

ASYLUM

IF YOU NEED LEGAL HELP
IN ANY OF THESE AREAS,
YOUR COSTS COULD BE
COVERED BY LEGAL AID...

- Asylum applications
- Detention
- Refugee family reunion applications
- Applications for asylum support (if you have applied for housing and financial support)

YOU CAN STILL GET
LEGAL AID
FOR MANY LEGAL ISSUES

COMMUNITY CARE

- If you need help or services from the local authority and/or the NHS because of illness, disability or mental capacity (including Court of Protection cases)
- Disputes about the quality of care in residential, nursing homes and hospitals, and abuse/neglect issues

DEBT £££

- If you might lose your home because of mortgage arrears
- Or a creditor is taking you to court to sell your home
- Or a creditor is making you bankrupt

COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION

- Only for appeals to the Upper Tribunal, High Court, Court of Appeal or Supreme Court



DISCRIMINATION

- If you have been unlawfully discriminated against

CRIME

- e.g. being arrested, charged or questioned by the police



EDUCATION

- If you disagree with a special educational needs decision about your child

FAMILY ISSUES

- Family mediation to resolve disputes about children and finance on a relationship breakdown
- Social services being involved with your children
- Injunctions against a violent or abusive partner or family member
- Other family problems if you or your child have suffered or are at risk of violence or abuse
- Forced marriages
- If your child has been or is about to be taken out of the country without your consent
- Some High Court proceedings about the welfare of your child
- If you have been served with proceedings under the "Hague Convention"

HOUSING



- Possession proceedings and eviction – including counterclaims for disrepair
- Unlawful eviction
- Homelessness including asylum support for accommodation
- Anti-social behaviour cases
- Harassment injunctions
- Serious disrepair

IMMIGRATION

- Applying for indefinite leave to remain after relationship breakdown due to domestic violence or an EU citizen applying to stay after domestic violence
- Applying to stay as a victim of trafficking
- Proceedings before the Special Immigration Appeals Commission (SIAC)
- Terrorism Prevention & Investigation Matters (TPIM) notices
- Bail applications for immigration-related detention



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MENTAL HEALTH & MENTAL CAPACITY



- For representation at mental health tribunals if you are detained in hospital
- Advice if you have been sectioned, for Court of Protection cases and for appeals against Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)

WELFARE BENEFITS

- Only for appeals to the Upper Tribunal, High Court, Court of Appeal or Supreme Court



MORE ISSUES COVERED BY LEGAL AID...

- Cases for children with brain (neurological) injuries resulting in severe disability, which arise during pregnancy, childbirth or up to eight weeks postnatal (not all injuries are covered)
- Assistance at inquests (strict criteria apply)
- Protection from harassment
- Advice on disabled facilities grants, on civil claims about abuse and sexual assault allegations, confiscation proceedings, gang-related violence, nuisance caused by environmental pollution and cross-border disputes
- An appeal against a decision stopping you from working with children and vulnerable adults
- Exceptional case funding is available in some cases for human rights issues

Go to your local legal aid solicitor or law centre

Visit www.gov.uk/civil-legal-advice

Ring **0345 345 4345**



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Getting legal aid depends on your financial position and how strong your case is. This leaflet is not legal advice. As the legal aid system is complicated and constantly changing you should always speak to an advisor.