

Application form

Legal Aid Ontario

Lawyer assisted application for youth criminal court proceedings

Only submit this form for youth facing criminal charges who are out of custody. Incomplete forms and or forms missing mandatory documents will not be processed. This form can be used to quickly elicit a refusal so that the applicant can seek counsel coverage under s. 25(4) of the YCJA.

Where counsel has accepted certificates to represent the applicant before, the certificate will be sent directly to counsel via the lawyer portal; otherwise the certificate will be sent to the applicant.

Please note that all new applicants, and existing clients of LAO who have an income (are not on OW, ODSP, in CAS care, or have no income and/or do not have active Consent and Declaration on file with LAO are still required to call LAO 416-979-1446 or toll free: 1-800-668-8258 to complete their application.

Youth information

Name:

Out of
custody/fixed
address:

Unit / apt #:

City:

Province:

Postal code:

Status in Canada:

Gender:

M

F

X

DOB:

LAO client number:

Aboriginal self-identification

Do you self-
identify as First
Nations, Métis,
Inuit or other?

First Nations

Status

Non-status

On Reserve

Off Reserve

Métis

Registered

Non-registered

Inuit

Self-Identification of Race

Asian-East (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean)	Latin American (e.g. Argentinian, Chilean, El Salvadorian)
Asian-South East (e.g. Malaysian, Filipino, Vietnamese)	Middle Eastern or North African (e.g. Egyptian, Iranian)
Asian-South (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	Roma
Black-African (e.g. Ghanaian, Kenyan, Somali)	White-North American (e.g. American, Canadian)
Black-Caribbean (e.g. Barbadian, Jamaican)	Identified in Aboriginal Self Identifying Information above
Black-North American (e.g. American, Canadian)	Do not know
Indian-Caribbean (Guyanese with origins in India)	Not asked
Prefer not to answer	Other

Charges / legal details

Current charges and date(s) of occurrence:

Next court date:

Court location:

Legal assessment

Form being used to elicit a refusal so that the applicant can seek counsel coverage under s. 25(4) of the YCJA

Mandatory documents required:

- A copy of the synopsis - mandatory for all submissions
- A copy of the criminal record- mandatory only for clients who have not received a criminal certificate within the last 2 years

Part 1

May be eligible for the certificate program where it is determined that 1 of the following is present. Based on information contained in the synopsis, please check all those that are present. If none are present proceed to Part 2

Crown is seeking custody and supervision order, deferred custody and supervision order, or custody counsel coverage under s. 25(4) of the YCJA

Crown is seeking an NCR assessment officially counsel coverage under s. 25(4) of the YCJA

Facing a charge where the adult penalty is 14 years or more counsel coverage under s. 25(4) of the YCJA

Facing a charge where there is a mandatory jail sentence

Detained after a bail hearing counsel coverage under s. 25(4) of the YCJA

Convicted of a similar charge within past two years with jail time counsel coverage under s. 25(4) of the YCJA

Crown is proceeding by way of indictment

Youth is Indigenous of the YCJA

Facing possession charges under the CDSA in amounts in excess of:

- Cocaine powder - 28 grams
- Hydrocodone/Hydromorphone/ Oxycodone/ Oxymorphone - 100 pills
- Crack Cocaine - 3.5 grams
- Crystal Meth and other methamphetamines - 1.0 gram
- Heroin or Fentanyl - any amount

Part 2

May be eligible for the certificate program where two (2) or more of the following are present. Based on information contained in the synopsis and or criminal record, please check all those that are present.

Same / similar charges refer to "same family of charges". For example:

- Fail to comply offences include all breaches of court orders
- Assault offences includes all assault charges
- Firearms offences includes any firearms charges including simple possession or storage
- Fraud offences include all fraud/ forgery charges
- Impaired while driving offences include all related impaired while driving charges but not other driving charges.

1 or more findings of guilt in past 3 years for same / similar charge

Currently on a sentence order for same or similar charge

Same / similar charges already before the courts

Alleged to commit an offence involving a breach of trust excluding domestic violence charges (e.g. Theft from employer)

Alleged motivation by bias, prejudice, or hate based on race, national or ethnic origin, language, colour, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, or gender orientation or expression

Complainant is allegedly a vulnerable person (e.g. youth – under 18, elderly person – over 65, has mental health issues, has developmental disability)

Any firearm charge (including storage)

Alleged use of a weapon that could be used to cause death or serious injury (e.g. knife, axe, cross bow)

Alleged damages / unrecovered dollar amount of \$2,000 or more

Youth is alleged to be a participant in a "swarming" or group robbery / home invasion

Crown has requested a s. 34 order (Mental Health Assessment)axe, cross bow)

Youth is a child in care (e.g. CAS)

Confirmation

Submitting this form does not guarantee coverage under Legal Aid Ontario's (LAO) certificate program. Applicant must meet requisite eligibility criteria. If eligibility can be confirmed through information on this form or through Legal Aid's records, a certificate will be issued. Lawyer assisted applications will be processed in 3-5 business days. If certificate confirmation is not received within that period, please advise the applicant to contact LAO. Toronto: 416-979-1446 or toll free: 1-800-668-8258.

By submitting this form, I declare that the applicant has verbally consented to have me submit this application on their behalf. I have confirmed that the applicant understands and consents to have the issued certificate sent directly to me (where there is a prior history with the lawyer on file at LAO); otherwise it will be sent directly to the applicant; and I confirm the information contained herein is complete, true and accurate to the best of my knowledge

Name:

Date:

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