## <u>Crime news: evidence of loss of employment when in custody</u>

News story

Change in evidential requirements when applicants held in custody submit a change in financial circumstances.



We have changed the evidential requirements in the Criminal Legal Aid Manual for when applicants held in custody submit a change in financial circumstances.

## Why is this happening now?

We recognise that the longer an individual remains in custody the more likely it is that they will lose their job.

As a result, we no longer require evidence of the change if they have been in custody for 3 months or more.

If they have been in custody less than 3 months you should continue to submit evidence.

This can be either a p45 or a letter from their former employer.

See section 3.5 of the Criminal Legal Aid Manual.

## Further information

Criminal Legal Aid Manual - section 3.5

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