

Legal services in Ontario



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

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Service	Description	Contact info
General (many services are free if you are on a low income)		
Community legal clinics	They provide free or low-cost legal advice and representation to eligible low-income people in Ontario. Most clinics provide services in housing, social assistance, and employment. Some provide services in consumer protection, and immigration and refugee law.	bit.ly/ontarioclinics Enter address or postal code in the search bar
Specialty community legal clinics	Some clinics provide legal advice and representation in areas of law that affect specific communities. Some examples include services for persons with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, Indigenous Peoples, and youth.	bit.ly/specialtyclin
Student Legal Service Organizations	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.	bit.ly/slso
Legal Aid Ontario	They provide a variety of legal services for people on a low income who need help with some types of criminal, family, immigration, or refugee law problems.	legalaid.on.ca 1-800-668-8258
Pro Bono Ontario	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.	probonoontario.org 1-855-255-7256
JusticeNet	This non-profit service refers people to legal professionals who are willing to work on a reduced fee basis in several areas of law. Not available in all parts of Ontario.	justicenet.ca



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General – cont'd		
Law Society of Ontario Referral Service	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: findlegalhelp.ca
Consumer law		
Student Legal Service Organizations	At some locations, they give legal advice on some consumer law problems.	bit.ly/slso
Community legal clinics	Some clinics give legal advice related to consumer law problems.	bit.ly/ontarioclinics
Pro Bono Ontario	Free legal advice hotline provides consultations of up to 30 minutes on consumer protection and debt	probonoontario.org 1-855-255-7256
Employment law		
Human Rights Legal Support Centre	They provide legal advice to people who have experienced discrimination at work.	hrlsc.on.ca 1-866-625-5179
Pro Bono Ontario	They host periodic employment law clinics and run a free legal advice hotline that provides consultations of up to 30 minutes on employment law.	probonoontario.org 1-855-255-7256
Community legal clinics	Some clinics provide legal advice related to employment law problems.	bit.ly/ontarioclinics



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Family law		
Legal Aid Ontario Family Law Services	Legal Aid Ontario offers several family law services to people on low incomes across Ontario. These include family law service centres where people can get legal advice and representation as well as helping people get a certificate to pay for lawyers.	bit.ly/familylao 1-800-668-8258
Legal Aid Ontario Family Duty Counsel	They provide lawyers at family courts in Ontario to give same-day legal advice to people.	bit.ly/dutycounsel 1-800-668-8258
Legal Aid Ontario Family Law Service Centres	These service centres offer a range of supports and services to people on low incomes for family matters.	bit.ly/flservice
Barbara Schlifer Clinic	This clinic for women experiencing violence provides legal advice and counselling services.	schliferclinic.com
Family Law Information Centres	These centres offer several services, including legal advice and document support for people with low incomes.	bit.ly/flics
Family Limited Services Scope Project	This service connects people with lawyers who provide services for part, but not all, of their legal matter.	familylawlss.ca
Student Legal Service Organizations	Funded by Legal Aid Ontario, these organizations operate out of seven law schools in Ontario. At some locations, they give legal advice on some family law problems.	bit.ly/studentlass



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Housing law		
Community legal clinics	Most clinics provide legal advice related to housing law problems.	bit.ly/ontarioclinics
Human Rights Legal Support Centre	They provide legal advice to people who have experienced discrimination in their housing situation.	hrlsc.on.ca 1-866-625-5179
Student Legal Service Organizations	Funded by Legal Aid Ontario, these organizations operate out of seven law schools in Ontario. At some locations, they give legal advice on some housing law problems.	bit.ly/studentlass
Tenant Duty Counsel	They provide legal workers for in-person and virtual Landlord and Tenant Board hearings in Ontario to give same-day legal advice to people appearing at a hearing without a lawyer.	bit.ly/actotdc

