

Extended Contract Service Dates: Cases Impacted by COVID-19

Pursuant to [Notice to Counsel #109](#) and [Notice to Counsel #112](#), LABC has previously extended contracts stop dates due to court delays associated with COVID-19.

Criminal and Child Protection (CFCSA)

As a result of the continued impacts of COVID-19, LABC is extending Criminal and CFCSA contracts with stop dates between March 31, 2021 and March 30, 2022 to March 31, 2022, up to a maximum of four years from the contract start date. The bill-by date for all extended contracts will be six months from their new stop date. This change will be reflected on your contract(s) shortly.

The change excludes the following contract types:

- All duty counsel;
- All Criminal early resolution;
- All show cause/bail hearing contracts.

If your contract reaches four years from the contract issue date and requires a further extension, please confirm through an authorization request that the case is still active and that your client still qualifies financially.

Family

Family extension requests were previously reviewed on a case-by-case basis. However, as a result of the continued impacts of COVID-19, LABC is extending all active Family Standard contracts with a stop date between March 31, 2021 and September 29, 2021 to September 30, 2021, up to a maximum of four years from the contract start date. The bill-by date for all extended contracts will be six months from their new stop date. This change will be reflected on your contract(s) shortly.

This change excludes Family Limited Representation Contracts.

Immigration

LABC is extending all active Immigration contracts with a stop date between March 31, 2021 and March 30, 2022 to March 31, 2022. The bill-by date for all extended contracts will be six months from their new stop date. This change will be reflected on your contract(s) shortly.

New Immigration contracts will continue to be issued for one year.

As always, we welcome your feedback regarding the *LABC Tariffs*. If you have any comments, please email lawyer.support@legalaid.bc.ca.

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