



## **FREE OR LOW-COST LEGAL AID**

You may be granted free legal aid if your income, property and liquid assets do not exceed the eligibility scale provided for in the *Act respecting legal aid and the provision of certain other legal services* and the *Regulation respecting legal aid*.

Even if you are above the eligibility scale, you should contact your nearest legal aid office, because other factors may qualify you for legal aid.

For example, the child care costs you are required to assume and any support you have to pay for a child or former spouse may be deducted from your income. There are also other deductions, such as school fees, which is why it is important to contact your legal aid office. Otherwise, you might be depriving yourself of the right to legal aid.

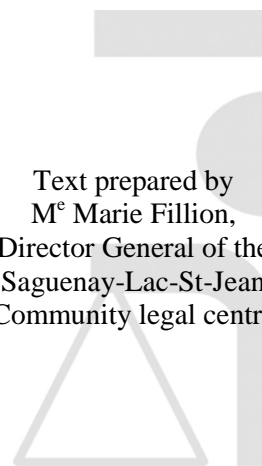
If you are above the eligibility scale for free legal aid, you may still qualify for legal aid in return for the payment of a contribution ranging from \$100 to \$800. In such a case, you will be asked to sign an agreement for the payment of these fees so that you can then defend yourself or exercise your rights.

Please note that only legal aid can claim the contribution or the reimbursement of any costs provided for by law.

Therefore, if you are being represented by a lawyer in private practice who has accepted a legal aid mandate, you do not have to pay anything directly to your lawyer at any point during the mandate.

If you are asked to pay any amount, regardless of the circumstances, it is important to inform your legal aid office.

For more information, visit the website of the Commission des services juridiques at [www.csj.qc.ca](http://www.csj.qc.ca), under "Legal aid / Am I financially eligible?"



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