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Apply for legal aid for breach of Part 1 injunctions under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014

Guidance for providers

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Introduction

Breaches of injunctions made under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 are criminal matters due to the risk of imprisonment. However, on 26th October 2026 such injunctions will be replaced by Respect Orders, new housing injunctions and new youth injunctions. Note that a breach of Respect Order is a criminal offence and therefore will be covered by criminal legal aid in the normal manner (with a means tested application for magistrates' court legal aid). The following guidance, does not, therefore, cover breaches of Respect Orders, only committal proceedings relating to a housing or youth injunction as well as pre 26th October 2026 injunctions made under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

To represent a client in committal proceedings you must:

- be authorised to undertake criminal legal aid
- apply for a criminal representation order.

If you do not hold a criminal contract or a 2024 Standard Civil contract in the relevant area of Law, you can apply for an individual case contract (ICC). The ICC criteria are set out on page 6.

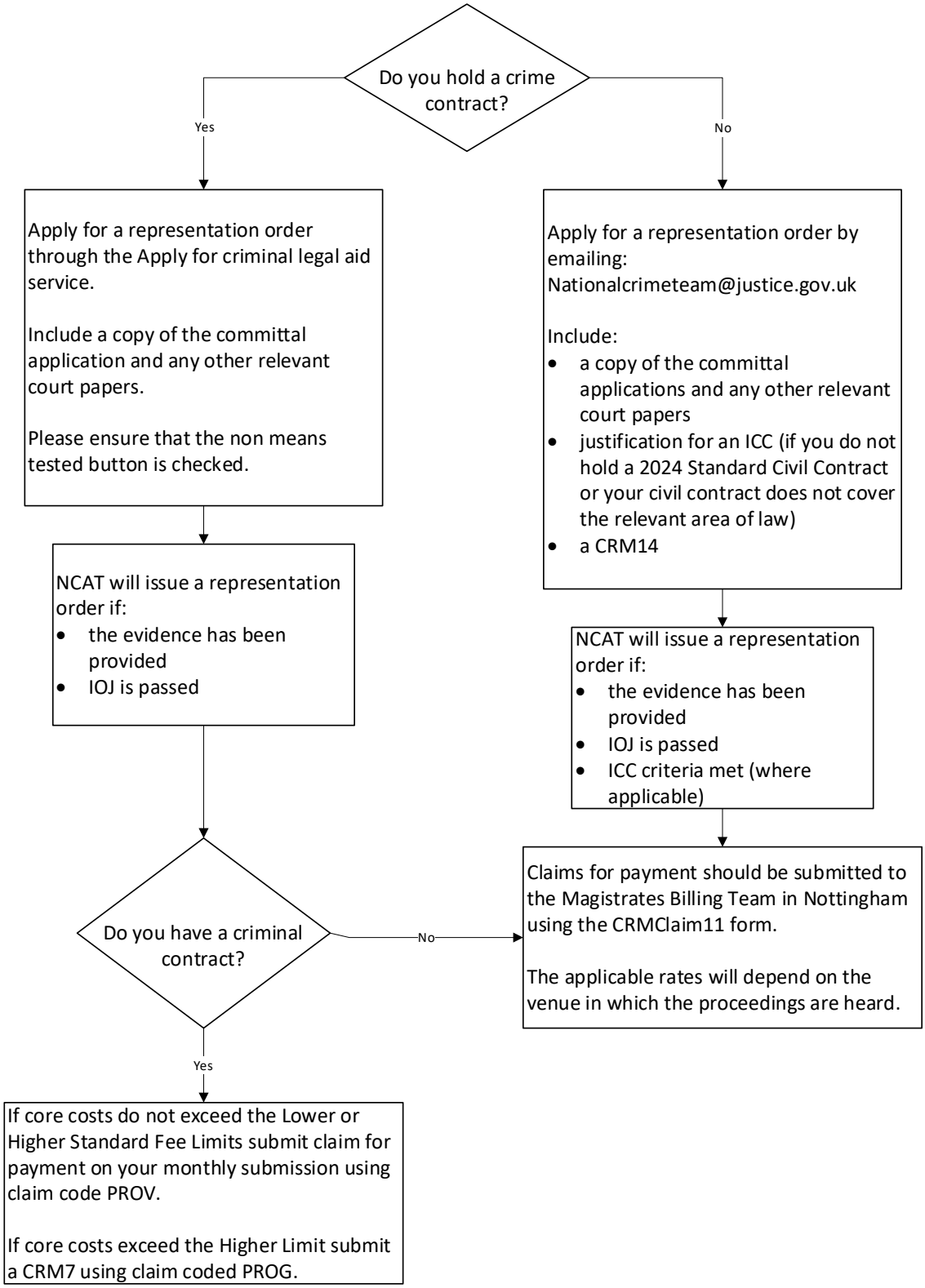
If you hold a crime contract, all applications for criminal legal aid should be submitted via the Apply for criminal legal aid service.

Firms that do not have a crime contract must email a paper CRM14 to:

Nationalcrimeteam@justice.gov.uk

Further details about how to apply and claim are set out in this guidance.

Process flowchart



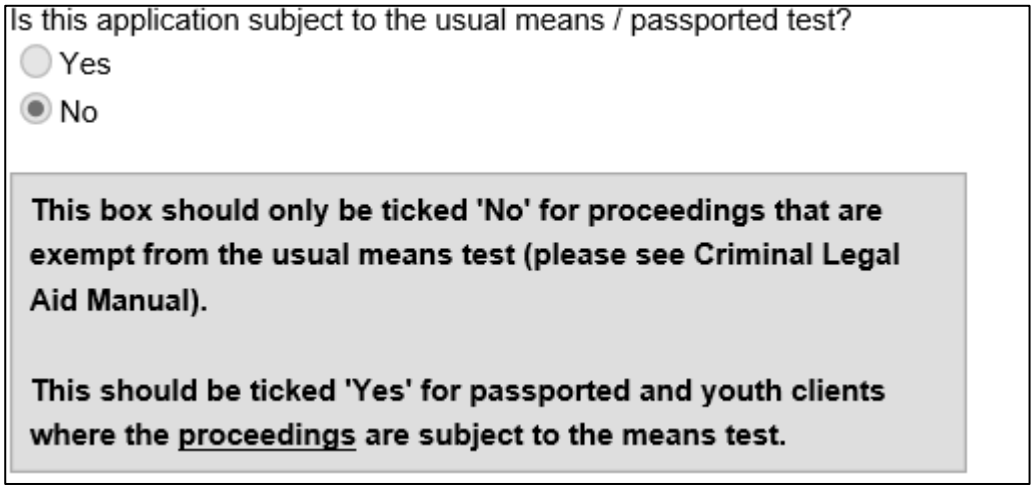
Applying for a representation order online (crime providers only)

Go to the LAA Portal to submit an application using the Apply for criminal legal aid service.

When submitting the application, you should include a copy of the committal application.

This will provide key information to ensure your application can be processed accurately, and the correct court venue used.

Means information



ASBCPA part 1 breach of injunction proceedings heard in civil venues are not means tested. You should therefore answer No to this question. This will ensure that the Apply for criminal legal aid service does not present any questions about your client's financial circumstances. It will also direct the application to a dedicated non-means work queue administered by designated caseworkers.

Case type

This section can be left blank.

The court hearing the case

You should specify the court hearing the case, for example, county court, or High Court. Please be aware that there are no specific county courts or High Courts in the drop-down list, only a generic county court or High Court. The evidence attached to the application will allow the caseworker to identify the specific court.

Interests of justice test

Interests of Justice

What charges have been brought against you?

Charge	Date of Offence	
breach of civil(anti social behaviour) injunction	On	5/5/2017

Use this section to identify the nature of the proceedings.

Information for the Interests of Justice test

Items marked * must be completed

Why do you want legal aid?

1 to 9 are possible reasons. Complete one or more reasons. For each reason you choose, say why you have chosen it. Mention any evidence that supports your choice of a reason.

Use this section to explain why the case meets the IOJ test.

Applying for a representation order by email if you do not hold a crime contract

Firms that do not have a crime contract must apply by emailing: Nationalcrimeteam@justice.gov.uk

Your email should set out why you are applying, and where applicable, justify how the case meets the ICC criteria (see below). You should also include a CRM14 Form and a copy of the committal application.

If your application is urgent, you should title the subject of the email ‘urgent-committal proceedings’. Otherwise, the subject title should be ‘Committal Proceedings’

Applying for an individual case contract

You do not require an individual case contract if the proceedings arise out a category of law you already have a 2024 Standard Civil Contract in. It will be classed as associated criminal work, as set out by sections 4.3 and 4.4 of the 2024 Standard Civil Contract.

However, firms without a criminal legal aid contract, or a 2024 Standard Civil Contract in the relevant category, must apply for an ICC.

The ICC criteria are as follows:

- it is in the interests of justice for an ICC to be granted
- the provider has had substantial involvement in the original proceedings (please note, this could include future substantial involvement in proceedings that result from the contempt such as possession proceedings)
- continuing to act for the individual represents value for money

Use of counsel

Counsel will automatically be assigned by the LAA where the proceedings are in the county court, Crown Court, or High Court, this is to ensure that representation can be provided where the litigator does not have rights of audience. The representation order will cover a litigator and one junior advocate.

Where the proceedings are in the Youth Court or magistrates' court Counsel will be unassigned.

Where litigators have the relevant rights of audience, they may undertake advocacy if they wish to do so.

The rates of payment applicable to assigned counsel in these cases are set out in the table that follows paragraph 12 (2) of Schedule 4 of the Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013 (as amended).

To make a claim for assigned counsels' fees, counsel should submit their claim on the CRM8 form with Note of Taxation to the acting solicitor for submission with the solicitor's claim to Magistrates Billing in Nottingham:

1 Unity Square
Queensbridge Road
Nottingham
NG2 1AW

DX 10035

Further information

Further breaches of the same injunction

If further breaches occur once a representation order has been granted (and before the hearing of the application) they are considered as a series of offences and will be added to the existing representation order. If further breaches are committed after this hearing and are the subject of a fresh committal application, a fresh application for representation will have to be made.

Applications for an amendment to cover a further breach should emailed to Nationalcrimeteam@justice.gov.uk along with evidence of the further breach. The email should contain the client's name and CNTP number. If the request is made in a reasonable time frame the amendment will be backdated.

Prior authorities

A prior authority to incur expert fees or disbursements can be claimed by emailing CNTP.extensions@justice.gov.uk. Correspondence should be marked as a contempt matter and contain full details of the costs to be incurred, quotes from any experts, and why the disbursement is necessary. The email should contain the client's name and CNTP number.

Billing

Billing for firms with a criminal contract
Where the core costs do not exceed the Lower or Higher Standard Fee Limits you should submit your claim for payment on your monthly submission using claim code PROV.

Where the core costs exceed the Higher Limit, you should submit a CRM7 using claim code PROG. Even if your firm is in one of the 16 designated areas as defined in the Standard Crime Contract Specification, travel and waiting can be claimed in these matters. Please refer to the Criminal Bills Assessment Manual, rule 6.15.6. The rates and the lower and higher standard fee are set out in paragraph 5A Schedule 4 of the Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013.

Please note, where Assigned Counsel has been instructed, these are considered automatic non-standard claims and should therefore be submitted on a CRM7 regardless of costs. Where Assigned Counsel has been instructed, ensure counsel completes a CRM8 including a Note of Taxation and submits this to your firm for inclusion with your claim.

Assigned Counsel rates can be claimed at £80.50 per hour for attendances, preparation and advocacy under the 2025 Standard Crime Contract 10.89.

Please note that where the case is in the county court, Crown Court, or High Court, Counsel will be automatically assigned; however, where the case is in the Youth Court or

magistrates' court, Counsel will not be assigned as per 10.34-10.43 of the 2025 Standard Crime Contract.

Once the matter is finished, you should submit your claim for costs via your monthly submission or complete a CRM7 and send this, with your full file of papers, along with a CRM8 and Note of Taxation from Counsel, to Magistrates Billing in Nottingham.

Billing for civil providers with an Individual case contract
Once the matter is finished, you should submit a CRMClaim11 to Magistrates Billing in Nottingham. You should include your full file of papers, and where applicable, a CRM8 and note of taxation from Counsel.

Assigned Counsel rates can be claimed at £80.50 per hour for attendances, preparation and advocacy under the 2025 Standard Crime Contract 10.89.

If the case is in the county court, Crown Court, and High Court, Counsel will be automatically assigned. If the case is in the Youth Court or magistrates' court, Counsel will be unassigned. See 10.34-10.43 of the 2025 Standard Crime Contract.

Please be aware of the Lower and Higher Standard Fee Limits, and note that fixed fees will be paid for claims that fall within these limits. Where claims exceed the higher limit, the hourly rate will be applied when assessing the work completed.

All billing enquiries about ASBCPA Part 1 breach proceedings should be sent to ACLS.Contempt@justice.gov.uk or alternatively please contact Magistrates Billing on 0300 200 2020. Select option 2 and then option 2.

More detailed billing guidance can be obtained by contacting the above email address or Nationalcrimeteam@justice.gov.uk

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