

Free Legal Help for Carers

In partnership with Queensland Foster and Kinship Care & HUB
Community Legal (HUB)

ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible for referral to HUB if you are an **approved Foster Carer, Kinship Carer, or Provisionally Approved Carer**, and need legal support in your role as a Carer.

Please note that HUB may not be able to help in some circumstances. If HUB cannot help, QFKC will support you to connect with another free legal service where possible.

For further information contact Queensland Foster and Kinship Care on **07 3256 6166**

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WHAT LEGAL PROCESSES CAN WE HELP WITH? ✓

Carers can receive free legal advice from a lawyer about issues connected to their role as a Carer. The extent of help is decided on a case-by-case basis and may include:

- Providing Legal advice
- Assisting with document preparation
- Helping you get ready for hearings
- Providing representation (*in limited circumstances*)

CARERS CAN GET ADVICE ABOUT ✓

- Review matters under the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) such as:
 - Cancellation, suspension and/or restriction of Carer certificate of approval
 - Removal of a child from a Carer's care
 - "In whose care" decisions
 - Contact decisions for kinship carers
 - Cancellation, suspension and/or refusal of a Blue Card
 - Review matters relating to Blue Cards
- Childrens Court proceedings under Section 113 of the *Child Protection Act 1999*, including:
 - Applying to become a non-party participant
 - Seeking more family contact with the child
 - Requesting custody or guardianship

HOW DO CARERS ACCESS THIS SERVICE? ✓

Start by contacting QFKC. QFKC will assign you a Case Officer, who will contact HUB on your behalf and guide you through the process. Your Case Officer will book an appointment with a HUB lawyer for you.

Appointments can be held in person or over the phone.