

Guide to legal services

Community-based legal services are organised by state and territory. To find more information about legal help in your area, see:

- Generalist community legal centres, that provide advice and assistance for a range of legal issues for people within a geographic area
- Specialist community legal services that provide help for certain issues (e.g. financial rights, welfare rights, housing and tenancy services), or certain groups (women's legal services, disability legal services, mental health legal services). These tend to be state or territory wide.
- Legal aid commissions in each state and territory, that provide criminal law assistance (including duty lawyer services in courts and representation), family law and civil law
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander legal services that provide legal assistance in a culturally safe way and understand the issues most likely to be affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Family violence prevention legal services that are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled organisations which mainly support women and children experiencing family violence.

Legal helplines in each state and territory

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| ACT | Legal Aid ACT 1300 654 314 Legal Advice Legal Aid ACT | NSW | Law Access NSW 1300 888 529, 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (excl public holidays). Home - Legal Aid NSW |
| NT | Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission 1800 019 343, 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday Legal Aid NT – Helpline (Chat) | QLD | Legal Aid Queensland 1300 651 188 Get legal help - Legal Aid Queensland |
| SA | Legal Services Commission of South Australia 1300 366 424 Legal Services Commission of South Australia | Tas | Tasmania Legal Aid Advice Service 1300 366 611, 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday Home - Tasmania Legal Aid |
| Vic | Victoria Legal Aid 1300 792 387 (voice), 8 am to 6 pm, Monday to Friday (excl public holidays) Legal Help Chat Victoria Legal Aid | WA | Legal Aid WA Infoline 1300 650 579 GET LEGAL HELP Legal Aid WA |