



APPLYING FOR LEGAL AID

The Public Solicitor's Office provides legal aid assistance to people who are unable to afford private lawyers. It is a constitutional duty imposed on the office.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR LEGAL AID?

Any person may apply for legal aid whether s/he is an adult, a child or a foreigner.

WHAT YOU MUST PROVIDE

It is important to understand that the Instructions Clerk, the Paralegal or the Lawyer does not know your problem (case) unless you explain it accurately and honestly. The reasons or grounds of why you are applying should include:

- a written statement describing the exact nature of the problem including date, time, place where it occurred and who were the other witnesses;
- if possible, provide statements also from the witnesses;
- any documentary evidence you may have in your possession, or if not immediately available explain where it can be obtained

The Instruction Clerk, Paralegal or the Lawyer may assist you in obtaining the document(s). But it is important that you should do the best you can to provide all the necessary information and documents as this will assist in speeding up your case.

FEES TO BE PAID AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PUBLIC SOLICITOR

- The Public Solicitor has the power and prerogative to charge certain fees depending on the clients' ability to pay.
- An applicant when asked to provide details of his income and assets must be honest in giving this information.
- The power to charge a certain fee comes under the *Public Solicitor (Charges) Act*.

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