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| Legal Assistance Panel Lawyer ApplicationFor a Survivor or Whānau Representation |

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| **Applicant Section** |

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| **Section A****Applicant details** |
| **Preferred Title** | **First Name** | **Middle Name(s)** |
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| **Last Name** |
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| **Other Names Used (First/Middle/Last)** e.g. Mary Sarah Bridges, Sarah Bridges etc. |
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| **Date of Birth** |
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| **Postal Address** |
| Unit/Apartment/Flat Number | Street Number and Name or P O Box Details |
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| Suburb | Town/City | Post Code |
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| **Phone and Email** |
| Landline | Mobile Number | Email |
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| **My preferred contact method is (Tick 🗸)** |
| Mail |  | Email |  | Landline |  | Mobile |  |

**If you would prefer not to answer these questions, please go to page 3**

My Ethnicity / Ethnicities

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If Māori, please advise iwi (if known)

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**Disability**

Leave blank if answer is no

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| Do you identify as having a disability or as a disabled person? | Yes |  | Prefer not to say |  |

If yes,

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| Do you have a learning disability / intellectual disability? e.g. I may have trouble following instructions and understanding what is happening | Yes |  | Prefer not to say |  |
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| Do you identify as being neurodiverse? e.g. difficulty focusing on a particular issue | Yes |  | Prefer not to say |  |
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| Do you have a cognitive impairment?e.g. difficulty understanding or remembering | Yes |  | Prefer not to say |  |
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| Do you have a physical disability that can impact your decision-making abilities or communication? | Yes |  | Prefer not to say |  |
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| Do you have a mental health condition that can impact your decision-making abilities? | Yes |  | Prefer not to say |  |
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| Do you have trauma induced anxiety/stress that can impact your decision making? | Yes |  | Prefer not to say |  |
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| Are you deaf or hearing impaired? | Yes |  | Prefer not to say |  |
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| Other (please describe) |
| Do you have existing supports? | Yes |  | Prefer Not To Say |  |
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| If you do not have existing supports, would you like support? | Yes |  | Prefer Not To Say |  |
| **Section B****Legal Assistance eligibility assessment** |

**Please complete all of the following that apply**

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| When I was in care, I suffered abuse or neglect |  |
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| When whānau or family were in care, they suffered abuse or neglect |  |

The abuse or neglect occurred in the following place(s) or situation(s)

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|  |  |  | **Estimated** |  |
| **Place/Situation** | **State Based****(🗸)** | **Faith Based****(🗸)** | **First Year in Care** | **Last Year in Care** | **Total Years in Care** | **Name of Institution etc.****(if known)** |
| CYFS or Social Welfare placement |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under state supervision at home/with whānau |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foster care placement |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adoption placement |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Children's home |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Borstal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Psychiatric Care |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Disability Care |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health Camp |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Early Childhood Educational Facility |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| School |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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|  |  |  | **Estimated** |  |
| **Place/Situation** | **State Based****(🗸)** | **Faith Based****(🗸)** | **First Year in Care** | **Last Year in Care** | **Total Years in Care** | **Name of Institution etc.****(if known)** |
| Boarding School |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residential Special School |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Regional Health School |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teen Parent Unit |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Police or Court Cells |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transport to/between/from Facility  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Other (please list below)** |
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**Survivor Applicant - Please go to page 6**

**Whānau or Family Applicant**

Please complete the following for each place/situation you completed above.

If additional space is needed, please use a blank sheet of paper.

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|  **Place/Situation** |  |

The following were abused or neglected in this place/situation

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| **Whānau or Family Member Name** | **Relationship to Applicant** | **Member's Experience****e.g. removed from family** |
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**Please explain why they can't seek Legal Assistance in their own right**

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**If you wish to make a submission etc. for any other reason, please provide a brief explanation below**

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| **Section C****Financial eligibility assessment** |

**Please complete all of the following that apply**

**No Income (tick 🗸)**

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| In Prison |  | Other (please explain below)  |  |

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| **Benefit or Payment Received (tick 🗸)** |

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| Jobseeker Support |  | Sole Parent Support |  |
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| NZ Superannuation |  | Supported Living Payment |  |

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| ACC Weekly Compensation |  | Other (please describe below) |  |

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**Please go to page 8 if**

* **you have no income**
* **your only income is from one of the above benefits or payments**

**Wages**

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| Average number of hours worked each week |  |  |
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| Hourly rate before tax deducted |  |  |

**Salary**

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| Annual salary before tax deducted |  |  |

**Self-Employment Drawings**

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| Estimated sum to be drawn this tax year |  |  |

**Seasonal Work**

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| Average number of weeks worked each season |  |  |
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| Average number of hours worked each week |  |  |
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| Hourly rate before tax deducted |  |  |

Please explain below how you support yourself off-season e.g. savings etc.

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**Please explain below the hardship that would occur if Legal Assistance was declined**

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| **Section D****Nominated lawyer** |

Legal Assistance panel lawyer biographies are available at https://www.abuseincare.org.nz/survivors/legal-assistance/

If you know the panel lawyer you would like as your lawyer, please list their details below.

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| **Name** |
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| **Firm/Chambers Name** |
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If you do not know who you want as your lawyer, please tick (🗸) the box below.

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| Please assign me a lawyer from the Legal Assistance panel. |  |

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| **Section E****Applicant confirmation** |

**Important - Read Before Signing**

* The Royal Commission will collect personal information about you to meet its responsibilities under the Inquiries Act 2013, and any other relevant statute or court order; to ensure survivors receive wellbeing support where required; and to assist with demonstrating the depth and breadth of those involved and/or otherwise support the Commissioner’s recommendations.
* This information will be collected and/or viewed by staff of the Royal Commission to complete any tasks assigned to them. No other staff will be allowed to view it.
* Any information used for reporting purposes will not identify you individually.

**By signing this application form, I agree and confirm:**

* Royal Commission staff can
	+ Contact me if they have any questions relating to my application for Legal Assistance
	+ Advise the relevant wellbeing person/team I have applied for Legal Assistance
	+ Contact me if I am not registered with the Inquiry to discuss registering
* I have read and understood the privacy statement set out under: **Important - Read Before Signing**
* I have no other way of paying for legal costs without causing hardship
* I am not aware of any possible conflict of interest that may mean my nominated lawyer should not represent me
* All the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief

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| Signature |  | Date |  |

If this form will be submitted by email, typing your name in the signature box will be accepted as your signature under the Contract and Commercial Law Act 2017

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| **Lawyer Section** |

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| **Section F****Conflict of interest assessment** |

If this form will be submitted by email, typing your name in the signature box will be accepted as your signature under the Contract and Commercial Law Act 2017

I confirm at the time of completing this application there is no known or potential conflict that means I should not represent the applicant.

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| Signature |  | Date |  |
| Please print your name here |  |

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| **Section G****What is Legal Assistance wanted for?** |

**Please tick (🗸) those that are known to be required at the time of applying:**

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| To help provide a written statement and/or written submission to the inquiry |  |  |
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| For representation to attend an inquiry interview (excludes a private session) |  |  |
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| For representation at procedural and/or public hearings  |  |  |

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| Other (please explain below) |  |  |

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**Please explain whether joint representation with participants with a similar situation or facts is appropriate or not.**

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**Please note below anything else the Royal Commission needs to understand when assessing the Legal Assistance funding being requested**

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| **Section H****Work to be completed** |

**Please tick (🗸) all of the following that apply at this point in time**

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| Activity | Activity Description |  |
| 1 | Completing and filing application for Legal Assistance |  |
| 2 | Preliminary steps  |  |
| 3 | Legal Assistance for representation at procedural hearing(s) prior to related public hearing |  |
| 4 | Legal Assistance for representation at interview of possible witness |  |
| 5 | Legal Assistance for person requested by inquiry to provide witness statement or submission |  |
| 6 | Legal Assistance for witness requested to attend inquiry's public hearings and give evidence in person**[[1]](#footnote-1)** |  |
| 7 | Legal Assistance for core participant if granted leave to appear at a public hearing, or requested to do so by the inquiry, including if giving evidence in person or where evidence directly related to the core participant being given |  |
| 8 | Legal Assistance for person to be represented at a public hearing where the Royal Commission believes evidence will be given that daily affects that person |  |
| 9 | Legal Assistance for person **not** requested by inquiry to provide statement, but who wishes to make a submission to Royal Commission including to prepare a statement prior to attending a private session**1** |  |
| 10 | Legal Assistance for a person to be represented at a public hearing where they are required or wish (and have been granted permission) to give evidence to the inquiry remotely e.g. by AVL from prison |  |

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| An interpreter is required to effectively communicate with this client | Yes |  | No |  |
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| If yes, type of interpreter required |  |  |

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| **Section I****Travel funding required** |

**Please note:**

Witness travel to a hearing is not covered by Legal Assistance. Please refer to the Witnesses Expense policy. This can be accessed at: https://www.abuseincare.org.nz/public-hearings/about

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| **Is the client based outside your usual work location?** | Yes |  | No |  |
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| If yes, record client location here: |  |

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| **Is travel to the client required/likely to be required?** | Yes |  | No |  |

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| **Section J****Form completed by** |
| **Name** |
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| **Postal Address** |
| Street Number and Name or P O Box Details |
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| Suburb |
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| Town/City | Post Code |
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| **Phone**  |
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**Application Submission**

Please either

Email to: legalassistance@abuseincare.org.nz

Post to: Abuse in Care Royal Commission

 P O Box 10071

 Wellington 6140

1. Not applicable to core participants [↑](#footnote-ref-1)