

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

(Hume City Council, Brimbank City Council, City of Greater Dandenong, etc)



Parking



Rubbish



Pets



Noise level

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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



You may go to court



Expensive fine



Court order



Prison



You may get a criminal record



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Can I get legal help?

YES

You can get legal help from:

1. Victoria Legal Aid – 1300 792 387

- Free phone and online legal information.
- Free or low-cost legal service through eligible Legal Aid Grant applicants.
- Support from 15 offices and community access points.
- There are 18 phone lines in languages other than English such as Arabic, Mandarin and Persian. If your language is not available, you can call VIC Legal Aid through Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) (131450).

2. Community Legal Centres

- Provide free or low-cost legal services, and specialist services, such as Refugee and Immigration Legal Service
- Find your closest centre and contact number online
https://www.fclc.org.au/find_a_community_legal_centre_generalist

3. Refugee Legal

- Provider of free specialist legal assistance to people seeking asylum, refugees and disadvantaged migrants – legal advice and casework service.
- Services:
 - Telephone Advice Line
 - Evening Advice Service
 - Day time casework, including full legal representation
 - Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) Clinics
 - Strategic 'test case' litigation
 - Client and community information sessions
- Address: Level 6, 20 Otter St. Collingwood.
- Phone: (03) 9413 0101