

ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER REPRESENTATION

In order to have the assistance of a public defender, YOU ARE REQUIRED BY LAW to apply at the Office of the Indigent Defender. (LA R.S. 15:175)

There is a \$40 non-refundable application fee to apply. You may also be asked to provide income verification and sign certain documents. Thereafter, your application will be screened to determine if you qualify for representation. If you are partially employed or have other income/assets, you may be required to make additional payments to the office of the indigent defender at the resolution of your case. Unless you are incarcerated, AN ATTORNEY WILL NOT APPEAR ON YOUR BEHALF UNTIL you have gone through this application process.

Even if you have been assigned an attorney on previous charges, YOU MUST fill out a new application in order to have an attorney appointed on all new charges. A \$40 non-refundable fee is due for each application.

If you are represented for any significant amount of time and you thereafter retain private counsel, the court can order a reimbursement be paid to our office in accordance with Louisiana RS 15:176.

If you were referred and were interviewed while incarcerated and have been released, you must return to the indigent defender's office to update your information.

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