

# Guide to legal services

Community-based legal services are organised by state and territory. To find more information about legal help in your area, see:

- [Generalist community legal centres](#), that provide advice and assistance for a range of legal issues for people within a geographic area
- [Specialist community legal services](#) that provide help for certain issues (e.g. financial rights, welfare rights, housing and [tenancy services](#)), or certain groups (women's legal services, disability legal services, mental health legal services). These tend to be state or territory wide.
- [Legal aid commissions](#) in each state and territory, that provide criminal law assistance (including duty lawyer services in courts and representation), family law and civil law
- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander legal services](#) that provide legal assistance in a culturally safe way and understand the issues most likely to be affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- [Family violence prevention legal services](#) that are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled organisations which mainly support women and children experiencing family violence.

## Legal helplines in each state and territory

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|            | <b>Legal Aid ACT</b><br>1300 654 314<br><a href="#">Legal Advice   Legal Aid ACT</a>                                                                             |            | <b>Law Access NSW</b><br>1300 888 529, 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (excl public holidays).<br><a href="#">Home - Legal Aid NSW</a> |
| <b>NT</b>  | <b>Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission</b><br>1800 019 343, 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday<br><a href="#">Legal Aid NT – Helpline (Chat)</a>             | <b>QLD</b> | <b>Legal Aid Queensland</b><br>1300 651 188<br><a href="#">Get legal help - Legal Aid Queensland</a>                                |
| <b>SA</b>  | <b>Legal Services Commission of South Australia</b><br>1300 366 424<br><a href="#">Legal Services Commission of South Australia</a>                              | <b>Tas</b> | <b>Tasmania Legal Aid Advice Service</b><br>1300 366 611, 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday<br><a href="#">Home - Tasmania Legal Aid</a> |
| <b>Vic</b> | <b>Victoria Legal Aid</b><br>1300 792 387 (voice), 8 am to 6 pm, Monday to Friday (excl public holidays)<br><a href="#">Legal Help Chat   Victoria Legal Aid</a> | <b>WA</b>  | <b>Legal Aid WA Infoline</b><br>1300 650 579<br><a href="#">GET LEGAL HELP   Legal Aid WA</a>                                       |