



Legal aid: what services are covered?

Under An Act respecting legal aid and the provision of certain other legal services, legal aid will be granted for some types of services, but not for others.

In what circumstances is legal aid refused?

Legal aid is ever granted for certain matters, such as defamation or libel claims and defenses relating to parking violations.

N.B.: A request for legal aid may be refused if there is no legal basis for the claim, if it is clearly unlikely to succeed, or if the costs of the case are unreasonable in relation to the benefit that the applicant may derive from it. It may also be refused or withdrawn if the judgment sought is unlikely to be enforceable or if the beneficiary refuses a reasonable proposal to settle the case.

The main reasons for refusal (This list is not exhaustive.)

- Income higher than eligibility threshold;
- Services not covered;
- Change in financial situation of the recipient of legal aid that renders them financially ineligible;
- Claim appears legally unfounded;
- False information provided;
- Refusal to provide a required document;
- Cost of pursuing case is out of proportion to potential benefits;
- Turning down a reasonable offer to settle the case;
- Good chance that judgement could not be executed or slim chance of successful outcome;

Application for Review

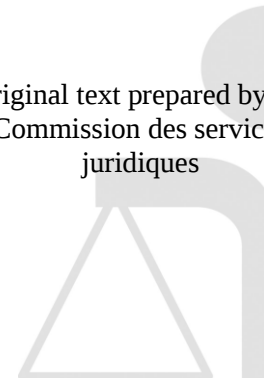
The decision refusing eligibility for legal aid, withdrawing legal aid from a recipient, seeking the repayment of legal aid costs or determining the financial contribution to be paid (contributory scheme) may be contested within 30 days of the decision of the director general of the regional legal aid centre in question.

Please visit our website for further information: **Legal Aid - [Frequently Asked Questions](#)**

To find the contact information for your legal aid office, please click on the following link www.csj.qc.ca.

Don't hesitate to assess your eligibility for legal aid by making an appointment at a legal aid office near you. You can also check your eligibility online [here](#).

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