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The Windrush
Help Team

Have you had problems because you couldn't prove your legal right to live in the UK?

You could be eligible for compensation

If you've suffered - whether in a big or small way - because you couldn't prove your legal right to live in the UK you could be eligible for compensation.

Compensation is available to people of all ages and nationalities including those from African, Asian and Caribbean backgrounds.

And it's now easier to apply.





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What can I claim for?

If you have suffered because you couldn't prove your legal right to live in the UK, you may be able to claim. You can claim for problems such as:

- Losing access to benefits, housing and free healthcare
- Losing your job
- Missing out on education, or being denied banking or a driving license
- Being unable to travel
- Facing problems with border officials
- Being detained or deported
- Wider non-financial impacts such as anxiety or distress

Who can claim?

You may be able to claim if:

- you or your parents came to the UK from any Commonwealth country before 1973
- you came to the UK from any country before the end of 1988

Some grandchildren and close family members may also be able to claim compensation.



Call the free helpline: 0800 678 1925



Visit: [GOV.UK/WindrushHelpTeam](https://www.gov.uk/WindrushHelpTeam)

You can get help making a claim. If you need help filling in the application form we can put you in touch with a free independent adviser at **We Are Digital**, or you can call them directly on **0808 196 8496**