

### **Rule 2025/1**

Made by the Board on 2025-01-24  
under the *Legal Aid Services Act, 2020* and  
published on 2025-01-28

## **RULES AMENDING THE LEGAL AID SERVICES RULES (FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY)**

### **AMENDMENTS**

**1** Section 12 of the *Legal Aid Services Rules* is amended by revoking the Table and substituting the following:

### **TABLES**

#### **FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY**

##### **Duty Counsel Services**

<b>Family unit size</b>	<b>Gross annual income</b>
1	\$22,720
2	\$32,131
3	\$39,352
4	\$45,440
5 or more	\$50,803

<b>Family unit size</b>	<b>Liquid asset value limit</b>
1 or more	\$2,255

##### **Certificate Services**

<b>Family unit size</b>	<b>Gross annual income</b>
1	\$18,795
2	\$32,131
3	\$39,352
4	\$45,289
5 or more	\$50,803
Single Boarders	\$12,330

Family unit size	Liquid asset value limit
1	\$1,504
2	\$2,255
3 or more	\$3,007

#### Entity Services

Family unit size	Gross annual income
1	\$22,720
2	\$32,131
3	\$39,352
4	\$45,440
5 or more	\$50,803

Family unit size	Liquid asset value limit
1	\$8,933
2 or more	\$11,910

## 2 The Rules are amended by adding the following after section 12:

### Financial eligibility for duty counsel services

**12.1** (1) Despite subsection 12(1), this section applies in respect of an application for duty counsel services made during the period commencing March 3, 2025 and ending March 3, 2028.

(2) An individual is financially eligible to receive the legal aid services referred to in subsection (1) or to continue receiving those services if

- (a) the income of the individual's family unit, less any support reduction or medical reduction, does not exceed the maximum income set out in the Table for duty counsel services for a family unit that matches the individual's family unit in number; and
- (b) the value of the liquid assets of the individual's family unit does not exceed the maximum value of liquid assets set out in the Table for duty counsel services.

## TABLES

### FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY

#### Duty Counsel Services

Family unit size	Gross annual income
1	\$45,440
2	\$45,440
3	\$45,440
4	\$45,440
5 or more	\$50,803

Family unit size	Liquid asset value limit
1 or more	\$15,000

(3) This section is revoked on March 3, 2028.

### 3 The Rules are amended by adding the following after section 12.1:

#### Financial eligibility for certificate services in a criminal matter

**12.2** (1) Despite subsection 12(1), this section applies in respect of an application for certificate services in a criminal matter made during the period commencing March 31, 2025 and ending March 31, 2028.

(2) An individual is financially eligible to receive the legal aid services referred to in subsection (1) or to continue receiving those services if

- (a) the income of the individual's family unit, less any support reduction or medical reduction, does not exceed the maximum income set out in the Table for certificate services in a criminal matter for a family unit that matches the individual's family unit in number; and
- (b) the value of the liquid assets of the individual's family unit does not exceed the maximum value of liquid assets set out in the Table for certificate services in a criminal matter.

### TABLES FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY

#### Certificate Services in Criminal Matters

Family unit size	Gross annual income
1	\$45,440
2	\$45,440
3	\$45,440
4	\$45,440

5 or more	\$50,803
Single Boarders	\$45,440

Family unit size	Liquid asset value limit
1 or more	\$15,000

(3) This section is revoked on March 31, 2028.

#### COMING INTO FORCE

**4(1) Sections 1 and 2 come into force on March 3, 2025.**

**(2) Section 3 comes into force on March 31, 2025.**