



Conditions for applying to the Court: changes as of 1 January 2016

Some changes to the conditions for applying to the Court will be entering into force on 1 January 2016. They relate primarily to applications lodged by legal entities and those lodged by applicants who are represented by a lawyer from the outset of the proceedings.

Although the amendments are minor, they will entail a change of the application form. As of 1 January 2016 it will be essential to use this new form. Failure to comply with the formal requirements for applying to the Court, as laid down in Rule 47 of the Rules of Court, will result in the application being rejected.

The new application form, together with further information to assist applicants in lodging an application, will be published on 1 January 2016 on the Court's website, in the 37 official languages of the Council of Europe member States.

Useful links:

- Bringing an application: changes to the rules and application form with effect from 1 January 2016 ([link](#))
- Information documents for persons wishing to apply to the Court ([link](#))

The European Court of Human Rights was set up in Strasbourg by the Council of Europe Member States in 1959 to deal with alleged violations of the 1950 European Convention on Human Rights.