

Quiz answers – can you get legal aid for the following?

1. Advice on rent arrears/mortgage arrears

Yes – but mortgage arrears is classified as debt, so you have to telephone the Civil Legal Advice helpline 0345 345 4 345 for advice on mortgage arrears.

2. Court action on disrepair

Yes – as long as it is sufficiently serious to be causing a health or safety issue.

3. Domestic violence injunctions

Yes – you can also get advice on the issues under Legal Help if you decide you don't want to obtain an injunction.

4. Divorce

Yes – but only if you can prove, as defined in regulations, that you are a victim of domestic abuse.

5. Preventing your ex-partner from removing your child

Yes – but only if 'unlawfully' and s/he is threatening to take him/her out of the jurisdiction. Otherwise, you can only get legal aid to get them back.

6. Challenging the local authority which wants to take your child into care

Yes – and this may well be non means and merits tested, depending on the stage it has reached.

7. Consumer problems

No – unless they involve discrimination – in which case you have to telephone the Civil Legal Advice helpline.

8. Discrimination at work

Yes - you have to telephone the Civil Legal Advice helpline.

9. Illegal deductions from wages

No.

10. Judicial review of a welfare benefits decision

Yes – although welfare benefits cases other than Upper Tier Tribunal are out of scope, judicial review is in scope, and that takes precedence.