

## How to apply for Legal Aid

If you are a Nishnawbe Aski Nation Community member residing on-reserve or off-reserve, you can apply for Legal Aid Certificate by contacting our “Community Legal Worker’s” (CLW) serving your community. Call our office or visit our website:

Email: [legalaid@nanlegal.on.ca](mailto:legalaid@nanlegal.on.ca)  
Toll Free: 1-800-465-5581  
Tel: (807) 622-1413  
[www.nanlegal.on.ca](http://www.nanlegal.on.ca)

## Staff

NALSC Legal Aid employs:

- Director of Legal Services
- Legal Aid Coordinator
- Staff Lawyers
- LAO Senior Assessment Officer
- Two LAO Assessment Officers
- Two Legal Aid Assistants

NALSC Legal Aid employs several Community Legal Workers to cover all First Nations Communities of Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

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## Contact Information:

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Chapples Building  
101 North Syndicate Ave, Suite  
101 Thunder Bay, ON  
P7C 3V4  
Toll Free: 1-800-465-5581  
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TIMMINS OFFICE  
119 Pine Street South, Suite 210  
Timmins, ON  
P4N 2K3  
Toll Free: 1-866-859-3887  
Tel: (705) 268-1105  
Fax: (705) 268-0012

SIOUX LOOKOUT OFFICE  
37 Front Street  
Sioux Lookout, ON  
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Tel: (807) 737-7981  
Fax: (807) 737-7297

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Services Corporation**

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## Providing Legal Aid Assistance

### Our Clients

NALSC Legal Aid helps low-income persons, with certain legal matters. NALSC Legal Aid have the authority to issue Legal Aid certificates to qualifying Community members from the Nishnawbe- Aski Nation (NAN) First Nations communities, in Northern Ontario.

### LAO Area Office #48

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation (NALSC) is Area Office #48 for Legal Aid Ontario (LAO). NALSC provides an Advice Lawyer and Duty Council lawyers to help members of NAN

## What Kind of Legal Matters are Covered?

NALSC Legal Aid assists with legal matters on Criminal Law (if custody is probable), Family Law, Child Welfare, and some administrative law issues.

NALSC Legal Aid cannot assist with legal matters related to: civil law, employment law, human rights, housing or social assistance. You can contact a Community Legal Worker (CLW) for a referral.

## Do you Qualify for Legal Aid Certificate?

NALSC Legal Aid issues Legal Aid Certificates to Band Members of NAN, who are financially eligible and their legal matter is covered by LAO.

NALSC Legal Aid abides by Legal Aid Ontario guidelines in determining the financial eligibility of a person applying for legal aid. If you are eligible and face a serious legal matter, you can apply for a Legal Aid certificate. Depending on your income you may need to make monthly payments towards the cost of some or all of your legal fees.

Your legal matter has to be one that is covered by LAO. You will also need to take a financial test to see if your gross income from all sources is within the range of this chart:

Number of family members	How much money does your family earn in a year?	For domestic abuse cases
1	\$18,795	\$22,720
2	\$32,131	\$32,131
3	\$39,353	\$39,352
4	\$45,289	\$45,440
5+	\$50,803	\$50,803
Single Boarders	\$12,330	

## DUTY COUNSEL

NALSC Legal Aid provides Duty Counsel—on the day before court called “Advance Day” and on court day, to assist the people who appear in Court without a lawyer.

Duty counsel also assists people in the community by providing summary legal advice on a variety of issues.

Duty counsel services include:

- summary legal advice without a fee, and
- assistance with legal & government forms.

## ADVICE LAWYER

The Advice Lawyer provides brief service or summary legal advice to qualifying First Nations members of NAN. This legal service applies only to questions for qualifying legal issues.

### Advice Lawyer Hours:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- 1:00pm to 5:00pm EST

### To contact the Advice Lawyer:

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