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## Australian Privacy Principle (APP) 5

# Your privacy when applying for legal financial assistance

This document explains how the Attorney-General's Department will collect, store, use and disclose your personal information when you apply for and/or accept a grant of legal financial assistance. This information applies to all schemes of legal financial assistance administered by the department.

## Confidentiality

The department treats all applications for legal financial assistance as confidential, and will not disclose that you have made an application, or the outcome of your application, without your consent unless required to do so by law.

## Privacy

Any personal information (such as your name or telephone number) that you provide when contacting the Attorney-General's Department with an application for legal financial assistance will be collected for the purposes of assessing your eligibility for legal financial assistance. Without collecting this personal information, we cannot properly consider applications for legal financial assistance. Failure to disclose relevant information required by the scheme under which you are applying may result in an incomplete application, which will not be considered by the department.

Depending on the nature of your application, we may need to disclose your personal information to another Australian state or territory government agency. The department may also seek independent legal advice about legal questions raised in the proceedings to which your application relates. We will only disclose your personal information overseas if you apply for assistance under an overseas scheme. In those circumstances, we will usually only discuss your matter with your overseas lawyer.

## Consent

By applying for and/or accepting a grant of legal financial assistance, you are taken to have consented to the department collecting, storing, using and disclosing your personal and sensitive information for the purposes of assessing your eligibility for legal financial assistance and for administering any grant of assistance approved as a result of your application.

## Further information

The AGD privacy policy is available at <http://www.ag.gov.au/Pages/Privacystatement.aspx>. If you wish to access or seek correction of your personal information or make an enquiry or complaint about your privacy, you may contact the Departmental Privacy Contact Officer on (02) 6141 2660 or via email – [privacy@ag.gov.au](mailto:privacy@ag.gov.au).

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