

# FREE LEGAL AID: ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL



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Free legal aid should be  
provided to those who do not  
have sufficient financial means  
and if such assistance is  
necessary to ensure effective  
access to justice.

*Constitution of Kosovo, Article 30* ”



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LEGAL AID



The Free Legal Aid Agency is the most important institution in the integrated legal aid system in terms of providing free legal aid.

There are three basic categories of criteria that must be met to qualify for free legal aid:



### **Eligibility criteria**

Provided to individuals residing in Kosovo, and individuals with temporary residence in Kosovo



### **Financial criteria**

Provided to individuals entitled to social assistance and those whose total family income is lower than the average



### **Legal criteria**

Assistance is provided by assessing the merits of the case, such as the actual value and strength of argumentation evidence



In emergency cases, free legal aid is provided to all individuals who are detained or arrested, regardless of meeting the criteria set out in this Law.

The Free Legal Aid Agency provides professional legal services through:

- Information and legal advice on legal procedures;
- Drafting of documents and all other technical support related to case completion
- Representation in civil, administrative, misdemeanor, and criminal proceedings;
- Defense and representation in all stages of criminal proceedings;
- Information and legal advice on misdemeanor proceedings;
- Information, legal advice, and assistance in mediation and arbitration proceedings.



A recipient of free legal aid has the right to free legal aid guaranteed by law, regardless of their national and ethnic origin, race, color, language, religious or political affiliation, gender identity, sexual orientation, health condition, disability, citizenship, or residence.



The Free Legal Aid Agency is dedicated to serving all those who meet the criteria specified by law for the provision of free legal aid, especially the principles of justice and the rule of law.

Free legal aid is not just a matter of access to justice, but also a fundamental value in a society based on the rule of law. By providing support to those in need, it contributes to strengthening equality before the law and ensures that the legal system operates in a fair and transparent manner for all citizens.

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