

NDIFUNA UKWAZI LAW CENTRE'S IS A CAPE TOWN BASED LAW CLINIC THAT OPERATES A HOUSING CLINIC THAT PROVIDES PRO BONO (FREE) LEGAL ASSISTANCE RELATING TO EVICTIONS TO VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS. DURING THE PANDEMIC WE HAVE BEEN WORKING REMOTELY AND PROVIDING WHAT ASSISTANCE WE CAN.

AS OF 1 SEPTEMBER 2020 NDIFUNA UKWAZI LAW CENTRE IS CONTINUING TO PROVIDE GENERAL LEGAL ADVICE RELATED TO EVICTIONS & LANDLORD/TENANT ISSUES AND IS NOW ABLE TO RETURN TO OFFERING LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES

LEGAL ADVICE SERVICES

WE PROVIDE GENERAL LEGAL ADVICE ON EVICTIONS AND LANDLORD AND TENANT ISSUES.

THE NDIFUNA UKWAZI ADVICE LINE OPERATES ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAY (EXCL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS) BETWEEN 9H00-17H00.

YOU CAN WHATSAPP/SMS YOUR ADVICE QUERY TO 063 095 8747 OR EMAIL NULAWCENTRE@NU.ORG.ZA

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ADVICE LINE IS NOT A CALL-IN LINE. WE ARE WORKING REMOTELY AND TRY TO RESPOND TO QUERIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT OUR RESPONSES MAY NOT BE IMMEDIATE AND MAY BE DELAYED DEPENDING ON THE VOLUME OF QUERIES AND CAPACITY.

PLEASE SEE [LINK](#) TO SOME INFOGRAPHICS WITH GENERAL INFORMATION AND ADVICE ON CERTAIN ISSUES.

REPRESENTATION SERVICES

WE ARE CURRENTLY ABLE TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN LIMITED MATTERS.

WHAT MATTERS CAN YOU APPROACH US FOR ASSISTANCE WITH?

1. EVICTION APPLICATIONS (IF YOU HAVE BEEN SERVED WITH COURT PAPERS AND ARE AT RISK OF BEING RENDERED HOMELESS AND NEED LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN COURT TO OPPOSE YOUR EVICTION)
2. SPOILATION APPLICATIONS (IF YOU HAVE BEEN ILLEGALLY LOCKED OUT OF YOUR HOME (I.E. WITHOUT AN EVICTION ORDER) AND REQUIRE URGENT ASSISTANCE IN REGAINING ACCESS TO YOUR HOME)

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO NOT ASSIST IN BRINGING EVICTION APPLICATIONS AND DO NOT ASSIST WITH RESCISSION APPLICATIONS OR APPEALS OF EXISTING EVICTION ORDERS.

WHO CAN APPROACH US FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE?

INDIVIDUALS/HOUSEHOLDS WHO MEET THE BASIC MEANS TEST AND LIVE IN CAPE TOWN (SPECIFICALLY WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CAPE TOWN MAGISTRATE'S COURT)

HOW CAN YOU APPLY FOR PRO BONO LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT OUR HOUSING CLINIC?

PLEASE EMAIL NULAWCENTRE@NU.ORG.ZA OR SMS / WHATSAPP 063 095 8747 AND PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INITIAL INFO:

1. YOUR FULL NAME AND SURNAME
2. YOUR CONTACT NUMBER
3. YOUR ADDRESS
4. HOW MUCH INCOME YOU/YOUR HOUSEHOLD EARNS (AFTER TAX)
5. DATE WHEN YOU RECEIVED COURT PAPERS & DATE TO APPEAR IN COURT
6. DATE WHEN YOU WERE ILLEGALLY EVICTED.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ONLY OPERATE MONDAY AND TUESDAY (EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS). WE ARE WORKING REMOTELY AND TRY TO RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT OUR RESPONSES MAY NOT BE IMMEDIATE AND MAY BE DELAYED DEPENDING ON THE VOLUME OF QUERIES AND CAPACITY.

SMS / WHATSAPP / EMAIL MON & TUES 9 AM - 5 PM

THIS IS OUR MEANS TEST:

- IF YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL, YOU MUST EARN LESS THAN R7400.00 PER MONTH AFTER TAX HAS BEEN TAKEN OFF AND THE TOTAL VALUE OF ALL YOUR BELONGINGS (E.G. YOUR FURNITURE, CLOTHES AND OTHER PERSONAL THINGS) MUST NOT BE WORTH MORE THAN R128 000.00
- IF YOU LIVE WITH OTHER PEOPLE FOR MORE THAN 4 NIGHTS PER WEEK, AND THESE OTHER PEOPLE SHARE IN THE COST OF FOOD AND OTHER COSTS, THEN WE WILL LOOK AT YOUR TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME. THE HOUSEHOLD MUST EARN LESS THAN R8000.00 PER MONTH AFTER TAX HAS BEEN TAKEN OFF AND THE TOTAL VALUE OF ALL YOUR BELONGINGS (E.G. YOUR FURNITURE, CLOTHES AND OTHER PERSONAL THINGS) MUST NOT BE WORTH MORE THAN R350 000.00
- IF YOU ARE UNEMPLOYED AND HAVE NO INCOME OR IF THE ONLY INCOME YOU RECEIVE IS A SASSA GRANT OR PENSION THEN YOU WILL MEET THE MEANS TEST.