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National Criminal Applications Team: Non-means tested funding

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Non-means tested funding

Q: Surely all children's cases should be dealt with as non-means tested?

A: The term 'non-means tested' only relates to specific proceedings, as set out by legislation. If a youth is facing one of those proceedings the application will be non-means tested. However, criminal proceedings under Regulation 14 of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 are means tested, unless deemed otherwise. Therefore, youths are means tested, but are always deemed to be eligible and passported due to their age.

Contact us

General:

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IT Issues:

- Online Support Team: Tel: 0300 200 2020 (option 3)
- Email: Online-Support@justice.gov.uk
- Online Support Webchat: [Ministry of Justice: Contact Us](#)

Helpful links

Non-means tested guidance:

It is vital that you correctly identify if a case is non-means tested before you submit the eForm:

- Sections 6 and 25 of the Criminal Legal Aid Manual (CLAM): [Criminal Legal Aid Manual \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Guidance on the training and support website:

- [Criminal legal aid - Non-means tested funding \(justice.gov.uk\)](https://justice.gov.uk)

Additional guidance links:

- [Criminal Legal Aid Manual \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)
- [Rejects guidance - a guide to reducing CRM14 rejects \(justice.gov.uk\)](https://justice.gov.uk)
- [Criminal legal aid - Non-means tested funding \(justice.gov.uk\)](https://justice.gov.uk)
- [Change in financial circumstances - a guide to reporting a change correctly \(justice.gov.uk\)](https://justice.gov.uk)
- [Application by person with legal aid to change solicitor - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

LAA Training Website:

- [Course: Crime applications \(justice.gov.uk\)](https://justice.gov.uk)
- [Injunctions to prevent gang-related violence and drug-dealing activity – Application and billing guidance for providers \(justice.gov.uk\)](https://justice.gov.uk)



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