



Open Minds Legal Clinic

The Open Minds Legal Clinic provides **free** and **confidential** legal advice to people who experience mental illness who are accessing supports through an NGO or Queensland Health in the Brisbane region. It is staffed by lawyers volunteering with the Queensland Public Interest Law Clearing House Incorporated.

Areas of law the Open Minds clinic covers:

The Open Minds clinic will provide free legal assistance in most areas of law other than family law and criminal law. For family and criminal law matters, please contact Legal Aid Queensland on **1300 65 11 88**.

Examples of areas of law we can assist you with are:

- Involuntary treatment orders and other legal problems arising from the application of the *Mental Health Act 2000* (Qld)
- Debts, loan agreements and bankruptcy
- Centrelink or other social security issues
- Discrimination
- Guardianship or administration issues
- Housing and tenancy issues
- Defamation
- Insurance
- Privacy
- Right to information
- Administrative (challenging government decision-making)

Type of assistance

The clinic can:

- Provide free legal advice about the law and your rights and obligations
- Draft documents on your behalf such as letters, tribunal documents and submissions, at the clinic's discretion.

Who does the clinic assist?

The clinic assists people who are experiencing or receiving treatment for a mental illness.

How can I get assistance?

Assistance by the clinic is by appointment only. To make an appointment or if you would like further information please call Open Minds on **(07) 3896 4222**.