



### **How do I know if I'm eligible for legal aid?**

Legal Aid Saskatchewan will provide legal advice and representation in court to people who cannot afford to pay for such services if:

- You are financially eligible.
- Your legal problem is covered by Legal Aid Saskatchewan guidelines.
- Your legal problem has professional merit, in the opinion of Legal Aid Saskatchewan.

### **Who provides Legal Aid?**

Legal Aid Saskatchewan employs over 160 lawyers, legal assistants and support staff in offices located throughout the province.

### **How do you decide if I am financially eligible?**

The financial test has two parts -- the asset test and the income test. Legal Aid staff determines if you have enough money/assets available to pay your lawyer without Legal Aid's help.

If you are on social assistance or band assistance, you are usually eligible for legal aid, depending on your available assets.

### **What kinds of cases are covered?**

If you financially qualify and your matter has professional merit, Legal Aid may be able to provide assistance in the following areas.

#### ***Criminal Charges (Adult):***

An offence which would likely result in jail time or loss of employment if you are found guilty (for example, assault, theft, break and enter, fraud, impaired driving causing bodily harm).

#### ***For Criminal Charges (Youth):***

As of April 7, 2008 Legal Aid Saskatchewan provides legal services to all youths charged under the YCJA.

#### ***Family Matters:***

- To get custody of your children.
- To set up child or spousal support payments.
- Divorce.
- To help you when your children have been taken away from you or there are threats that they will be taken away.
- To get access to see your children.

*This is not a complete list -- talk to your local Legal Aid office about your specific case.*

## **How do I apply for Legal Aid?**

You can apply at your nearest Legal Aid office. If the person on the phone tells you to come to a Legal Aid office, ask when the office is open and if you need an appointment.

Ask if you need to bring any papers with you, such as:

- Some form of identification (social insurance card, Treaty card, driver's licence, etc.).
- Any documents relating to your case, such as court orders, separation agreements, papers related to your criminal charge.
- Proof of your current income (pay stubs, social assistance cheque stubs, etc.).
- Up to date bank books or statements.
- Income tax returns (if you are self employed or seasonally employed).
- Proof of the value of your assets, such as your car or RRSPs.

## **How long does it take?**

The staff may be able to tell you right away if you are eligible. They may ask you to complete some papers before you fill out an application. Make sure to tell Legal Aid staff if your situation is an emergency or if a court date has been set.

## **What if I am refused legal aid services?**

If Legal Aid refuses you to receive legal services or asks you to pay some money towards the costs of the legal fees, you can appeal the decision to the CEO within 20 days from when you were denied. The appeal form is attached to the denial.

Chief Executive Officer  
**Legal Aid Saskatchewan**  
**Central Office**  
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SASKATOON SK S7K 2H6

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## **What if I can't get Legal Aid?**

If you cannot get Legal Aid, you can still get legal information.

- Phone PLEA (Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan) in Saskatoon (306) 653-1868.
- Get printed information from the Legal Aid office, Government offices, Court houses, libraries or online.
- Phone CLASSIC (Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City) in Saskatoon (306)659-7676
- Phone Pro Bono Law Sask. in Regina (306) 569-8242

## **Legal Aid Saskatchewan Offices:**

### **The Battlefords Area Office**

Main Floor, Provincial Building, 1192 - 102nd Street  
NORTH BATTLEFORD, SK, S9A 1E9  
Phone: 446-7700; Fax: 446-7598  
Toll-free 1-877-441-4418

### **Meadow Lake Area Office**

Unit #3, 101 Railway Place  
MEADOW LAKE, SK, S9X 1X6  
Phone: 236-7636; Fax: 236-7634  
Toll-free 1-800-461-8188

### **Melfort Area Office**

Box 6500, 3rd Floor, 105 Crawford Avenue East  
MELFORT, SK, S0E 1A0  
Phone: 752-6220; Fax: 752-6127  
Toll-free 1-877-424-1901

### **Moose Jaw Area Office**

#113 - 110 Ominica Street West  
MOOSE JAW, SK, S6H 6V2  
Phone: 694-3700; Fax: 694-3738  
Toll-free 1-877-424-1902

### **Northern Area Office**

Box 5000, Mistasinik Place, 1328 La Ronge Avenue  
LA RONGE, SK, S0J 1L0  
Phone: 425-4455; Fax: 425-4472  
Toll-free 1-800-667-4095

### **Prince Albert Area Office**

Box 3003, 11th Floor, L.F. McIntosh Building  
800 Central Avenue  
PRINCE ALBERT, SK, S6V 6G1  
Phone: 953-2850; Fax: 953-2866  
Toll-free 1-877-424-1900

### **Regina City Area Office**

#200, 1942 Hamilton Street  
REGINA, SK, S4P 2C5  
Phone: 787-8760; Fax: 787-8827  
Toll-free 1-877-424-1897

### **Regina Rural Area Office**

#102 – 2400 College Ave.  
REGINA, SK, S4P 1C8  
Phone: 787-1141; Fax: 787-2316  
Toll-free 1-877-424-1906

### **Saskatoon City Criminal Legal Aid Area Office**

#1053 Sturdy Stone Centre, 122 3rd Avenue North  
SASKATOON, SK, S7K 2H6  
Phone: 933-7820; Fax: 933-7827  
Toll-free 1-877-424-1898

### **Saskatoon City Family Legal Aid Area Office**

#155 Sturdy Stone Centre, 122 3rd Avenue North  
SASKATOON, SK, S7K 2H6  
Phone: 964-2200; Fax: 964-2222  
Toll-free 1-877-324-2200

### **Saskatoon Rural Area Office**

#941 Sturdy Stone Centre, 122 3rd Avenue North  
SASKATOON, SK, S7K 2H6  
Phone: 933-7855; Fax: 933-7854  
Toll-free 1-877-424-1899

### **South East Area Office**

Box 5000-170, Main Floor, 1302 - 3rd Street  
ESTEVAN, SK, S4A 2V6  
Phone: 637-4620; Fax: 637-4625  
Toll-free 1-877-424-1903

### **Sub Office**

Box 2003, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 110 Souris Avenue  
WEYBURN, SK, S4H 2Z9  
Phone: 848-2341; Fax: 848-2562  
Toll-free 1-877-424-1907

### **Swift Current Area Office**

3rd Floor, 350 Cheadle Street West  
SWIFT CURRENT, SK, S9H 4G3  
Phone: 778-8272; Fax: 778-830  
Toll-free 1-877-424-1905

### **Yorkton Area Office**

#301, 120 Smith Street East  
YORKTON, SK, S3N 3V3  
Phone: 786-1440; Fax: 786-1405  
Toll-free 1-877-424-1904

### **Central Office**

#502-201 21st Street East,  
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Phone (306) 933-5300; Fax: 933-6764  
Toll-free 1-800-667-3764