are available on the website.*