

What if the personal cross-examination ban doesn't automatically apply?

If the ban doesn't automatically apply, the Family Court can still decide to make the ban in cases where an allegation of family violence has been made.

What types of cases can the ban apply in?

The ban can apply in both children and property cases in the Family Court.

What happens if personal cross-examination is banned?

If personal cross-examination is banned in your case, you and your ex-partner will not be allowed to personally ask questions of each other at trial.

This means you and your ex-partner will both need to have a lawyer at trial to do the cross-examination.

If you do not have a lawyer at trial, you will not be allowed to cross-examine your ex-partner.

How can I get a lawyer if personal cross-examination is banned?

If the ban applies, you can arrange to be represented by a private lawyer or you can apply to the 'Commonwealth Family Violence and Cross-Examination of Parties Scheme' for a lawyer to represent you.

How can I apply for the 'Commonwealth Family Violence and Cross-Examination of Parties Scheme'?

If personal cross-examination is banned in your case, you can apply to Legal Aid WA for a lawyer under the 'Commonwealth Family Violence and Cross-Examination of Parties Scheme'.

You can apply by:

- calling the Legal Aid WA Infoline on **1300 650 579**,
- visiting our Perth office at 32 St Georges Terrace Perth, or
- speaking to Family Court Services on Level 1 of the Family Court Building 150 Terrace Road, Perth.



How can Legal Aid WA help?

Infoline

You can find out more information by calling the Legal Aid WA Infoline on **1300 650 579**.

Legal Aid WA Website

You can also find more information on the family violence personal cross-examination ban, and how you can apply for the 'Commonwealth Family Violence and Cross-Examination of Parties Scheme' on the Legal Aid WA website www.legalaid.wa.gov.au

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