

Summary of updates to the Financial Assistance Scheme guidelines – published on 30 June 2026

The following table sets out the key amendments to the Victims of Crime Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) guidelines dated 30 June 2026. These updated guidelines replace the guidelines published by the FAS on 25 May 2026 and should be used from 1 July 2026. The table is a summary only. To the extent there are any inconsistencies between the table and the guidelines, the guidelines apply.

Section of the FAS guidelines	Amendment
Throughout Guidelines	Update to financial assistance caps for primary, secondary and related victims to reflect indexation.
14 (Interim assistance)	Increase of 5 interim counselling session to 10.
Throughout Guidelines	Indexation update to certain expense-types (funeral expenses, loss of earnings & legal costs).
15.2, 17.2, 18.2 (FAS Counselling expenses payment schedule)	Update to FAS counselling expenses payment schedule to reflect indexation.
16.1.2 (Special financial assistance – moving to a higher category)	Clarificatory amendments to category A special financial assistance.
23 (Repayments)	Update to clarify when and how the FAS may require repayments.
28 (Integrity and information consistency)	New section to outline how the FAS will approach integrity and information matters, including referrals to professional bodies or Victoria Police where necessary