

Optional Appeal for Reconsideration

Procedure for appealing actions that end the administrative process.

Purpose

Administrative actions that end the administrative process may optionally be appealed before the same body that ruled on them or be directly brought before an administrative court.

Regulations

- Law 39/2015 of 1 October, on the Common Administrative Procedure of Government Agencies (Arts. 123 and 124)
- Art. 82 of Law 4/1990 of 29 June, on General State Budgets for 1990.

Who can request it

This appeal may be filed by the interested parties in the administrative act, as per Article 4 of Law 39/2015 of 1 October, on the Common Administrative Procedure of Government Agencies, which specifies the following:

1. The following are regarded as interested parties in the administrative procedure:

- Those who are engaged in it as holders of individual or collective legitimate rights or interests.
- Those who, without initiating the procedure, have rights that may be affected by the decision made in the procedure.
- Those whose legitimate individual or collective interests may be affected by the resolution and who are party to the proceedings until a final resolution is issued.

2. Associations and organisations representing economic and social interests shall be holders of collective legitimate interests under the terms recognised by law.

3. When the status of interested party stems from any transferable legal relationship, the assignee shall take over in such capacity, regardless of the status of the proceedings.

When the appellant acts on behalf of a natural or legal person, the documentation certifying the appellant's representative status must be provided (Art. 5 of Law 39/2015).

Initiation method

At the request of the interested party.

Entity that decides the procedure

The same Body that ruled on the appealed action

Deadline for ruling and notifying

1 month

Effects of failing to rule in time

Rejected

Appeals

Administrative appeals may not be filed against an appeal for reconsideration, except for the extraordinary review in the cases set out in Article 125.1 of Law 39/2015.

Requirements for filing the application

The **period for filing the appeal** for reconsideration will be **one month**, if the act is express. Once this period has passed, only a civil appeal may be lodged, without prejudice to the extraordinary review appeal, if applicable.

If the act is not express, the applicant and other potential interested parties may file an appeal for reconsideration at any time after the day on which, in accordance with the specific regulation, the alleged act occurs.

It is important that the document be properly completed, which must satisfy the requirements of Article 115 of Law 39/2015, namely:

- Appellant's identifying information.
- Identification of the act being appealed and the reason.
- Specification of the electronic method of contact or, failing that, of the physical location where notifications are to be sent.
- Place, date, signature of the appellant.
- The administrative body, centre or unit to which it is directed and its corresponding identification code.
- Any other information that is required, where applicable, by specific provisions.

The appeal document must include any comments on factual and legal issues that the interested party wishes to present.

The documents that form the basis of the claim shall be attached to the appeal letter.

If the appellant makes a mistake in identifying the type of appeal, or does not identify it, this shall not impede its processing, provided that its true nature can be deduced.

Any defects that render an act voidable cannot be invoked by those who caused them.

Filing the request

Electronic filing (individuals and those who are required to interact electronically with the Government (art. 14 Law 39/2015)), through this e-Office:

- Access via cl@ve

In person (only for individuals)

By presenting the application and associated documentation at ENAIRe's Registration Department, located in Avda. de Aragón, 330 - Building B - 28022 Madrid

At any of the other offices specified in Law 39/2015 of 1 October, on the Common Administrative Procedure of Government Agencies:

- At the electronic registers and offices for assisting with records of any administrative body that is part of Spain's national government, the regional governments, the entities that comprise the local government or the public institutional sector.
- Post offices, as established in regulations.
- Spanish diplomatic or consular offices abroad.
- Any other place specified in the applicable law