



How can KP
Right to
Information
Act help you?

We are now empowered
to seek information for
transparency and
good governance
...the soul of democracy

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 has been 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..



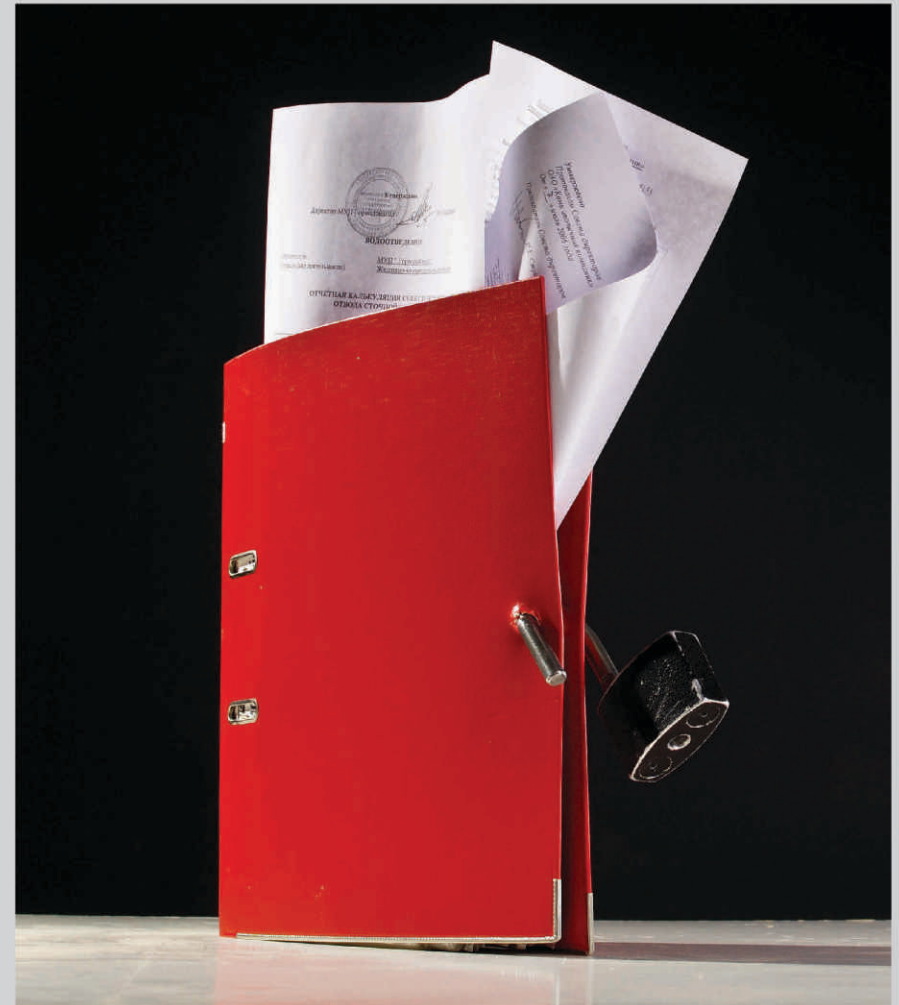
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The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information Act 2013

Promoting Citizens Integration in Governance



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Seeking Information From Government Department Promotes Transparency and Accountability

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 of public importance is a fundamental right of a citizen as enshrined in article 19-A of the constitution. The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act 2013 provides a legal mechanism to the citizens to get this right.



Let us keep democracy strong
--- let us all stay informed!



What is RTI all about?

The RTI act is there to:

- protect our constitutional right to access information of public importance.
- enhance transparency and accountability in the functioning of government departments.



Who can I ask for information?

A citizen can file an information request to all public bodies of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa performing public functions.



So I can ask a public body about anything?

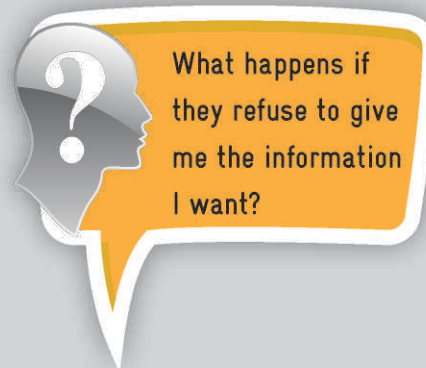
Yes you may ask for any information of public importance. However, certain information has been exempted from provision to citizens as highlighted in section 14 of the KP RTI Act 2013.

Public bodies are obliged to provide information with some exemptions



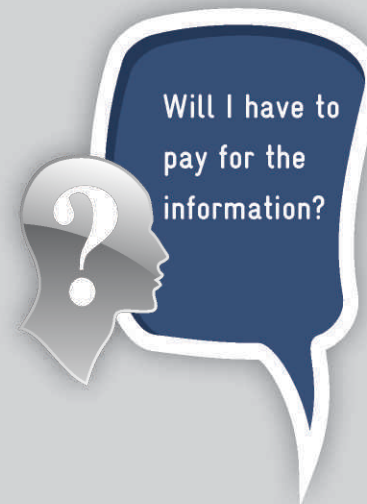
How do I get the information?

You can file a request for information before the Public Information Officer (PIO) of the public body through a written application or fax or email. The PIO is bound to provide you the demanded information within 10 or maximum 20 days.



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

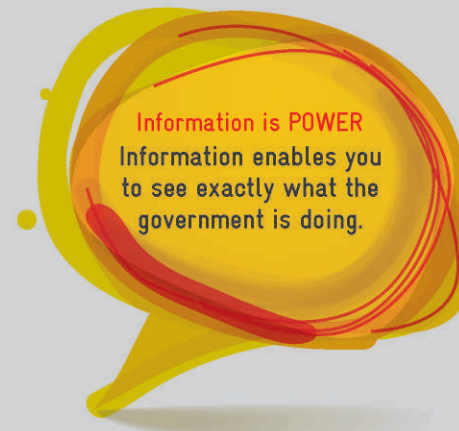
In case of refusal, you must be given the reasons in writing quoting the section of the Act relied upon for such refusal. Against this decision of the PIO, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Commission.



Will I have to pay for the information?

No fee will be charged for the first 20 pages of the information. However, if the demanded information exceeds 20 pages, you will be required to pay Rs. 2/- per page as photocopying charges.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION
A Fundamental Human Right



Information is POWER
Information enables you to see exactly what the government is doing.