
Information for ICLs

Anyone can talk to a lawyer for free at Tasmania Legal Aid.

To get free legal information call 1300 366 611, drop into our Hobart or Launceston office (no appointment necessary) or use the Legal Talk chat function on our website. We are open Monday to Friday, 8.45am to 5pm.

A lawyer can listen to your story and help identify the next steps you can take.

A key component of our commitment to Tasmanian children and young people is the appointment, training and provision of Independent Children's Lawyers (ICLs). Tasmania Legal Aid funds ICLs to represent children in family law proceedings under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth). The role of the ICL is to act as a bridge between the child and the Court to make sure that the child is respected, their voice is heard, and they are kept up to date with their case. ICLs ensure that the child's best interests are considered.

ICL Practice Standards & Guidelines

Tasmania Legal Aid produce the ICL Practice Standards & Guidelines which set out consistent, childfocused and traumainformed practice expectations for Independent Children's Lawyers in Tasmania. These can be accessed by clicking on the image below.

Independent Children's Lawyers Practice Standards & Guidelines



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For lawyers wanting to become an ICL

To become an Independent Children's Lawyer (ICL) in Australia an individual must be a qualified solicitor with significant family law experience, typically at least 5 years, and hold an unrestricted practicing certificate. You must complete the national accreditation training program (Phase 1 and 2).

Read the documents below to learn more.

[ICL Panel Document](#)

[ICL Application Form](#)

[ICL Undertaking](#)

[ICL Pathway Flowchart](#)

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