

Aboriginal Legal Career Pathways: FAQs

What is the program about?

The program creates a legal career pathway by increasing the skills and qualifications of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce in legal services.

Through this program, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can work at Legal Aid NSW whilst studying at TAFE NSW, with the opportunity for higher education through Macquarie University.

What are the eligibility requirements for the program?

You must:

- Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and
- Be aged 18 years at time of application; and live in New South Wales for the duration of the program.

And;

- Are available to attend study blocks (one week, per month).
- Are available to undertake a 12-week work placement at Legal Aid NSW as a Trainee Administration Officer.

Applicants will also need to demonstrate that they:

- Are tech-Savvy: Have experience using technology, including computer programs such as the Microsoft suite.
- Are eager to Learn: Are motivated to learn and fully commit to the work placement.
- Have a Positive Attitude: Bring an enthusiastic, can-do attitude to the team.
- Have commitment and motivation to complete the program.

How does the program work and what qualification is on offer?

The qualification on offer is a [Certificate IV in Legal Services](#), commencing with the first in-person study block in **August 2025**. Participants of the program will:

- Undertake a 12-week work placement (with opportunity for extension) at Legal Aid NSW. Successful participants will commence their workplacement before the study begins.
- Undertake **mandatory** in person study blocks on campus at Ultimo TAFE (one study block per month).
- Attend **mandatory** virtual tutorial sessions outside of the study blocks.

How does travel and accommodation work?

If you live more than 90 minutes from Ultimo TAFE, you **may** be eligible for Services Australia Away from Base funding. Participants will need to lodge an application for this funding, which is processed by Services Australia. If you are successful in going through to the program, the project team at TAFE, will guide you through the process.

Participants who are not eligible for Away from Base will be responsible for covering travel costs to and from Ultimo TAFE.

How can I find out more information?

Legal Aid NSW and TAFE NSW will hold Information sessions will be held for interested candidates.

For general information on the program, come along to one of the below sessions:

- **Monday 28 April 2025 @ 12:00pm: [Join the meeting now](#)**
- **Wednesday 30 April 2025 @ 5:00pm [Join the meeting now](#)**

For help applying through IworkforNSW, please join us on:

- **Thursday 1 May 2025 @ 12:00pm: [Join the meeting now](#)**

If you have any questions regarding the program in the meantime, please contact [Katrina Ellevsen](#), Project officer in the Aboriginal Services Branch, Legal Aid NSW.

If you'd like to speak to someone about studying at TAFE NSW, please contact [Kallie Fernando](#), Aboriginal Education & Engagement Coordinator.

How do I apply?

Check that you meet all eligibility requirements and submit your application through IworkforNSW.

Once applications close and your application has been reviewed, a member of our team will contact you.