

The [Financial Assistance Scheme](#), or FAS, can assist you to recover from violence through financial assistance for related costs.

Step 1: How can FAS help me?

- It is an acknowledgement from the community that you have suffered harm as a result of violence.
- FAS may not cover all of your costs but will aim to assist you.
- Applying is free and confidential.
- The offender will not be notified of your application or its contents.
- There is no need for you to go to court or attend hearings.

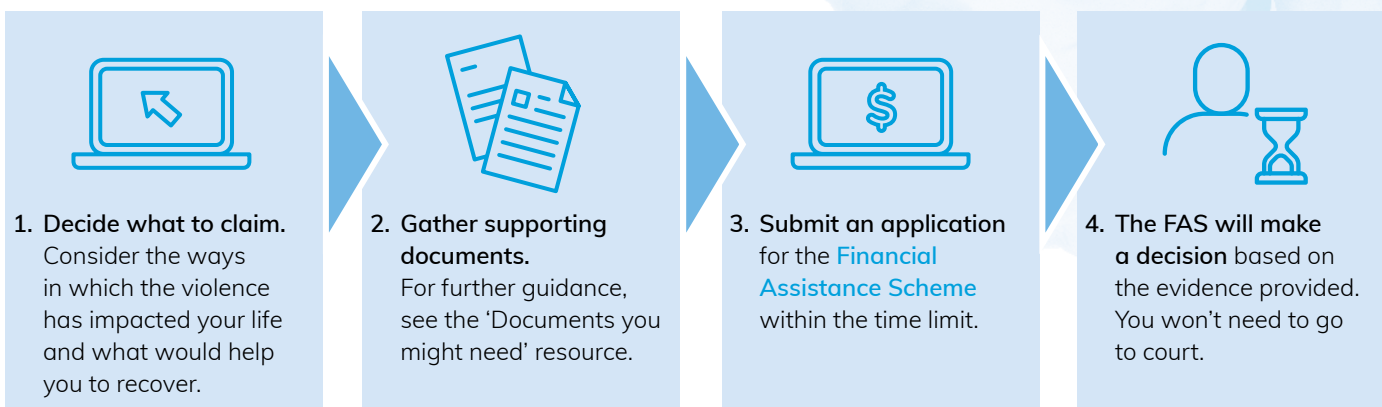
Step 2: Who can apply?

- People who have suffered an injury as a result of violence can apply. Violence can include physical assault, sexual assault or family violence. Injury can include mental harm and making an existing injury worse.
- Children and other family members can also apply.
- You can apply if you have made a police report about the violence and cooperated with their processes. It is not necessary that the offender has been charged.
- If no police report was made, a statutory declaration must detail the circumstances why.

The time limit you have to apply depends on the age of the victim and the type of violence:

Age of victim	Type of violence	Time limit to apply
Adults (over 18 years old)	Sexual or family violence	10 years
Adults (over 18 years old)	All other violence	3 years
Children (under 18 years old)	Child abuse or family violence	No time limit
Children (under 18 years old)	All other violence	Before turning 21 years old

Step 3: Making an application



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