

Request for authorization – Enhanced Pre-Sentence Report or Impact of Race and Culture Assessment

Date of request:

Funding for an Impact of Race and Culture Assessment (IRCA) or Enhanced Pre-Sentence Report (EPSR) is available to all persons, whether or not they have a legal aid certificate, and regardless of whether they are represented by a lawyer or self-represented. Funding is available where there has been a finding of guilt, and a court endorsement has been made recommending an EPSR/IRCA.

For individuals **without a legal aid certificate** please submit the completed form for IRCA funding to gencasemgmt@lao.on.ca only if you have a court endorsement.

Lawyer information

Name:

Solicitor number:

Applicant's information

Name:

Date of birth:

Applicant's identity: Black Racialized

By checking this box you confirm that the report is required for sentencing purposes – the client has already been found guilty OR has pled guilty.

Crown position

For an adult, the Crown is asking for a jail sentence of two years or longer; or

For a youth, the Crown is seeking a custodial sentence (open or closed); or

The Crown is seeking a sentence of less than two years (for an adult) or a non-custodial sentence (for a youth), but the circumstances of the individual suggest that an EPSR/IRCA is needed to help the individual receive a fair and proportionate sentence.

Expert's information

An EPSR/IRCA must be completed by an expert with a Master of Social Work and experience in researching or addressing racism. Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) does not recommend or maintain a list of IRCA writers.

The lawyer or individual (if self-represented) is responsible for finding a qualified expert.

LAO authorizes up to 40 hours of work by the expert at \$100 per hour. If the expert requires more time or additional disbursements, prior to the expert beginning any additional work, the lawyer or individual (if self-represented) must submit a letter to LAO explaining why additional funding is required.

Name of expert:

Contact information:

I confirm that the expert will accept the rate of \$100 per hour and complete the report within the allotted 40 hours.

I have included a copy of the court endorsement.

Additional information

The lawyer or individual (if self-represented) must submit all invoices to LAO. The expert's invoices must include the dates of all services, a brief description of the services provided, and the amount of time spent on each service on each date.

Specific prior authorization is required in all cases for the expert to attend court and give advice.

I certify that the information included in this form is complete, true, and accurate.

Name

Date

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