

## Who we are

Te Kāhui Tātari Ture (Criminal Cases Review Commission) is an independent body totally separate from Police, the Ministry of Justice, the Courts and the Department of Corrections.

We can review your case and may refer your conviction or sentence to an appeal court if we consider there are grounds for it to be referred.

## Find out more

If you would like to find out more about us, please contact us at:



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(Mon–Fri 9am–5pm)



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and we are happy to answer any questions you may have.



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**Do you think  
you have been  
wrongly convicted  
or sentenced?**

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# How does it work?

## Making an application

If you believe you have been wrongly convicted or sentenced, you can send us an application to review your case.

There is an application form on our website that you will need to fill in. If you cannot access the website you can ask us to post you the form by calling 0800 33 77 88.

We can help you complete the application, including if you need an interpreter. You may like to ask a family or whānau member or friend to help you.

You can either fill out the form on the website or fill out a printed form by hand.

You do not need to use a lawyer, however you may find it useful for a lawyer to help you with the reasons to put on your application.

You may also be entitled to legal aid. Talk to your closest Community Law Centre or ask a family or whānau member or friend to do that for you.



[communitylaw.org.nz](https://communitylaw.org.nz)

Fill in your application answering all the questions, sign it and send to us by email or post.

## What we do next

Our experts read your application and consider why you believe you have been wrongly convicted or sentenced.

An important factor the Commission will consider is whether or not you have used all your rights of appeal. We have the ability to refer your conviction or sentence back to an appeal court if we consider there are grounds for it to be referred.

We do not act as your lawyer.

For us to refer your case back to an appeal court, we must first review all the material and then consider if there are grounds for it to be referred.

## How much will it cost?

There are no costs to make an application to us for your case to be reviewed. If you would like to use a lawyer to help you with the reasons for an appeal, you may be entitled to apply for legal aid.

## How long will the review take?

Each application will be different so we are unable to say how long it will take to assess and/or investigate your application. Throughout the process we will keep you informed of what is happening.

If your application to us is successful, your case will be referred to an appeal court. You will be guided through this process by a lawyer.