

Wider Access to Legal Aid: Expanded Eligibility Criteria

Do I qualify for legal aid?

1. Must be a Singaporean or Permanent Resident
2. Pass **Means** and **Merits Tests**



QUALIFIED



What is a "Means Test"?

The Means Test assesses your financial circumstances to determine if you have limited means.

Updated Means Test

with effect from 1 October 2026

OLD Criteria



Per Capita
Household Income (PCHI) = **\$1,050**



Annual Value of
residence owned = **\$21,000**

Total Savings + Non-CPF investments:



not more than
below 60
years old **\$10,000**

60 years
and above **\$40,000**

NEW Criteria



Per Capita
Household Income (PCHI) = **\$1,650**



Annual Value of
residence owned = **\$21,000**

Total Savings + Non-CPF investments:



not more than
below 60
years old **\$12,000**

60 years
and above **\$42,000**

How to Calculate PCHI

$$\text{Average PCHI} = \frac{\text{Total gross income of all household members in the last 12 months}}{\text{Number of household members} \times 12} = \mathbf{\$1,650}$$