

Extended Contract Service Dates

Immigration contracts and cases impacted by COVID-19

Immigration

Pursuant to the February 25, 2020 *What's New* posting, Legal Aid BC previously advised that due to funding uncertainty, active immigration contracts were limited to a June 30, 2020 stop date. With funding now secured for this fiscal year, LABC has confirmed that all active Immigration contracts with stop dates prior to March 19, 2021 will be extended to March 19, 2021. A bill-by date of March 29, 2021 will apply to these Immigration contracts.

Cases impacted by COVID-19

Pursuant to the March 25, 2020 *Legal Aid Brief*, LABC advised that some contracts where the service stop date was between March 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020 would be extended to September 1, 2020 in order to accommodate the COVID19 related delays in court processes. Due to ongoing court impacts, LABC will be extending contracts with stop dates between September 1, 2020 and November 12, 2020 to November 13, 2020. The bill-by date for all extended contracts will be March 29, 2021. This change will be reflected on your contract(s) shortly.

This change excludes the following contract types:

- All duty counsel;
- All Immigration;
- All limited representation;
- All show cause/bail hearing contracts.

As always, we welcome your feedback regarding the *LABC Tariffs*. If you have any comments, please email lawyer.support@legalaid.bc.ca.

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