

# The Disability Ombudsman Act

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Department/Authority:  
Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

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### **Functions**

**Section 1** The Disability Ombudsman has the function of monitoring the issues that relate to the rights and interests of people with disability. The objectives of the activities of the Disability Ombudsman shall be to ensure that people with disability are ensured full participation in the life of the community and equality of life conditions.

The activities of the Disability Ombudsman shall relate to the follow-up and evaluation of issues referred to in the first paragraph.

The Disability Ombudsman shall, in accordance with the Prohibition of Discrimination in Working Life of People with Disability Act (1999:132), Equal Treatment of Students at Universities Act (2001:1286), the Prohibition of Discrimination Act (2003:307) and the Prohibition of Discrimination and other Degrading Treatment of Children and Pupils (2006:67) ensure that this Act is complied with and is also empowered on behalf of an individual jobseeker or employee to present an action in disputes relating to the application of that Act. Act (2006:70).

**Section 2** The Disability Ombudsman shall work to ensure that inadequacies in statutes and other enactments as regards people with disability are remedied.

**Section 3** The Disability Ombudsman shall, when necessary, take initiatives for deliberations with authorities, businesses, organisations and others with the purpose of combating people owing to their disability being disfavoured or in other ways exposed to treatment that is unfair or violates integrity.

The Disability Ombudsman shall also, by information activities, and in other similar ways, work to ensure that nobody is owing to disability disfavoured or in another way exposed to treatment that is unfair or violates integrity.

**Section 4** Authorities, county councils and municipalities that have an obligation to perform functions relating to people with disability shall, at the direction of the Disability Ombudsman, provide information to the Ombudsman about their activities. They are also

under an obligation to attend deliberations with the Ombudsman if the Ombudsman so directs.

The provisions of the first paragraph also apply to a person who has been entrusted in accordance with Chapter 11, Section 6, third paragraph of the Instrument of Government with an official administrative function that relates to people with disability or who has been granted funds by the State, a county council or municipality with an obligation to promote the interests of people with disability.

**Section 5** The Disability Ombudsman is represented by a special Advisory Council. The Ombudsman is the Chair of the Council and shall manage its activities. The Government shall appoint the Ombudsman and the other members of the Advisory Council for a fixed term.