

Family Restoration Fund

••••• reuniting former child migrants with their families •••••

Expression of Interest

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Introduction

Welcome to the Family Restoration Fund. The Family Restoration Fund has been set up by the Child Migrants Trust using a grant from the UK Government for the purposes of reuniting former child migrants with their families.

The Information Pack will help you decide if you can apply to the Fund and the types of expenses you can claim. If you need advice about the Family Restoration Fund or need help to complete the application forms, please contact the Child Migrants Trust:

If you live in Australia or New Zealand, your application will be managed by the Trust's Melbourne or Perth offices. Those living elsewhere should apply to the Trust's UK office in Nottingham.

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Family Restoration Fund - Applications

This fund is **only for former Child Migrants**, and was announced as part of the National Apology on 24 February 2010. We will use the information you provide to ensure that you are eligible for the Family Restoration Fund and to assess your application. We promise to let you know the outcome as quickly as we can. Please see the Information Pack for more details about the application process.

When you are ready and have the relevant information, you can complete the detailed application form (called the FRF 103). This will ask for dates of the visit and the amounts you want to claim from the Fund. You can also tell us if you have any special care needs that may increase the cost of your visit. We can help you complete the detailed form. We will use this to work out how much you can claim from the Fund.

The information you provide will help us understand the type of help needed and understand what the Fund has actually supported and assist our regular reporting to the UK Government on the Fund. We will not identify any individuals as part of the reporting back unless you give us your permission.

We may need to discuss your application and proposed visit with other support agencies you have been in contact with, or with other bodies or agencies, to help us make a decision. We appreciate that this can be a difficult and emotional time for you. Above all, we want to make sure that you have the necessary help and support to make this reunion or return visit a positive experience for you and your family.

You can let us know your preferences for help and support on the next page.

This Expression of Interest form (called the FRF 102) is to let you express an interest in applying to the Fund. You do not need to know details of exactly when you want to travel or how much it will cost. You just need to let us know that you want to visit your family. We will write to you to let you know what to do next and will send you the detailed application form to fill in.

Your preferences

Please let us know below your preference for help and support:

I am receiving help and support from the following agency:

Agency name:

I agree that you can contact them about my application and proposed visit.
(We would recommend that your support agency is aware of your proposed visit.)

I do not agree to contact being made with this agency.

I am not receiving any help and support but would like to discuss what help is available before, during and after my reunion.

I do not require any help and support but am happy to discuss the details of my application with the Child Migrants Trust, where necessary, for clarification and / or verification purposes during the assessment process

Section 1: About you

This section will help us check if you are eligible for support through the Family Restoration Fund. We understand you may not have full information- denial of your personal childhood records was acknowledged within the Apology. If you do not know all the answers, please ask for advice from the Child Migrants Trust or the agency that was responsible for you when you were migrated.

Your name	
Your address	
Telephone	
Email address	
Date and place of birth (if known)	

If you know the details, which organisation arranged your migration from the United Kingdom?

If you know the details, when did you leave the United Kingdom and how old were you? Please write 'not known' if you do not know.

Year

Age when left

Which country were you sent to?

Australia

New Zealand

Rhodesia

Canada

Are you known now by a different name? Please give details below.

Is there any other information you think would be useful or help with your application?
Please give details below.

Section 2: Your family

This section is about your close family members, those most important to you but separated by long distances that you wish to restore links with. They may still live in the UK or have moved elsewhere. We may still be able to help even if your family has moved away from the UK.

Have you been able to reconnect with your family?

Yes Please give details below of the family members you want to visit or, where you cannot travel due to illness or disability, up to 2 family members who you want to visit you.

No Please contact Child Migrants Trust for advice, or if you prefer, another child migrant support agency.

Have you been able to meet with your family members named below?

Yes Please give brief details below

No

Section 3: Your planned family visit

In the first year of the Family Restoration Fund (July 2010 to June 2011) we are giving priority to:

- 1. Former child migrants already known to be waiting for funding for travel.*
- 2. First family reunions or significant family events.*
- 3. Requests for urgent travel e.g. for visits to family members in times of crises such as serious illness or death.*

If you are applying for a follow up visit you may need to wait until July 2011 for funding to be considered.

This application is for:

- | | |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Me (the former child migrant) to visit my family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | My family to visit me |

Please tell us the main reason for your visit?

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|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A first reunion visit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A follow up visit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | To attend a significant family event e.g. baptism, wedding, funeral etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I urgently need to travel due to a serious family illness / death |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am ill and my family need to travel urgently to visit me. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other reasons. Please outline your circumstances below. |

Please give the dates of your planned visit? If you do not have exact dates please give us the month or year of the planned visit.

Are there any urgent or specific dates we need to take into account e.g. the date of a funeral or wedding, when assessing the priority of your application.

Where will you be travelling to?

Will you be staying with family or friends during the visit? This helps us to understand the full cost of your visit.

If you have any special care needs which may impact on your travel arrangements, for example, you need to travel with more space for equipment or you need a carer to accompany you, we will ask for information and evidence from your doctor on the detailed application form. You should also check with your airline and insurance company to see if they have any rules about special equipment or carrying medication / drugs that may affect your travel arrangements or the cost of your travel.

What happens next?

Please keep this page for your information.

Date initial application sent _____

Sent by post to Melbourne / Perth / England

Emailed to: _____

We will confirm receipt of your application within 10 days and give you an expected date for a response. We will let you know if we expect any delays. If you have not heard from us within 2 weeks, please contact the office you sent the form to or email

cmtnottingham@aol.com

We will look at the information you have given us and will write to let you know if you are able to apply to the Family Restoration Fund. If you do not meet the rules for the Fund we will tell you the reason why. If you can apply, we will send you a detailed application form (called FRF 103) to fill in with the details of your visit including the costs you want to claim.

We will assess your detailed application and let you know the maximum amount you can claim, based on the information you gave us.

When we write to you to explain what you can claim we will ask you to sign an agreement about what you can use the funds for. It is important you understand the agreement you are signing as you may have to pay back money if it is not used for the agreed visit. The text of the agreement is in the Information Pack. Please ask if you unsure about any of the conditions.