

# Legal services in Ontario

CLEO (Community Legal Education Ontario/ Éducation juridique communautaire Ontario)

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Service	Description	Contact info
<b>General (many services are free if you are on a low income)</b>		
<b>Community legal clinics</b>	They provide free legal advice and representation to low-income people in Ontario's communities. Most clinics provide services in housing, social assistance, and employment. Some provide services in consumer protection, and immigration and refugee law.	<a href="https://bit.ly/ontarioclinics">bit.ly/ontarioclinics</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enter address or postal code in the search bar</li> </ul>
<b>Specialty community legal clinics</b>	Some clinics provide legal advice and representation in areas of law that affect specific marginalized communities. Some examples: people with disabilities, people with HIV/ AIDS, Indigenous peoples, and youth.	<a href="https://bit.ly/specialty-clinics">bit.ly/specialty-clinics</a>
<b>Student Legal Aid Services Societies</b>	These student-run legal clinics at Ontario law schools provide legal advice and represent people in several types of civil law cases and also minor criminal cases.	<a href="https://bit.ly/studentclass">bit.ly/studentclass</a>
<b>Legal Aid Ontario</b>	They provide a variety of legal services for low-income people who need help with some types of criminal, family, immigration, or refugee law problems.	<a href="https://bit.ly/ONlegalaid">bit.ly/ONlegalaid</a> <b>1-800-668-8258</b>
<b>Pro Bono Ontario</b>	They provide free legal advice in some areas of law and help people fill in forms at Ontario courts on a drop-in basis. They also have self-help centres in Toronto and Ottawa.	<a href="https://probonoontario.org">probonoontario.org</a> <b>1-855-255-7256</b>
<b>JusticeNet</b>	This non-profit service refers people to legal professionals who are willing to work on a reduced fee basis in several areas of law. It is available to people who can't access Legal Aid Ontario services. Not available in all cities or towns in Ontario.	Make online request for referral: <a href="https://justicenet.ca">justicenet.ca</a>
<b>Law Society of Ontario Referral Service</b>	This service refers people to legal professionals who will provide free consultations of up to 30 minutes. If in crisis, call 416-947-5255 or 1-855.947-5255.	Make online request for referral: <a href="https://lsrs.lso.ca/lsrs/welcome">lsrs.lso.ca/lsrs/welcome</a>

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<b>Consumer law</b>		
<b>Student Legal Aid Services Societies</b>	At some locations, they give legal advice on some consumer law problems.	<a href="http://bit.ly/studentclass">bit.ly/studentclass</a>
<b>Community legal clinics</b>	Some clinics give legal advice related to consumer law problems.	<a href="http://bit.ly/ontarioclinics">bit.ly/ontarioclinics</a>
<b>Employment law</b>		
<b>Human Rights Legal Support Centre</b>	They provide legal advice to people who have experienced discrimination at work.	<a href="http://hrlsc.on.ca">hrlsc.on.ca</a> <b>1-866-625-5179</b>
<b>Pro Bono Ontario</b>	They host periodic employment law clinics.	<a href="http://probonoontario.org">probonoontario.org</a> <b>1-855-255-7256</b>
<b>Community legal clinics</b>	Some clinics provide legal advice related to consumer law problems.	<a href="http://bit.ly/ontarioclinics">bit.ly/ontarioclinics</a>
<b>Family law</b>		
<b>Legal Aid Ontario Family Law Services</b>	Legal Aid Ontario offers several family law services to low-income people across Ontario. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>family law service centres where people can get legal advice and representation</li> <li>helping people get a certificate to pay for lawyers.</li> </ul>	<a href="http://bit.ly/familylao">bit.ly/familylao</a> <b>1-800-668-8258</b>
<b>Legal Aid Ontario Family Duty Counsel</b>	They provide lawyers at family courts in Ontario to give same-day legal advice to people.	<b>1-800-668-8258</b>
<b>Legal Aid Ontario Family Law Service Centres</b>	These service centres offer a range of supports and services to people on low incomes for family matters.	<a href="http://bit.ly/familylsc">bit.ly/familylsc</a>
<b>Legal Aid Ontario Metro Toronto Family Law Services</b>	This program connects eligible people in Toronto with a lawyer who can help them with their family law problem. Interpretation services available.	<b>416-696-2992</b> (Toronto only)
<b>Barbara Schlifer Clinic</b>	This clinic for women experiencing violence provides legal advice and counselling services.	<a href="http://schliferclinic.com">schliferclinic.com</a>
<b>Family Law Information Centres</b>	These centres offer several services, including legal advice and document support for low-income people.	<a href="http://bit.ly/flicsont">bit.ly/flicsont</a>
<b>Family Limited Services Scope Project</b>	This service connects people with lawyers who provide services for part, but not all, of their legal matter.	<a href="http://familylawlss.ca">familylawlss.ca</a>
<b>Student Legal Aid Services Societies</b>	At some locations, they give legal advice on some family law problems.	<a href="http://bit.ly/studentclass">bit.ly/studentclass</a>

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<b>Housing law</b>		
<b>Community legal clinics</b>	Most clinics provide legal advice related to housing law problems.	<a href="https://bit.ly/ontarioclinics">bit.ly/ontarioclinics</a>
<b>Human Rights Legal Support Centre</b>	They provide legal advice to people who have experienced discrimination in their housing situation.	<a href="https://hrlsc.on.ca">hrlsc.on.ca</a> <b>1-866-625-5179</b>
<b>Student Legal Aid Services Societies</b>	At some locations, they give legal advice on some housing law problems.	<a href="https://bit.ly/studentlass">bit.ly/studentlass</a>
<b>Tenant Duty Counsel</b>	They provide legal workers at Landlord and Tenant Board hearings in Ontario to give same-day legal advice to people who appear there without a lawyer.	<a href="https://bit.ly/actotdc">bit.ly/actotdc</a>