Because of the impact of administrative acts on daily life, it’s important to have the right to appeal administrative decisions that affect our rights, liberties or interests. When authorities make unfair decisions or implement decisions in a discriminatory manner, an effective means of redress is essential to a society based on the rule of law.

From cradle to grave, we will all interact with the public administration during our lifetimes.

- Registering births, marriages and deaths
- Enrolling in public education
- Obtaining a business license
- Paying a traffic or transport fine
- Applying for a building permit
- Accessing social security benefits
- Filing taxes
- Registering to vote
- Adopting a child
- Adjusting immigration status
- Enrolling in public education
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The Handbook for Monitoring Administrative Justice, published by ODIHR and the Folke Bernadotte Academy, offers an overview of the applicable fair trial standards and OSCE commitments, and guidance on running a trial-monitoring operation within administrative justice.

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