

1. AM I ELIGIBLE FOR LEGAL AID?

Legal aid is available if your personal situation corresponds to the eligibility criteria established by the Act and its regulations. Whether or not legal aid is granted will depend on the following criteria:

- **Your annual income**
All your sources of income
E.g.: employment insurance, CNESST, tips, etc.
- **The value of your assets**
House, RRSP, etc.
- **Your total liquidities**
Your savings, your investments, etc.
- **Your family situation**
Spouse, children, etc.
- **The type of legal services requested**

Eligibility for gratuitous legal aid

If your income, assets and liquidities fall below the eligibility scale for gratuitous services, you will not have to pay anything.

Individuals who receive last-resort financial assistance ("social assistance") are automatically eligible, provided the legal services requested are covered.

With a contribution

If you are an employee or self-employed or if you have income from various sources and your income, assets or liquidities exceed the eligibility scale for gratuitous services, you may still be eligible for legal aid upon payment of a contribution. In such a case, you will know **in advance the maximum amount you will have to pay** for the necessary legal services. The contribution ranges from \$100 to \$800, depending on your situation.



To find out whether you are eligible

You have to contact the legal aid office nearest you in order to make an application for legal aid. At the meeting, you will have to provide all information required in order to determine your eligibility. You will also have to confirm that everything contained in the application is true and authorize the legal aid office to make the necessary verifications.

For more information, visit the website of the Commission des services juridiques: www.csj.qc.ca



2. WHAT INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE AN APPLICATION?

- You must provide your name as well as the name of your family members (children and spouse) and your social insurance number.
- You must declare your income and your spouse's income and provide, for example, an income tax return for the preceding year or a proof of receipt of last-resort financial assistance ("social assistance").
- In order to determine the value of your assets and your total liquidities, you will be asked to provide, if necessary, a municipal tax account or bank statement.
- If necessary, you must also provide documents containing details of certain expenses. (E.g.: Support payments or childcare costs)

Do not forget to bring all the documents relating to your case: lawyer's letters, court documents, contracts, photographs, other evidence, etc.

3. WHAT LEGAL SERVICES ARE COVERED?

Legal aid is generally granted with respect to family matters (divorce, custody, support payments, etc.), youth protection matters, the representation of young offenders and proceedings for indictable offences.

Legal aid is also generally granted for situations involving benefits relating to last-resort financial assistance ("social assistance"), automobile insurance, employment insurance and work accidents.

Legal aid may also be granted in many other situations (e.g.: representation in civil law, health law and immigration law matters) if your safety, freedom or means of livelihood are at stake. However, there are situations in which legal aid may be refused.

4. IF I AM ARRESTED OR DETAINED, CAN I CONTACT A LAWYER?

Yes.

Regardless of your financial situation, you can consult a lawyer at no cost if you are arrested or detained by the police; simply call the following number:

**Throughout Québec:
1 800 842-2213**



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- Legal Aid makes it possible for eligible persons to obtain the services of a lawyer or notary at no cost or at a minimal cost.
- In order to obtain these services, certain eligibility criteria must be met. At your option, the legal services may be provided by lawyers who are full-time Legal Aid employees or by lawyers in private practice.
- You will find contact information for the legal aid offices in your region on the website of the Commission des services juridiques or by contacting the community legal centre in your area (see overleaf).

Note : This document contains a summary of the principal applicable rules. It does not list all the exceptions set out in the Act. Contact your legal aid office to determine your eligibility for legal aid.

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