

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WHICH COULD AFFECT YOUR CLIENT'S GRANT OF LEGAL AID

The Commission's Merit Test

You should proceed with this case only if it satisfies the Commission's merits test. If you are unclear about our current merit's test, please refer to the Practitioners' Handbook at www.lsc.sa.gov.au

Continued Eligibility for Legal Aid

If matters come to your attention which cast doubt on the applicant's continued eligibility for legal aid you must report to us immediately (see Section 22 of the Legal Services Commission Act in respect of these disclosures).

Fees and Costs Limits

You must not exceed the amount of funding which has been approved in this case. If you require further funding please write to us. In an emergency or short notice situation, please seek an urgent extension by either fax or telephone, and thereafter confirm the request in writing. Normally, if prior approval has not been sought, the Commission will decline to meet those additional costs. However, in rare and exceptional circumstances, and solely at the Commission's discretion, where the Commission has approved a grant of aid and is aware of the matter in general, it may subsequently approve and pay costs for an item or items, not prior approved.

Change in Financial Circumstances

You and/or your client must inform the Legal Services Commission of South Australia of any change of circumstances (financial or otherwise) to see whether legal assistance will continue.

Failure to comply with conditions of legal assistance

Legal assistance may be withdrawn if your client does not comply with the conditions of the grant of legal assistance.

Non-acceptance of advice

If your client does not accept your advice or that of a barrister engaged to act for the client, the Legal Services Commission of South Australia may cancel the grant of legal assistance.

Costs incurred prior to grant of legal assistance

Your client is responsible for any legal costs incurred prior to the grant of legal assistance or after the grant of legal assistance is exhausted.

Change of Solicitor

Your client must obtain the permission of the Legal Services Commission of South Australia for a change of solicitor.

Legal Costs

Where work is undertaken in relation to a grant of legal assistance you are only entitled to accept payments authorised by the Legal Services Commission of South Australia.

Whilst your client is on this grant of legal assistance you may not charge any additional amount for the work done under this grant of aid.