



THE TRIBUNAL ADMINISTRATIF DU QUÉBEC

Contesting a government decision

You may apply to the Tribunal administratif du Québec to contest a decision rendered by a government body concerning you.

For example, this can be a decision rendered by:

- A public body, such as the Société d'assurance automobile du Québec or Retraite Québec;
- A government department;
- A health institution, including in matters of forced hospitalization;
- A municipality, including in matters of property assessment.

An independent and impartial tribunal

The Tribunal is entirely independent from the government body that rendered the decision you are contesting. It attributes as much importance to your point of view as it does to the body's. The Tribunal is impartial and unbiased.

On the day of the hearing, the Tribunal listens to both your point of view and the government body's. The Tribunal analyzes the entire case and then decides whether to vary the decision you are contesting. The government body is required to comply with the Tribunal's decision.

When to apply to the Tribunal

Carefully read the decision sent to you by the government body. That decision indicates whether you may contest it before the Tribunal administratif du Québec and states the time limit within which you must act.

Most of the time, you have up to 30 or 60 days to contest the decision. Be sure to act within this time limit. If you are late, you could lose the right to contest.

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OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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Our offices are open from 8:30 a.m. to
4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

How to contest a decision before the Tribunal

To do so, use [the Motion instituting the proceedings form](#). This form contains important details and the information you must provide. In it, you must explain the reasons why you are contesting the decision. You must also sign the form and attach the decision you are contesting to it. You may file a proceeding online, unless your case concerns expropriation or the Commission d'examen des Troubles mentaux.

You may deliver your form in person to our Québec or Montreal offices, email it to tribunal.administratif@taq.gouv.qc.ca, or send it by mail. In all cases, the Tribunal must receive your application before the time limit provided (e.g., 30 or 60 days) expires. If you choose to send it by mail, keep delivery times in mind.

Opening a file is generally free. However, there are fees to open certain types of files. The [Web page Legal costs](#) indicates the fees related to opening a file.

Your file

After receiving your application, the Tribunal sends you a confirmation letter with your file number. It also sends a copy of your application to the body that rendered the decision you are contesting.

At that point, your file is officially open.

Assistance by counsel

You have the right to hire a lawyer, at your expense, to prepare your case and represent you before the Tribunal. Visit the [Services of a lawyer](#) page for more information. You may also handle your file personally.

Depending on your financial situation, you may be entitled to legal aid. Visit the [website of the Commission des services juridiques](#) to learn more.

For certain cases concerning immigration or crime victims' compensation, you may also be represented by someone who is not a lawyer. You may learn more about these subjects on the Web pages [Assistance Service for immigrants](#) and [Service d'aide aux victimes d'actes criminels](#).

Note: you can also handle your case yourself in certain situations. To find out more, consult the document [Règles de représentation](#) or visit the [Representation before the Tribunal section](#) of the How to file an appeal page.

