Legal Aid Ontario Criminal duty counsel services

Service	If you QUALIFY for legal aid	If you DO NOT qualify for legal aid
Bail hearings*	All in-custody accused will receive duty counsel services for bail hearings and consent releases.	
Day of court triage	 Summary legal advice Disclosure review Referrals to community supports 	Summary legal information only.
Resolution discussions/ Negotiations	<u>All in-custody</u> accused, regardless of whether they qualify financially for legal aid, will have access to duty counsel services for: • Bail • Resolutions without a trial (e.g. withdrawals, peace bonds, guilty pleas) • May include negotiation and representation	
	<u>Out of custody</u> accused who qualify for legal aid will have access to duty counsel services for: • Resolutions without trial (e.g. peace bonds, guilty pleas) • May include negotiation and representation	Not available.
Resolution advocacy	All in-custody accused will have access to duty counsel services for withdrawals, peace bonds, and guilty pleas.	
(in court)	Out of custody accused who qualify for legal aid will have access to duty counsel services for withdrawals, peace bonds, and guilty pleas.	Not available.
In-court assists (including video remand)	In-custody adults and youth may receive in-court video remand assistance from duty counsel at the discretion of the duty counsel manager. All in-custody accused will have access to duty counsel bail services including at WASH court.	
	Out of custody adults who qualify for legal aid may receive duty counsel services for: • Assistance on substantive proceedings • Routine/administrative appearances	Not available.
*Including weekend and statutory holiday (WASH) court.		

Certificate applications are processed through the contact centre (1-800-668-8258).

