

DOES SOMEONE OWE YOU MONEY AND YOU CAN'T AFFORD A LAWYER?

Many people who can't afford a Lawyer to assist them are aware of legal aid for civil (i.e. non-criminal) disputes, but do not know whether they qualify for this assistance.

Civil legal aid covers private disputes. As a very 'general' rule, if the dispute is something that can go to Court, it may be covered. So, legal aid can cover;

- recovering a debt
- breach of contract
- defamation
- bankruptcy
- insolvency

It can also cover;

- Employment disputes
- Maori Land Court disputes

Before determining your eligibility, the Agency dealing with legal aid will look at your financial circumstances, how much your case is likely to cost, the type of problem you have, and whether it is fair and reasonable for your case to proceed.

If you think you might qualify, you should contact your Lawyer. Law North is now able to carry out civil legal aid work, so they can advise you and help you fill in the appropriate forms if required. Note that this does not include family or relationship property legal aid.

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