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# Legal Aid services

# Delivered by Legal Aid Western Australia in the Indian Ocean Territories

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#### Services

Legal Aid Western Australia, on behalf of – and fully funded by – the Australian Government, provides the following services in the Indian Ocean Territories:

- Duty lawyer services
- legal advice bureau (legal advice, information and referral)
- legal tasks (minor assistance and advocacy)
- legal representation pursuant to grants of legal aid
- community legal education.

## What does this mean for me?

A solicitor from Legal Aid WA regularly visits Christmas Island, and visits the Cocos (Keeling) Islands at least once each year. Depending on your circumstances, you may be provided with legal advice, information, referral, legal tasks (minor assistance and advocacy) or legal representation.

Duty lawyer services are also available at Court, and a paralegal is available on Christmas Island two days each week.

Legal education services are provided through community talks, articles in The Islander and The Atoll newsletters, pamphlets and self-help kits. Information on a range of legal matters that affect people, including criminal law, family law and civil law, is also available from Legal Aid's website at <u>www.legalaid.wa.gov.au</u>.

### For more information

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