


1 Confirm you meet Tasmania's Threshold Eligibility

Before enrolling in ICL training, Tasmania Legal Aid (TLA) expects applicants to already meet professional experience benchmarks.

While TLA assesses suitability holistically, applicants are generally expected to demonstrate:

- Substantial post admission experience in family law
- Regular conduct of children's matters (parenting proceedings, risk matters, interim hearings)
- Advanced advocacy skills and sound professional judgment
- Capacity to manage high conflict, high risk matters independently

 [Eligibility Criteria](#)

 [TLA ICL Practice Standards & Guidelines](#)

Once confident of eligibility, you must complete **Phase 1**.

PRACTICAL TIP

If your practice includes:

- Parenting trials
- Family violence allegations

2 Enrol and complete Phase 1: National Online ICL Accreditation Training

What it is:

- Mandatory national e learning program developed by National Legal Aid
- Self paced online modules

Core content includes:

- Statutory role and ethical framework of ICLs
- Best interests advocacy (not instructions)
- Child development and participation
- Evidence gathering and analysis
- Family violence, abuse, and risk assessment
- Working with experts and reports.

Phase 1 must be completed before you are eligible to attend any **Phase 2** workshop.

Enrol [here](http://www.icl.gov.au/become-an-icl) (www.icl.gov.au/become-an-icl)

Cost: \$400 – this will be refunded by way of rebate by TLA upon successful application to join the ICL Panel.

3 Apply for Phase 2: Face to Face Accreditation Workshop

After completing Phase 1, you apply for a Phase 2 Workshop.

Key points:

- One day intensive workshop
- Delivered by TLA
- Scheduled on demand
- No cost involved (apart from your time)

Workshop focus:

- Complex case scenarios
- Judicial expectations of ICLs
- Independent analysis under pressure
- Ethical decision making
- Networking with ICL Panel members

Completion of Phase 2 finalises **national accreditation**, but **does not itself appoint you as an ICL**.

4 Apply to Join the Tasmania Legal Aid ICL Panel

After successful completion of both phases, you may apply to Tasmania Legal Aid for panel appointment.

 [Application Form](#)

 [Panel Document](#)

Tasmania Legal Aid will assess:

- Your application file
- Demonstrated family law and children's experience
- Professional reputation and judgment
- Referee reports
- Capacity to comply with ICL Guidelines and workload expectations

Panel appointment is determined by a Committee of 3 members, the Associate Director of Family at TLA, an internal ICL and an external ICL.

5 Undertake Additional Tasmania Relevant CPD & Orientation

Once appointed, ICLs are expected to engage in ongoing specialist CPD.

This includes:

- Ongoing family violence informed practice training
- State based professional development activities

A key current program is the **Safe & Together domestic and family violence e course**, launched nationally in 2025 for ICLs and aligned with Family Law Act reforms. This can be found on the National ICL website and access will be granted once you are admitted to the ICL Panel. The National website also offers other training opportunities and resources.