









WHAT IS THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT?

The RTI Act (Act 989) guarantees the General Public access to Information from public institutions and relevant private bodies

It was passed by parliament and assented to by the president on 21st May, 2019.

Being backed by article 21 paragraph (f) of clause (1) of the 1992 Constitution of Ghana, the RTI Act, empowers all persons to have access to information, in order to promote a culture of transparency and accountability.

IMPORTANCE OF THE RTI ACT

The Act was passed to:

- Make it easier for the people to enjoy the right to access information, as provided by the 1992 constitution;
- >> Create an obligation for public institutions and relevant private bodies to provide information when requested;
- Create a way for educating the public about the RTI Act, 2019 (Act989).
- Sive the RTI Commission the mandate to promote, monitor, protect and enforce the right to information that is granted to a person under Article 21 (1) (f) of the constitution.

HOW TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM GIPC

INFORMATION REQUESTS PROCEDURE

- >>> Put your request into writing to GIPC
- >> The application should contain sufficient description or particulars, to enable the information to be identified.
- >> Where an applicant is unable to make the application in writing due to illiteracy or a disability, the applicant may make the request orally, which will be reduced into writing by the Information Officer.
- Indicate the form and manner of access required. This could be via:
 - > Inspection of information
 - > Copy of information (Hard copy, electronic copy or Braille
 - > Viewing/Listening (Video & Audio Written Transcript
 - > Translation (specify language)

Unless urgent (as captured in the RTI Act), your request will be responded to by the information Officer within Fourteen (14) days.

For further enquiries, you can reach the Centre via phone: 050-572-4299, or email: Jonas.danquah@gipc.gov.gh





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