



CLEO Connect

Training and tools for community workers

Resources and Supports

from the CLEO Connect Webinar:

Applying for a Legal Aid Ontario certificate

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.



Applying for Legal Aid Certificate Resources:

- [How do I apply for legal aid? – Legal Aid Ontario](#)
- [Will legal aid pay for my lawyer? – Legal Aid Ontario](#)
- [Were you told you do not qualify for legal aid? – Legal Aid Ontario](#)
- [Finding the right legal aid lawyer – Legal Aid Ontario](#)
- [Welcome to the Service Finder! - Service Finder](#)
- [Legal Fees: How Do Lawyers and Paralegals Charge Clients?](#)
- [How to Find a Legal Representative](#)
- [Choosing the right legal professional | Law Society of Ontario](#)
- [Communicating with Legal Representatives](#)
- [Preparing to meet your lawyer or paralegal | Law Society of Ontario](#)

- [Certificate Financial Eligibility Criteria](#)
- [Indigenous settlement money does not affect legal aid eligibility](#)
- [Complaints about legal fees | Law Society of Ontario](#)
- [Legal Aid Ontario and Community Legal Clinics in Ottawa](#)

CLEO Steps to Justice Legal Information:

- [How do I apply for a legal aid certificate?](#)
- [How do I prepare for my meeting with a lawyer or paralegal?](#)
- [How do I complain to the Law Society of Ontario about a lawyer or paralegal?](#)
- [How do I complain about my lawyer's bill?](#)

CLEO Connect Webinars, Tools, and Resources:

- [Helping clients work with legal representatives](#)
- [Hiring and working with a lawyer](#)
- [Your legal rights](#)
- [Getting legal help: A directory of community legal clinics in Ontario](#)
- [General legal services](#)
- [Going to court without a lawyer: tips and traps](#)
- [Navigating the Legal Help Landscape Part 1: Community Legal Clinics and Legal Aid Ontario](#)
- [Navigating the Legal Help Landscape Part 2: Legal Help Phone Lines](#)
- [If you cannot afford a lawyer](#)

Community and Specialty Legal Clinics

- **Find your community legal clinic** -1-800-668-8258
- **Legal Aid Ontario (LAO):** Legal Aid Ontario gives low-income people access to a range of legal services tailored to meet their legal needs through its website and toll free number. 1-800-668-8258 legalaid.on.ca
- **Law Society Referral Service (LSRS):** Connect with the Law Society of Ontario to find a lawyer or paralegal for a free consultation of up to 30 minutes to help you

determine your rights and options. findlegalhelp.ca, Crisis Line: 416-947-5255 / Toll Free: 1-855-947-5255

- **Lawyer and Paralegal Directory:** A complete listing of legal professionals who are licensed by the Law Society to offer legal services in Ontario. Each listing includes the practising status of the lawyer or paralegal. The directory is searchable by name, practice area, language, city or postal code. lso.ca/LawyerParalegalDirectory
- **Certified Specialist Program:** Search by speciality area for lawyers who provide specialist assistance in complex matters and to facilitate referrals. Search [online](#) or contact [Client Service Centre](#) at 416-947-3300, Toll free: 1-800-668-7380 or email lawsociety@lso.ca for a printed copy.
- **Discrimination and Harassment Counsel (DHC):** A service free-of-charge to the Ontario public, lawyers and paralegals. The Discrimination and Harassment Counsel confidentially assists anyone who may have experienced discrimination or harassment by a lawyer, lawyer licensing candidate or a paralegal. LSO.ca/DHC
- **Trustee Services and the Unclaimed Trust Fund:** If you are looking for information or documentation from the files of a lawyer or paralegal who is no longer practising, Trustee Services may be able to help you. [lso.ca /Trustee-Services-and-the-Unclaimed-Trust-Fund](http://lso.ca/Trustee-Services-and-the-Unclaimed-Trust-Fund)
- **Civil Society Organizations:** To make lawyer and paralegal services more accessible, the Law Society has approved a registration system that enables lawyers and paralegals to provide their professional services to the public as employees of charities and not-for-profit corporations. lso.ca/cso
- **You speak French - know your rights:** Did you know that you are entitled to receive legal services in French from a lawyer or paralegal? lso.ca/FrenchRights
- **Law Help Ontario:** A self-help legal clinic offered by Pro Bono Law Ontario, providing a range of services to unrepresented litigants with civil matters to help them understand court procedures or meet with a volunteer lawyer at no charge. lawhelpontario.org

- **Ontario Legal Information Centre:** The Ontario Legal Information Centre offers a free 30-minute meeting with a lawyer to anyone in Ontario who is facing a legal problem or whose legal problem is within Ontario. The Centre's services are confidential, available in person or by telephone, in both English and French. centrefinfojuridique.ca/en
- **Pro Bono Ontario's Free Legal Advice Hotline:** Promotes access to justice in Ontario by creating and promoting opportunities for lawyers to provide pro bono (free) legal services to persons of limited means. Toll free 1-855-255-7256 or probonoontario.org
- **Justice Ontario:** A useful resource on Ontario Law. attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca
- **The Ministry of the Attorney General's** website has electronic court forms available to assist you with Family, Civil and Small Claims Court proceedings in Ontario. attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/forms
- **e-laws:** provides access to official copies of Ontario statutes and regulations. ontario.ca/laws
- **Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN):** A charitable not-for-profit, non-governmental organization that develops innovative educational tools to introduce young people to the justice system. ojen.ca
- **Cliquez-Justice:** French-language information on various areas of law. cliquezjustice.ca
- **Ontario Courts:** All levels of Ontario Courts. ontariocourts.ca
- **Canadian Bar Association - Separating or Divorcing Couples:** For couples who are separating or divorcing. cba.org/For-The-Public/Separating-or-Divorcing-Couples
- **Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario** advocates for lawyers who work towards the promotion of justice in French and English, the official languages of Ontario courts. ajefo.ca

- **National Self-Represented Litigants Project:** Resources for self-represented litigants including educational content, provincial legal helplines and supports. representingyourselfcanada.com
- **Family Justice Centre (FJC):** The FJC hosts virtual legal clinics for Ontarians dealing with family law issues who are unable to afford a lawyer, but do not meet the threshold to qualify for legal aid services. At the virtual clinics, family law lawyers supervise law students in the delivery of free unbundled legal services to self-represented litigants in Ontario. The FJC also develops public legal education resources to support self-represented litigants in navigating the family law process. probonostudents.ca/family-justice-centre