

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

(Hobart City, Kingsborough, Huon Valley, Clarence City etc.)



Parking



Rubbish



Pets



Noise level

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Must

EVERYONE

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. Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania – 1300 366 611 or

<https://www.legalaid.tas.gov.au>

- Free phone and online legal information and advice
- Free or low-cost legal service through eligible applicants
- For help in your own language, you can call TAS 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
<http://www.clctas.org.au/>

3. Refugee Legal Service Tasmania

- RLST is a volunteer legal service dedicated to providing advice to refugees, asylum seekers and other humanitarian entrants who reside in Tasmania.

Email: rls.tasmania@gmail.com