# Complaint Procedure

Any person who believes they’ve been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, sex, age, religion, income status or limited English proficient (LEP) by **North Country Independent Living** may file a complaint by completing and submitting the **North Country Independent Living** Complaint Form.

The *Complaint Form* may also be used to submit general complaints to **North Country Independent Living**.

**North Country Independent Living** investigates complaints received no more than 180 business days after the alleged incident. **North Country Independent Living** will process complaints that are complete.

Once the complaint is received, **North Country Independent Living** will review the complaint and work to resolve the complaint informally, if possible.

If the complaint warrants a formal civil rights complaint process, **North Country Independent Living** will follow the steps listed in this complaint procedure. **North Country Independent Living** may also use this formal procedure to address general complaints. If **North Country Independent Living** determines it has jurisdiction the complainant will receive an acknowledgement letter stating the complaint will be investigated by **North Country Independent Living** as a civil rights complaint.

**North Country Independent Living** has **30** business days to investigate the civil rights complaint. If more information is needed to resolve the case, North Country Independent Livingmay contact the complainant.

The complainant has **30** business days from the date of the letter to send requested information to the investigator assigned to the case.

If the investigator is not contacted by the complainant or does not receive the additional information within **30** business days, **North Country Independent Living** can administratively close the case. A case can be administratively closed also if the complainant no longer wishes to pursue their case.

After the investigator reviews the complaint, one of two (2) letters will be issued to the complainant: a closure letter or a letter of finding (LOF).

* A closure letter summarizes the allegations and states that there was not a Title VI/ADA violation and that the case will be closed.
* A letter of finding (LOF) summarizes the allegations and the interviews regarding the alleged incident, and explains whether any disciplinary action, additional training of the staff member, or other action will occur.

If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision, the complainant has **30** business days after the date of the letter or the LOF to do so.

A person may also file a complaint directly with the Federal Transit Administration, at FTA Office of Civil Rights, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

If information is needed in another language, then contact 715-392-9118.

Si se necesita informacion en otro idioma de contacto, 715-392-9118.

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