



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, FORT JACKSON
2400 JACKSON BOULEVARD
FORT JACKSON SC 29207-5015

IMFJ-ZA


21 October 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR All United States Army Garrison (USAG) Fort Jackson Personnel

SUBJECT: USAG Policy Memorandum #7 - Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Anti-Harassment

1. REFERENCE: AR 690-600, Equal Employment Opportunity Discrimination Complaints, 9 February 2004. AR 690-12, 22 December 2016.
2. PURPOSE: To provide guidance to all USAG Fort Jackson personnel on the prevention of unlawful discrimination and harassment.
3. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all civilian personnel assigned to USAG Fort Jackson and applicants for employment at the USAG Fort Jackson.
4. POLICY:
 - a. Unlawful discrimination and harassment, whether real or perceived, affects employee morale and well-being, interferes with mission accomplishment and have a negative impact on readiness. Discrimination and harassment are unacceptable in the workplace. Discrimination practices also interfere with duty performance by creating a hostile, intimidating or offensive work environment. Harassment, which undermines the integrity of employment relationships and hinders work productivity, will not be tolerated.
 - b. All employees have a right to a workplace free of discrimination and harassment regardless of race, color, sex, religion, age, gender, disability, genetic information or national origin. Every supervisor and commander must prevent and promptly correct discriminatory and harassing behaviors in the workplace. Any allegation of unlawful discrimination and harassment will be taken seriously and dealt with swiftly. Employees who want to initiate an EEO complaint and preserve their legal rights must contact the EEO Office within 45 calendar days of the occurrence. The EEO complaint process is attached.
5. This statement will be brought to the attention of all USAG Fort Jackson personnel, posted on the EEO website and on all work area bulletin boards.
6. PROPONENT: The Fort Jackson EEO Complaints Manager at (803) 751-5443.

Encl


JOHN W. HANKINS
COL, AG
Commanding

Complaint Process Enclosure

Employee, applicant, or former employee's must contact an EEO official within 45 days of the alleged discriminatory act and alleges that they were discriminated on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age (over 40), genetic information, or disability. The EEO Officer will offer traditional counseling or mediation and assign an EEO counselor to conduct an inquiry.

The aggrieved may file a formal complaint within 15 calendar days of the final interview or attempted informal resolution.

The EEO Officer, upon receipt and acceptance of a formal complaint, requests the assignment of an investigator from the Investigations and Resolutions Division (IRD).

The investigation is conducted and the complainant is given a copy of the investigative file.

If resolution is not reached, the complainant may request a hearing or final Army decision without a hearing.

If the complainant fails to act within 30 calendar days of receipt of the investigative file, the EEO Officer will notify the Department of the Army to issue a final agency decision on the complaint.

If the complainant asks for a hearing, the EEO officer requests the EEO Commission (EEOC) assign an EEO administrative judge to conduct a hearing.

The administrative judge reviews the file and if complete, schedules and conducts a hearing or makes a finding based on the record.

The Director of EEO makes a final Army decision based on the administrative judge's decision and or the file and provides the complainant a copy of the decision and verbatim transcript of the hearing.

The complainant has the right to appeal to the EEOC's Office of Review and Appeals within 30 calendar days of receipt of the Army decision. The complainant also has the right to file a civil action in Federal District Court if not satisfied with the decision on an appeal.

The complainant may file a civil action in Federal Court if final action on the complaint is not taken by the agency within 180 calendar days of filing or if final action is not taken on an appeal to the Office of Review and Appeals within 180 calendar days of the hearing.