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Commonwealth Administrative Review Tribunal (ART)

The Administrative Review Tribunal (ART) provides independent review of decisions made by Australian Government agencies, departments, and ministers. Its role is to ensure that government decision-making is lawful, fair, and reasonable.

The Tribunal reviews a wide range of administrative decisions, including those relating to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), social security, migration, veterans' entitlements, taxation, workers' compensation, and other Commonwealth matters. Its jurisdiction is defined by legislation and is limited to decisions that are reviewable under relevant Commonwealth laws.

The review process is designed to be accessible and less formal than a court. Applicants may represent themselves or be supported by an advocate or legal representative. The Tribunal considers the relevant facts, evidence, and applicable law, and may affirm, vary, set aside, or substitute the original decision. In some cases, the Tribunal may remit the matter to the original decision-maker for reconsideration in accordance with its directions.

Application process

An application for review must generally be lodged within a specified time limit, which varies depending on the type of decision being challenged. Applications can usually be made online or in writing and must include details of the decision being reviewed and the reasons for seeking review. Application fees may apply in some matters, with fee reductions or waivers available in certain circumstances.

Contact and further information

Further information about eligibility, time limits, application forms, and hearing processes is available directly from the Administrative Review Tribunal. Applicants can contact the Tribunal for procedural information or assistance with lodging an application.

The ART operates independently of government agencies and decision-makers, providing a fair, accessible, and impartial forum for administrative review.

<https://www.art.gov.au>

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