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Legal Aid: How Do I Apply and Am I Financially Eligible?

How do I apply?

To apply for legal aid, you must go to the [Legal Aid Office](#) closest to where you live, or, if applicable, the legal aid office in the judicial district where the legal proceedings for which you require legal services take place, and make an appointment.

It is not possible to determine whether you are eligible or to apply for legal aid by phone or online.

Am I financially eligible?

Once all the information needed to assess your application has been obtained, a decision must be made as to whether you are financially eligible and whether the requested legal service is covered.

[Legal aid is granted](#) for the legal services specifically provided for by law. For example, legal aid is granted for

- family matters;
- youth protection;
- representation of young offenders;
- prosecution for an indictable offence;
- claims related to income support, automobile insurance, employment insurance and workmen's compensation benefits.

Legal aid may also be granted for summary criminal proceedings or certain administrative or civil remedies, provided the case review indicates that the service is necessary. For summary proceedings, the criteria are as follows:

- the likelihood that the accused will be imprisoned;
- loss of their livelihood, or the interests of justice, considering the exceptional circumstances of the case, including its seriousness and complexity.

The criteria for civil and other types of remedies are a threat to the physical or psychological safety, livelihood or ability to provide for basic needs of the applicant or members of their family, or a serious infringement of their freedom.

Our lawyers can assist you with various aspects of housing law. The following list is not exhaustive:

- resiliation of a lease;
- sanitation issues (mould, presence or vermin);
- major repairs;
- subsidized housing;
- landlord's failure to fulfill their obligations;
- unreasonable rent increase.

You can also consult us to learn more about our services related to bankruptcy. We can help and advise you on the following issues (non-exhaustive list).

- indebtedness;
- voluntary deposit;
- bankruptcy;
- discharge from bankruptcy;
- discharge from student loans.

To find the contact information for your legal aid office, please click on the following link www.csj.qc.ca.

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