

Duty counsel services financial eligibility



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Individuals seeking the legal aid duty counsel services listed below may be required to demonstrate and/or verify financial eligibility:

Criminal Law Services

- advice without a court appearance
- referrals
- adjournments
- contested bail hearing
- consent release / variation
- Crown pre-trial or Crown resolution meetings
- diversion / alternative measures
- withdrawal of all charges
- guilty plea
- speaking to sentence
- trials

Family Law and Child Protection Services

- summary or procedural advice (20 minutes maximum)
- adjournments
- obtaining an uncomplicated consent order
- place of safety hearings
- reviewing family court documents
- preparing family court documents

- emergency matters
- representation at motion
- representation at conferences
- trials
- garnishment hearings
- Family Responsibility Office default hearing
- negotiations
- settlements

If LAO determines that what the applicant has told LAO about their financial circumstances does not appear to be consistent with their supporting documentation, or other information within LAO's knowledge, LAO may seek verification of the applicant's financial information.

A determination with respect to eligibility for duty counsel services is final and not subject to review.