



Afghanistan Inquiry Compensation Scheme Privacy Statement

Part 1: Why we collect personal information

1. This Privacy Statement explains how Defence will handle personal information of individuals, and authorised representatives, under the Afghanistan Inquiry Compensation Scheme in line with the Privacy obligations that exist under the *Privacy Act 1988*.
2. Defence may collect, use or disclose personal information in accordance with the *Defence (Afghanistan Inquiry Compensation Scheme) Regulations 2024* for the purpose of managing and assessing eligibility to access compensation under the regulations.

Part 2: What information we collect

3. The personal information collected by Defence includes, but is not limited to:
 - Personal particulars of the individual (name)
 - Contact details of the individual such as address or email
 - Details of any representative, including their name and contact details
 - particular circumstances of the individual, such as living arrangements and work status relating to their claim
 - details of the claim incident, including if the claim relates to an unlawful killing, the eligible recipient's relationship to, and level of dependency on, the deceased
4. Personal information will generally be collected by way of the web form and individuals will be provided a collection notice at the time personal information is collected. Additionally, to support any claim received, further information may be obtained from third party sources, including media reports.

How do we use and disclose the information we collect?

5. All information collected and held by Defence will be stored on Defence systems. Use of Defence systems is secure and all reasonable steps are taken to ensure that personal information is protected against loss, unauthorised access, use, disclosure or other misuse.
6. Information collected may also be de-identified (that is your identity will not be disclosed) and included in aggregate form for the purposes of reporting and evaluation.
7. All use and disclosure of personal information will be undertaken in accordance with law.
8. If a claimant's information is not collected, used or disclosed, the claim may not be able to be properly assessed and a referral to the Afghanistan Compensation Advocate may not be made.





Part 3: More information – complaints, correction or access

9. If you have any questions about the use of your personal information, or want further information please refer to the [Defence Privacy Policy](#). This includes how to access or correct personal information, or how to make a complaint about the management of your personal information. If you cannot access this policy, please email defence.privacy@defence.gov.au.

