

LEGAL SUPPORTS AVAILABLE TO YOU

Family Law:

Legal Aid Ontario

If you cannot afford a lawyer, you may qualify for legal aid in Ontario. This means that a lawyer may be able to help you with your matter at no cost.

To find out if you qualify you can call Legal Aid Ontario at 1.800.668.8258 or visit:

<https://www.legalaid.on.ca/services/family-legal-issues/>

Duty Counsel

Each court has lawyers on site that are available to help those who do not have a lawyer. These lawyers are called duty counsel and are there to give you legal advice on your day of court. They will provide you with advice on your legal rights and what you need to do next. Duty counsel cannot represent you in court but will provide you with guidance.

Family Court Support Workers

If you are a victim of domestic violence and going through the family court process, you might be able to get help from a family court support worker. A family court support worker will provide you with information about the court process and refer you to programs and supports in the community. They can also help you with safety planning and may accompany you to court if it is unsafe for you to go by yourself. You can find a family court support worker in your area here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/family-court-support-workers#section-2>

Steps To Justice

Steps to Justice is a website that provides information on common legal problems. It will give you an idea on what you need to do to or what kind of help you need. Steps to Justice does not provide legal advice. You can visit the Steps to Justice website at:

<https://stepstojustice.ca/legal-topic/family-law/>

Private Lawyers

You can contact a private lawyer for advice and help on your legal issues. Many private lawyers offer a free consultation and often provide an estimate on how much it will cost you for their services.

Paralegals

A paralegal will usually be less expensive than a lawyer. Paralegals are licensed to represent clients in some family law matters. They can often provide you with a free consultation and an estimate of how much you will need to pay.

Immigration:

Legal Aid Ontario

Similar to family law matters, if you cannot afford a lawyer, you may qualify for legal aid.

To find out if you qualify you can call Legal Aid Ontario at 1.800.668.8258 or visit:

<https://www.legalaid.on.ca/immigration-services/>.

Legal Clinics

If you cannot afford a lawyer, you may be able to get help from a legal clinic. Legal Aid Ontario's website can help you find a legal clinic near you. Not all legal clinics practice immigration law but some do. To find your local legal clinic visit: <https://www.legalaid.on.ca/legal-clinics/>.

Private Lawyers

You can contact a private lawyer for advice on your immigration matter. Many private lawyers offer a free consultation and often provide an estimate on how much it will cost you for their services.

Paralegals

You can seek legal advice on your immigration matter from a paralegal. This will usually be less expensive than a lawyer. Paralegals can often provide you with a free consultation and an estimate of how much you will need to pay.

Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant (RCIC)

An RCIC is a licensed consultant that will provide you with the best visa option for your situation. They can also submit the application on your behalf. To find an immigration consultant visit:

<https://college-ic.ca/protecting-the-public/find-an-immigration-consultant>

Steps To Justice

Steps to Justice can also provide information on common issues in immigration matters. It will give you an idea on what you need to do next or what kind of help you need. Steps to Justice does not provide legal advice. You can visit the Steps to Justice website at:

<https://stepstojustice.ca/legal-topic/immigration/>