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Introduction to the EEOC Public Portal

The EEOC Public Portal is a secure, web-based application developed for individuals to interact with the EEOC regarding a complaint of employment discrimination. Using the EEOC Public Portal, you may file a complaint against an employer in the Private Sector (i.e. Business or non-profit) or a State or Local Government Agency. If you work or worked for the U.S. Federal Government as an employee or a contractor, or applied to work for the Federal Government, you may request a hearing with or appeal a decision to the EEOC regarding your formal EEO complaint. The EEOC Public Portal is the primary point of communication between you and the EEOC.

About the User's Guide

The EEOC Public Portal User's Guide ("User's Guide") provides comprehensive guidance for using the EEOC Public Portal's features and functions. The User's Guide is published as individual documents, each of which covers a feature or related features of the EEOC Public Portal.

The following EEOC Public Portal User's Guide documents are available; the highlighted Document Name is the one you're reading right now:

- ❖ Vol 1 – Getting Started (learn about logging into the EEOC Public Portal, the Portal structure, and other basic information)
- ❖ Vol 2 – Submit an Online Inquiry to the EEOC
- ❖ Vol 3 – Post-Inquiry Tasks (learn about scheduling an interview with the EEOC, entering Supplemental Information, filing a Charge of Discrimination)
- ❖ Vol 4 – Post-Charge Tasks (learn how to check the status of your case, respond to an Invitation to Mediate, request/respond to a Respondent's Position Statement)
- ❖ **Vol 5 – Charge Closure (learn what happens once your charge has been closed)**
- ❖ Vol 6 – Hearings with the EEOC
- ❖ Vol 7 – Appeals to the EEOC
- ❖ Vol 8 – Manage Case/Charge Information (learn how to display information about your case, enter/update your personal information, add representatives, and submit/receive documents associated with your case)

Chapter 1 Closure

Once a charge has been closed, you may still view the information and documents associated with your charge in the EEOC Public Portal for a limited period of time, as described in the subsections that follow.

1.1 Charge Closed 90 Days or Less

You may access the information and documents associated with your charge for up to 90 days after the EEOC closes it. If your charge has been closed for less than 90 days, when you login to the EEOC Public Portal and click on the charge number you will see the following message on the **My Charge** page:

Your Charge is Closed

*You may view information and documents about this charge for up to 90 days after your receipt of the Notice of Right to Sue from the EEOC. If you have **not** already saved copies of the documents about this charge, **be sure to download and save them as soon as possible.***

If a NRTS was sent, you will also see the "Notice of Right to Sue – Important Time Limit" message below the closure message:

Notice of Right to Sue – Important Time Limit

*If you choose to file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) named in your charge, you must file a complaint in court **within 90 days of the date you received the Notice of Right to Sue.** If you fail to file within the 90-day period, your right to sue on the charge will be lost and cannot be restored by EEOC. For more information about this time limit and filing a lawsuit, refer to enclosure that was provided with your Closure Notice/NRTS.*

1.2 Charge Closed More than 90 Days

If your charge has been closed for more than 90 days, you will no longer be able to access your charge online, but you may request a copy of your charge file from the EEOC district office where you filed it. When you login to the EEOC Public Portal and click on the charge number you will see the following message:

Charges you file with EEOC are available for you to review for up to 90 days after they are closed. Charge 440-2018-00150 has been closed for more than 90 days, and information about it is no longer available in the CP Portal. To obtain copies of your charge files, you may submit a [Freedom of Information Act \(FOIA\) request](#) or [Section 83 request](#), or contact the Chicago District Office at (312) 869-8000.