

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 is tested to find out if I am eligible financially?

Legal Aid must do a financial test for you, your spouse, common-law partner and any of your dependant children.

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.

What is the asset test?

Legal Aid looks at all of your assets, such as cash, bank accounts, stocks, bonds and RRSPs to see if you can pay for all of your legal fees. We also look at anything you can sell or easily convert into cash. Depending on your situation, you may be expected to use some of your assets to pay for legal fees. We also look at other assets, such as houses, cars and property.

You must provide proof of your assets, such as tax returns, bank records or financial statements.

What is the income test?

Legal Aid will ask you to give information and provide proof for all of your sources of income, for your spouse, common-law partner and your dependant children.

Income includes social assistance, band assistance, employment insurance, workers' compensation, employment income, maintenance payments, pensions, self-employment earnings, rental income, training allowances, etc. We look at your net income, that is, after any payroll deductions.

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

Proof Needed

You must prove your sources of income to Legal Aid staff through recent pay slips, social assistance, pension income, EI or WCB statements, tax returns, bank records or financial statements.

You may be eligible for legal aid if your net income is at or below:

Household Size	Monthly Net Income	Yearly Net Income
Single Person	\$785	\$9,420
Couple, no children	\$950	\$11,400
Family, 1 child	\$1,025	\$12,300
Family, 2 children	\$1,250	\$15,000
Family, 3 children	\$1,475	\$17,700

If your income is more than these amounts, you may need to complete a more detailed disclosure.

These financial guidelines are set by The Province of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission.

What type of decisions can be made?

After the financial tests are done, Legal Aid can calculate how much money you have available to pay for a lawyer. Based on our policies you may receive Legal Aid, you may be asked to pay some of the costs or you may be refused. If you receive Legal Aid, you may be asked to come back in the future to have your financial situation looked at again to make sure you still qualify.

What if I disagree with the decision?

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.

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You can also reapply if there is a change in your financial circumstances.

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