



# Duty Counsel Lawyers Admitted

Before August 10, 2022

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**I am an existing roster member providing duty counsel services  
who joined before August 10, 2022.**



I met LAO's prior panel standards in two of the past five years OR I meet LAO's new minimum experience requirements.

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I did not meet LAO's prior panel standards in two of the past five years AND I do not meet LAO's new minimum experience requirements.

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**Through your 2022 lawyer self-report, you will be transitioned to "Meets Standards".  
No further action is needed other than filing your annual self-report.  
All duty counsel authorizations are subject to a two-year time-limit.  
You must request renewal of your duty counsel authorization before the two-year anniversary.  
The anniversary date is two years from March 31, 2023**

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**Approximately 90 days prior to your renewal deadline, you will be prompted via the Legal Aid Online Portal to request renewal of your duty counsel authorization. Decisions on the renewal of a duty counsel authorization are at LAO's sole discretion.**

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I request renewal, but my duty counsel authorization is not renewed.

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I request renewal, and my duty counsel authorization is renewed.

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**No further action is needed.**





**If a duty counsel authorization is not renewed, the roster member can no longer provide duty counsel services. A roster member can apply for a new duty counsel authorization 12 months after a negative renewal decision.**

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**Through your 2022 lawyer self-report, you will be transitioned to "Conditional" status.  
You have two years in which to meet LAO's new minimum experience requirements  
The two-year timeline begins on March 31, 2023.**

**All duty counsel authorizations are subject to a two-year time limit.  
You must request renewal of your duty counsel authorization before the two-year anniversary.  
The anniversary date is two years from March 31, 2023.**



I meet the minimum experience requirements within two years.

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I don't meet the minimum experience requirements within two years.

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Roster members can notify LAO that they meet the minimum experience requirements via the annual self-report or by writing to [roster@lao.on.ca](mailto:roster@lao.on.ca)

How does duty counsel renewal work?





**Unfortunately, in accordance with the recommendations of the Auditor General and the Legal Aid Services Act, 2020, roster members providing duty counsel services cannot hold a conditional status for more than 24 months.**

**Roster members who do not meet the minimum experience requirements at the end of their conditional membership will have their membership on that area of law revoked.**

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*Where a roster membership is revoked for not meeting the minimum experience requirements during the conditional period, it is possible to re-apply for authorization once the roster member demonstrates to LAO that they have met the minimum experience requirements.*

