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THE PROVINCIAL OMBUDSMAN SINDH

How to lodge a complaint? Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Q. What is the objective behind establishing the office of the Provincial Ombudsman Sindh?

A. To provide a source of redress to aggrieved parties who have complaints about maladministration within the province.

Q. Is the Ombudsman Sindh independent of the Executive?

A. Yes, it is independent under its organic law and functions according to the Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Sindh Act, 1991 (amended up to date).

Q. What types of complaints does the Ombudsman Sindh deal with?

A. Complaints pertaining to maladministration in all government departments, except those dealt with by the Federal Ombudsman or specialized Ombudsman such as the Tax Ombudsman, Insurance Ombudsman, Banking Ombudsman and Provincial Ombudsman for Protection against Harassment of Women at Work Place.

Q. Can I lodge a complaint with the Ombudsman?

A. Anyone can lodge a signed complaint in this office on a plain piece of paper. Please do not affix any stamp. Anonymous and pseudonymous complaints are not entertained. However, photocopies of necessary documents to proof the claim may required to enclose.

Q. Will my complaint be entertained by this office?

A. Yes, if accompanied by:
(i) A copy your (the complainant's) Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) and
(ii) An Affidavit in a printed proforma (available free of cost in our Head Office / Regional Office & official website).

Q. Can I file my complaint in Sindhi?

A. Yes, of course, in either Sindhi, Urdu, or English.

Q. What is the cost of filing a complaint in the office of the Ombudsman?

A. The services offered by this Office are free of cost to the complainants.

Q. As a complainant, do I need a lawyer?

A. No, you do not.

Q. What does this Office promise to me, the complainant?

A. Free access to justice, patient hearing, result-oriented interventions, speediness and implementation of the Ombudsman's Decision.

Q. What does this Office promise to the executive arm of the government?

A. Rule of law, dispensation of inexpensive and speedy administrative justice, protection of legitimate government interests and judicious exercise of discretion.

Q. Which complaints are turned away by this office?

A. Those complaints which:

- (i) Have been previously admitted and processed.
- (ii) Are subjudice – that is those which have either already been adjudicated upon by a court or are pending adjudicate before a court.
- (iii) Fall under the jurisdiction of other Ombudsmen.
- (iv) Are time-barred.

Q. What is meant by time-barred?

A. If a complaint is filed longer than three (3) months after the alleged mal-administration, it is considered time-barred.

Q. Are there any exceptions to time-limit?

A. Yes, at the Ombudsman's discretion, certain cases under special circumstances may still be admitted.

Q. How long is the procedure of investigation and redress?

A. This office ventures to resolve cases within 90 days but the time frame is flexible depending on the nature of the complaint.

Q. Is the Decision of the Ombudsman binding on the Executive or the administrative machinery of the Province?

A. Yes, the Decision of the Ombudsman is binding thereupon.

Q. What can I do, if I am unhappy with the Ombudsman Decision?

A. Should you feel that the Decision is unjust, you may, within thirty (30) days of the said Decision, make representation to the Hon'ble Governor Sindh, who may direct a review, if he deems fit.

Q. By seeking the assistance of the Ombudsman, do I lose my right to approach a Court of Law?

A. In the first place, if your case is pending in a court of law, your complaint shall not be entertained in this office. However, if you have sought the assistance of this office but unsatisfied, you may always go to a Court of Law after withdrawing your complaint from this office.

Q. Must I lodge my complaint in the Head Office, Secretariat Provincial Ombudsman Sindh at Karachi?

A. Not necessarily. You may also file complaint in one of our Regional Offices which addresses are available on following mentioned website.

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Children's Complaints Office (CCO)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q. What is the objective behind establishing the Children's Complaints Office (CCO) at Provincial Ombudsman Sindh (POS)?

A. The CCO has been established by POS to exclusively address Child's rights issues relating to maladministration in any Provincial Government Agency.

Q. Why do we need a separate Children's Complaints Office?

A. Pakistan is a signatory to United Nations Convention on the rights of the Child which makes it legally incumbent upon Pakistan to comply with it and fulfill its responsibilities which include addressing the absence of a Children Specific Redress System and promotion and protection of Child rights.

Q. What types of complaints does the CCO entertain?

A. Complaints pertaining to maladministration regarding Children issue in all Sindh Government Departments / Agencies including Police, Prisons, Educational Institutions, Orphanages, Remand Homes and Hospitals, etc.

Q. How will the CCO benefit Children?

A. The CCO will play an important role in creating a child protective environment and provide a platform to address the Child Rights issues through research, advocacy and engagement with children and other stakeholders including NGOs.

Q. Can I lodge a complaint at the CCO?

A. Any Child or adult on behalf of Child can lodge a written complaint either in person or through any mode of communication, including email and online complaint, etc.

Q. What does the CCO promise to me, the complainant?

A. Free access to justice, patient hearing, result oriented intervention and speediness to any individual (till the age of 18) irrespective of his / her ethnicity, religion, cast or culture.

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