

## 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 Workers (CLW) serving your community. Call our office or visit our website for more information - see contact details on the back of this brochure.

## STAFF

NALSC Legal Aid employs:

- The Director of Legal Services
- The Legal Aid Manager
- Community Legal Workers
- Staff Lawyers
- The LAO Senior Assessment Officer
- LAO Assessment Officers
- The Legal Aid Assistant

NALSC Legal Aid employs 10 Community Legal Workers to cover all First Nations Communities of Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

## CONTACT US



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## NISHNAWBE-ASKI LEGAL SERVICES



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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.

## LEGAL AID CERTIFICATE QUALIFICATIONS

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 the chart below.

Number of Family Members	How Much 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 without a fee and assistance with legal & government forms.

## ADVICE LAWYER

The Advice Lawyer provides brief service or summary legal advice to eligible First Nations members of NAN with qualifying legal issues. The Advice Lawyer is available from 1-5pm on Monday, Wednesday & Friday