

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who should get in touch?

All citizens can send in suggestions, observations and comments. You don't have to be an employee of the Confederation, a canton or a publicly financed institution.

If you are an employee subject to the Federal Personnel Act, you are obliged to report to the prosecution authorities, your superiors or the Swiss Federal Audit Office all crimes or misdemeanours that you note in your official activities or that are brought to your attention. If you wish to contact us about such a matter, please use the external whistleblowing platform provided (www.whistleblowing.admin.ch).

Why should I get in touch?

Help us to combat irregularities and mismanagement, or to highlight excellence in public institutions.

What observations should I report?

If you observe anything illegal, you should report this directly to the police. If you are a federal employee or a member of an authority, please note the relevant special statutory provisions. In other cases, you can contact us.

For example, you can get in touch with us about suspected corruption or mismanagement, official misconduct, abuse of compensation schemes or expense claims, preferential treatment in the awarding of contracts, inadequate project management or signs of irregularities in public procurement. These can result in inappropriate state expenditure, unequal treatment in the provision of goods and services or non-compliance with regulations.

We would also like to hear about positive experiences, so that we can share good examples with other authorities or public organisations. For instance, if you had a favourable experience with something in your canton and you are wondering why it doesn't exist at federal level. Send us your suggestions.

What should my report contain?

You don't have to attach any evidence such as supporting documentation. An email containing your reasonable grounds for suspicion is enough.

Will my report be treated confidentially?

We will treat your report and your identity confidentially.

What will happen to my report?

When we receive a report, we check the accuracy of the information and, depending on the information and the relevance, incorporate it into our deliberations on audit activities. We may contact you to ask for more information about your observations – provided that you agree.

How should I proceed if my report could endanger my position or that of those close to me?

If, by reporting such information, you are endangering your position or that of someone close to you, then you should not use conventional communication channels. In such cases, use the secured external whistleblowing platform (www.whistleblowing.admin.ch) to get in touch with us. It's a way for you to report information anonymously while protecting your identity. Such reports cannot be traced back to you.