

Legal Aid Bulletin

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LAA updates for Thursday 13 November 2025

Contingency Measures and Processes

Please visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) for the latest updates, contingency measures and processes following the cyber attack on the LAA's online digital services.

LAA SILAS Help and Information

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Civil

Market engagement: Legal Aid for Inquests



The government's largest legal aid expansion in a decade will provide bereaved families with non-means-tested inquest support. The LAA is inviting feedback from current and prospective providers under the Public Office (Accountability) Bill to inform service design and ensure provision is ready when the legislation takes effect.

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Extended opportunities in Housing and Debt

The LAA is inviting organisations to provide Housing and Debt, and Welfare Benefits legal aid services under the 2024 Standard Civil Contract in 19 areas. Both current contract holders and new providers can apply, with contracts running until 30 June 2028 and different application routes available based on existing contract status. The deadline has been extended to 5pm on Thursday 4 December 2025. [Read more](#)



HLPAS in Lancaster extended



The LAA is seeking expressions of interest from 2024 Standard Civil Contract holders in Housing and Debt to deliver the Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service (HLPAS) in Lancaster. The deadline has been extended to 5pm on Tuesday 18 November 2025. HLPAS supports people facing possession proceedings or the loss of their home by providing free legal advice and court representation, with no income restrictions. [Read more](#)

Civil application restoration webinars

We have organised webinars on upcoming changes ahead of Civil Application restoration. These sessions are now full, we are exploring additional dates, though these have not yet been confirmed. A standalone recording will be made available on the LAA learning website, with the link shared in the weekly provider email once uploaded.



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