

Practice Direction

Page Restrictions on Applications to Dismiss a Complaint

On **January 10, 2020**, the Tribunal will implement a page restriction for applications to dismiss a complaint [ATD] under s. 27 of the Human Rights Code.

Details of the ATD page restrictions are as follows.

- respondents' written argument in an ATD application restricted to 15 pages
- complainants' ATD response argument restricted to 15 pages
- respondents' reply argument restricted to 5 pages

Submissions should be typed and must be in 12-point font with 1.5 line spacing. If filing electronically, parties must submit one PDF attachment, entitled "argument", and a second PDF attachment, entitled "evidence". Submitting multiple PDFs with other names may result in the submission being rejected by the Tribunal.

Page restrictions will apply to argument only and not to evidence. Evidence may be filed separately by an unsworn statement or sworn affidavit.

If a party wants to file an argument longer than that allowed, they must first ask the Tribunal for permission to exceed the page restriction at least one week before the written argument is due. Permission will be granted in exceptional circumstances only, for example, where the case is about an unusually complicated issue.

If a party files an argument longer than the page limit, the Tribunal will reject it and allow the party one week to fix it.

The Tribunal's page restriction requirement is consistent with similar restrictions imposed by the Courts. It will allow for a more proportionate, efficient and cost-effective process for the parties by encouraging parties to focus on argument directly relevant to the issues in the ATD and to avoid unnecessary argument. It will also allow for the Tribunal to more effectively manage the high volume of ATDs received and to issue decisions in a timelier manner.

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Chair
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