

Legal aid in housing matters

Legal aid provides a free or low-cost legal service to those who qualify financially. It is important to check if you are eligible for legal aid. This could allow you to be represented by a lawyer throughout your proceedings.

The Calculation

To determine whether a person is financially eligible to legal aid, income is considered, including salary, benefits from government income replacement programs, and retirement income. Assets are also considered, such as property and savings.

The calculation takes into account:

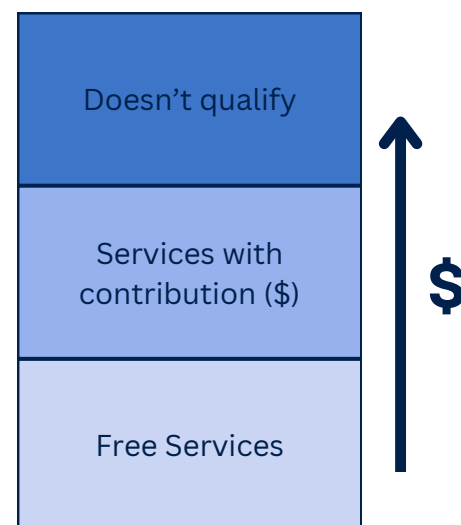
- income from the year preceding the application for legal aid; or
- an estimate of current year income in cases where a significant change has occurred.

Some amounts may be deductible such as debts and support payments.

Representation by lawyer

In terms of representation, two options are possible:

- Representation by a legal aid lawyer; or
- Representation by a lawyer of your choice in the private practice, who accepts legal aid mandates.



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