

Australia's Laws – Introduction

Levels of laws in Australia:

FEDERAL – Australia wide



Migration Law



Social Security Law



Family law

STATE
(NSW, VIC, QLD, WA, NT, ACT, SA, TAS)



Driving and Road Rules



Education



Tenancy

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(Brisbane City Council, Logan City, Cairns Regional Council, etc)



Parking



Rubbish



Pets



Noise level



Australia's Laws – Introduction

Does

EVERYONE

must follow the law?

YES



Police, judge, people in the government, people from different race, religion, gender – ALL MUST FOLLOW THE LAW

What will happen if you break the law?



Police may catch you



Expensive fine



Court order



Prison



Australia's Laws – Introduction

You may go to court



You may get a criminal record

Can I get legal help?

YES

Legal Aid Queensland (LAQ) – 1300 65 11 88

- LAQ provides **free legal information on their website** (www.legalaid.qld.gov.au), **by telephone or face to face** at one of 14 offices and various community access points.
- If you need an **interpreter**, you can call Legal Aid QLD through Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) (131450)

Community Legal Centres Queensland – 07 3392 0092

- Community legal centres provide **free or low-cost legal** services, and **specialist** services, such as Refugee and Immigration Legal Service
- **Find your closest centre online** <http://communitylegalqld.org.au/find-legal-help/find-a-centre/browse-directory>