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1. South African Human Rights Commission

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The South African Human Rights Commission is the national institution established to support constitutional democracy. It is committed to promote respect for, observance of and protection of human rights for everyone without fear or favour.

MANDATE

2. The Commission has the powers, as regulated by the national legislation, necessary to perform its functions, including the power -

- a) investigate and report on the observance of human rights;
- b) take steps and secure appropriate redress where human rights have been violated;
- c) carry out research; and
- d) educate.

3. Each year, the Commission must require relevant organs of state to provide the Commission with information on the measures that they have taken towards the realisation of the rights in the Bill of Rights concerning housing, healthcare, food, water, social security, education and the environment.

4. The Commission has the additional powers and functions prescribed by national legislation.

2. Public Protector

<http://www.pprotect.org>

Our mandate

The Public Protector is an independent institution established in terms of section 181 of the Constitution, with a mandate to support and strengthen constitutional democracy. A supreme administrative oversight body, the Public Protector has the power to investigate, report and remedy improper conduct in state affairs. The Public Protector must be accessible to all persons and communities. Anyone can complaint to the Public Protector.