



Legal Aid Facts

Immigration law services

Immigration law information services

Publications: LSS staff produce legal information and self-help materials in a number of languages to help clients identify, avoid, and resolve common legal problems. Topics include immigration and refugee law. A complete list is available at legalaid.bc.ca/publications.

Legal Information Outreach Workers: LIOWs help low-income people find legal information and understand court forms. They also provide referrals to other resources and give presentations at Aboriginal, women's, immigration, social service, and other community agencies.

There is no financial eligibility test for legal information services.

Immigration law advice services

Duty counsel: Immigration duty counsel at the Canada Border Services Vancouver enforcement centre provide legal advice to people who are being held in custody as a result of immigration proceedings. Duty counsel represent clients at initial detention hearings and may represent them at subsequent hearings if there has been a change in circumstances that could result in release.

There is no financial eligibility test for immigration duty counsel.

Representation by a lawyer

LSS provides legal representation for financially eligible clients with cases that have a reasonable chance to succeed, and who:

- need help with a refugee claim; or
- have an immigration problem that could lead to their removal from Canada to a country where they would be at risk (e.g., some Immigration Division hearings, Immigration Appeal Division hearings, Judicial Reviews to Federal Court, Pre-removal Risk Assessments, and Humanitarian and Compassionate applications).