



Queensland Foster and Kinship Care and Hub Community Legal are partnering to deliver a number of specific legal services to Foster and Kinship Carers in Queensland

Legal Services

What legal processes can we help with

Carers will be able to receive advice from a lawyer about legal issues that relate to their role as a Carer, such as applications before QCAT or the Children's Court. HCL will negotiate the extent of legal services provided on a case by case basis, this may include advice, assistance with preparation of documentation, preparation for hearings and in limited cases, representation.

Carers are able to access legal advice about:

- Review matters under the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal
- Cancellation/Suspension and/or restriction of Carer certificate of approval
- Removal of a child from a Carer's care
- "In whose care" decisions
- Cancellation, suspension and/or refusal of a Blue Card

**S113 matters under the Child Protection Act (1999) in the Children's Court*

- Application to take part in proceedings
- Other legal matters that relate directly to your role as a Carer

How do Carers access this service

Your first point of contact to access the legal service through HCL is by contacting QFKC. You will be allocated a Caseworker who will make a referral to HCL and will work alongside you and the legal service to ensure a fair and just process is being undertaken and you are being heard in your application.

An HCL lawyer will be located at the QFKC premises in Banyo once a fortnight for a day. Your Caseworker, through QFKC, will book an appointment for you either in person or via tele link. Carers will be able to book appointments outside of this allocated day when availability of lawyer permits.

Eligibility Requirements

As long as you are an approved Foster, Kinship or Provisionally Approved Carer and needing legal support in your role as a Carer, you are eligible to be referred to HCL.

Please note: HCL must undertake a 'conflict check' before accepting a referral to ensure there are no ethical reasons why they cannot assist. For example, they may be unable to assist when a former client of HCL is involved in the matter. If HCL are unable to assist, QFKC will make every effort to find another legal service that may be engaged free of charge.

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