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Following a letter sent by eight of his students on 14 July July 2018, Sogyal Rinpoche acknowledged the letter and apologised both privately and publicly.

On 18 July 2017, Sogyal Rinpoche wrote a personal and private letter of apology to the eight writers.

On 11 August 2017, Sogyal Rinpoche's letter of retirement included an apology. It is available on the rigpa.org website.

On 12 May and 28 August 2018, Sogyal Rinpoche also repeated this message to the international Rigpa community in audio form.

On 2 July 2018, Sogyal Rinpoche sent a message to Karen Baxter, the lawyer conducting the independent investigation, on her request for a statement to inform her investigation. This message includes a written apology that is shared below.

> "Firstly, I should say that I am fully supportive of people being able to voice their criticisms and feelings in a free and open manner. It is clear that a number of people feel that they have been hurt, and hold me responsible. This is something I have to acknowledge and face up to. I am truly sorry if anything I have said or done has caused anyone offence or harm and I ask in all humility for their forgiveness.
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> What I wish now with all my heart is that whatever pain and hurt has been experienced, be healed and we all find space for mutual understanding and forgiveness. My utmost concern is that no one be deterred from their spiritual path and their commitment to following the Buddhist teachings. I especially hold this concern for those who feel aggrieved, and the Rigpa community as a whole, which has been deeply shaken by the events of the past year.
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> I sincerely and unreservedly apologize for any responsibility I have in the pain, misunderstanding and hurt that have arisen and I am willing, in whatever way I can, to reach out and bring resolution." Sogyal Rinpoche

Rigpa has been asked repeatedly if Sogyal Rinpoche apologised. Although Rigpa has not communicated for Sogyal Rinpoche since he retired in August 2017, we share this information in the interests of clarity and satisfying those requests.