

Apply for Legal Assistance

ALSC has three options to apply for legal assistance:

Apply online through our statewide portal that requires you to complete an application to determine your eligibility for legal services. **Visit www.la-law.org/get-help.**

Call **TOLL FREE 1-866-ASK-ALSC** to apply for services over the telephone.

Visit a local office to apply in person.



Office Locations

- Shreveport**
720 Travis Street
Shreveport, LA 71101
- Monroe**
3016 Cameron Street
Monroe, LA 71201
- Natchitoches**
134 St. Denis Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457
- Alexandria**
1808 Jackson Street
Alexandria, LA 71301
- Lafayette**
1020 Surrey Street
Lafayette, LA 70501
- Lake Charles**
2911 Ryan Street
Lake Charles, LA 70601
- Franklin**
1407 Barrow St., Ste H-1
Franklin, LA 70538

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Acadiana Legal Service Corporation provides counsel and advice, legal representation and advocacy to low-income and elderly individuals. ALSC has separate law units to handle specific legal areas and has a dedicated intake process to determine eligibility and connect the eligible client with the right attorney.

Get Connected!

-  www.la-law.org
-  **1-(866)-ASK-ALSC**
1-(866)-275-2572
-  [acadianalegal](https://www.facebook.com/acadianalegal)
-  [acadianalegalservice](https://www.youtube.com/acadianalegalservice)



How do I access public benefits?

www.la-law.org



Administrative Law Unit

Public benefits are often the primary source of household income. Any change can result in a loss or overpayment that can severely affect an individual's means to live. If you are denied initial benefits, ALSC may assist you with the appeal process. ALSC's administrative law unit provides legal counsel and advice on legal issues for:

- ✓ **SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE (SSDI)**
- ✓ **SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)**
- ✓ **SNAP BENEFITS (FOOD STAMPS)**
- ✓ **MEDICAID/MEDICARE**
- ✓ **TANF (WELFARE)**
- ✓ **SOCIAL SECURITY**
- ✓ **OVERPAYMENTS**
- ✓ **VETERAN BENEFITS**

Public Benefits Education

ALSC offers a variety of in-person and virtual clinics, legal presentations, application drives and participates in resource fairs throughout the 42 parishes in our service area.

View and schedule upcoming events at www.la-law.org/outreach.

Overcoming Overpayments

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If you are charged with an overpayment, you must prove that you are without fault. You must also prove that repayment would deprive you of meeting ordinary and necessary monthly expenses. Social Security can also request repayment when you are not at fault if it is found you can afford to repay the overpaid amount.

2

APPEALING AN OVERPAYMENT

Contact SSA right away and appeal by filing a **Request for Reconsideration**. Request your benefits to be continued at your usual amount during your appeal. SSA will review the facts again to verify that you were overpaid and the amount you owe. You will receive another letter following this appeal.

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WHAT IF I AM DENIED?

In most cases, the matter can be resolved by filing a **Request for Waiver**. You must be **without fault**. SSA reviews your income and expenses, and a waiver may be granted in full.

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REQUEST FOR HEARING

If a waiver is not granted, negotiations can be made to repay at a rate you can afford. you can also file a **Request for Hearing** before an Administrative Law Judge if you disagree with the reconsideration or waiver decision.

Additional Services

ADOVCACY AND REPRESENTATION

We offer potential clients a free, no-obligation case review where a skilled representative will answer your questions and help determine the status of your public benefit issue.

An attorney or paralegal advocate will represent you in ALJ courts and help you pursue federal benefits like:

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Online Resources

232-HELP

232-help.org

Louisiana Law Help

<https://louisianalawhelp.org/>

Social Security Administration

www.SSA.gov

SNAP/TANF

www.dcf.la.gov

Louisiana Department of Health

www.ldh.la.gov