

LEGAL AID IN JERSEY - CONSULTATION SURVEY

1. What is your interest in the review of Legal Aid?

- Current/past user of Legal Aid
- Family or friends have used Legal Aid
- General interest in Access to Justice

2. Should Government funding be available for eligible Legal Aid representation?

- Yes
- No

3. If No, which areas of law should Government funding be available for (Tick all that apply)

- Minor criminal matters (where fines below £2000 or non custodial sentences are likely upon conviction)
- Serious criminal matters (where fines above £2000, community service or a custodial sentence are likely upon conviction)
- Family / Divorce - where there are dependent children or there has been domestic abuse
- Family / Divorce - where there are no dependent children
- Contractual disputes
- Housing problems
- Employment issues
- Personal injury claims
- Medical negligence claims
- Professional negligence claims (against a lawyer)

4. Should individuals who are eligible for Legal Aid in Criminal matters be required to make a financial contribution towards the cost of their legal representation?

- Yes
- No

5. Should individuals who are eligible for Legal Aid in Private Law matters (family, civil disputes, etc.) be required to make a financial contribution towards the cost of their legal representation?

- Yes
- No

6. Where individuals are required to pay personal contributions (based on their financial circumstances)...
(Tick those that apply)

- Applicants should be provided with an estimate of the costs for which they will be liable
- Applicants should be able to pay personal contributions by monthly instalments
- A maximum time limit should apply over which payments should be made (e.g. no more than 5 years)
- Monthly statements detailing costs (to which the individual is liable) should be issued

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7. Personal contributions: Do you think that the proposed level of contributions payable are.. (Tick one)

- About right
- Too low
- Too high

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8. Should Legal Aid be available for ALL criminal matters?

- Yes
- No

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9. If No, what level of offence should Legal Aid be available for? (Tick one)

- Minor offences where a fine of more than £1,000 can be applied
- Offences where a fine or more than £2,000 can be applied
- Offences where there is a risk of a community service order or a custodial sentence

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10. Should Legal Aid only be available to people who have lived in Jersey for at least 12 months?

- Yes
- No

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11. If criminal matters are subject to Government funding, should any contribution be made by the individual towards total costs?

- Yes
- No

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12. If you are eligible for Legal Aid, should you... (Tick one)

- Be able to choose your lawyer (from a specialist panel)?
- Not have any choice of lawyer and be appointed to the next lawyer on the Legal Aid rota?

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13. Which Private Law matters (family, civil etc.) should be eligible for Legal Aid for qualifying individuals?
(Tick all that apply)

- Family / Divorce - where there are dependent children or there has been domestic abuse
- Family / Divorce - where there are no dependent children
- Contractual disputes
- Housing problems
- Employment issues
- Personal injury claims
- Medical negligence claims
- Professional negligence claims (against a lawyer)

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14. To qualify for Legal Aid, applicants must have household capital of no more than £20,000 and household income of no more than £35,000. Do you consider that these financial criteria are... (Tick one)

- About right
- Too low
- Too high

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15. If the financial criteria are too high or too low, what do you think the limits should be?

16. Do you support the establishment of a publicly funded Legal Aid office, which considers all applications for Legal Aid and signposts ineligible applicants towards alternative means of resolving issues?

- Yes
- No

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Are there any comments or observations that you would like to make?

When you have completed the survey, please send it to:

Legal Aid Survey
The Law Society of Jersey
PO Box 493
St Helier
Jersey JE4 5SZ

Or email it to: legalaid@jerseylawsociety.je

The closing date for receipt of survey responses is **20 June 2017**.

Thank you for providing your views on Legal Aid. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

If you wish to be kept informed about the changes to the Legal Aid scheme, please provide your personal details below:

Name:	
Address:	
Email address:	

How we will use your information

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Do you give your permission for The Law Society of Jersey to quote your comments?

Yes, anonymously

Yes, attributed

No