



How do I get the information?

To get any information you have to follow a simple procedure.

Every Public body has a Public Information Officer (PIO). You may write to him requesting for the information you require. The PIO shall provide you the information within 10 to 20 working days.



What happens if they refuse to give me the information I want?

In case of refusal, you must be given the reasons in writing quoting the section of the Act relied upon for such refusal. Against this decision of the PIO, you have the right to lodge complaint with the Information Commission.

Will I have to pay for the information?



Making an RTI request does not cost anything. It is free of charge.

However, you could be asked to pay for photocopying (first 20 pages are free) or any other charges incurred in providing you the information you sought.

HOW CAN KP RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT HELP YOU?

Information is power

Information enables you see exactly what the government is doing.

With information you can, for example

- Ensure that public officials do not overcharge you for a service, once you know what the official fee is;
- Hold contractors to account for local development schemes such as roads and waterworks etc. Once you know what work they were paid to carry out, you can demand this is done fully and properly.
- Find out what happened to your application for a government job and if you didn't get it, why were you rejected and someone else was selected. Once you know what the criteria was for selection and how many marks each candidate secured. You will know if the selection process was transparent;
- Push for better services and facilities budgeted for by the Government in your area e.g. schools, health facilities etc.

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RIGHT TO INFORMATION

Nothing is Secret

"We are now empowered to seek information for transparency and good governance"

The Soul of Democracy



Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information Act 2013

ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT MEANS WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEEK AND RECEIVE INFORMATION



Bad governments thrive on secrecy --- this allows inefficiency, wastefulness and corruption.
Good governments thrive on openness and the free flow of information.

An informed citizenry is the strength of democracy.

Access to information is a basic human right enshrined in our Constitution. In addition, the RTI Act protects and upholds the right of citizens to access information.

We all need to know and own this act for a better future.



**Let us keep democracy strong
--- lets us all stay informed!**

What is RTI all about?



The RTI Act is there to:

- Protect our Constitutional Right to access Information;
- Enhance transparency, accountability and effectiveness of the Government.



Who can I ask for information?

You may request for information from any public body at provincial and local level e.g. Department of health & education, municipalities, universities and schools etc.

PUBLIC BODIES ARE OBLIGED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION YOU SEEK WITH SOME EXEMPTIONS

So I can ask a public body about anything?



Yes, you can ask for any information, although access to certain information may be refused as Public bodies are exempted from providing:

- Personal or commercial information about a third party;
- Financial, technical or scientific information about a third party;
- Information which may affect Court or Police proceedings.

However, if the disclosure would dig out any corruption or wrongdoing, it shall be provided even if exempted.

