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# **Guidance on our Complaints Procedure**

At Honda Financial Services, we endeavour to provide products and services, of the highest standards, to all our customers. However, on occasion, we may fall short of this, or a customer may not be entirely satisfied with the level of service they have received and find it necessary to complain to us.

We will do everything possible to resolve any issues you have in a fair and timely manner.

We treat complaints very seriously. Our philosophy is to assess each one objectively and based on its own merit. Where we conclude we could have done better, we will take the necessary steps to put it right.

Our complaint handling processes comply with all legal and regulatory requirements to ensure that your complaint is dealt with correctly and fairly.

## How to Contact Us

If you wish to raise a complaint, you can contact us using the below methods:

- Call us on 0345 128 8908
- Email us at <u>hfe.customerservice@honda-eu.com</u>
- Write to us -
- Honda Financial Services Plc Cain Road
  - Bracknell
  - RG121HL

When contacting us, please quote your full name and agreement number.

## **Our Process**

On receipt of your complaint, we will do our best to resolve the matter as quickly as possible.

If we can resolve your complaint within 3 business days, we will send you a Summary Resolution Letter to confirm that your complaint has been resolved. If we are unable to resolve the complaint quickly, we will write to you within 5 business days to confirm receipt of your complaint. If your complaint is still under investigation after 4 weeks we will provide you with an update in writing. The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) stipulate all complaints must be responded to within 8 weeks. By week 8 you can expect to receive a final response letter which will outline our investigation, subsequent findings and appropriate resolution.

In the rare instance where the timescales are likely to go beyond 8 weeks, we will provide a written explanation with an expected end date. However, at this stage you will also

be able to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

### Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS)

If you are dissatisfied with our response or the handling of your complaint, you have the right to refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). Details of how to refer to FOS will be included in all summary resolution and final response letters.

The FOS provides a dispute resolution service for eligible complainants. Any referrals must be made within 6 months of our final response letter to you.

They can be contacted by one of the following methods:

- Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower London E14 9SR
- 0800 023 4567 or 0300 123 9123
- <u>Complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk</u>

 <u>www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk/make-complaint</u> We will cooperate with any alternative dispute resolution service if a complaint is referred to them.

## IMPORTANT: COMMISSION COMPLAINT UPDATE

#### Key Dates

| Key Date                        | Update  |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 11th January 2024               | The FCA announced they would be reviewing historic commission paid to<br>dealers on motor finance agreements, specifically discretion ary commission<br>arrangements (DCA). Lenders were advised that they had until<br>25 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 to respond to any customer complaints received. |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 | The FCA advised the investigation would continue, and the timeframe lenders<br>were given to respond had been extended from 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 until 4 <sup>th</sup><br>December 2025.   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024   | The Court of Appeal ruled on 3 cases involving automotive finance, all of<br>which concerned the disclosure of commission paid to motor dealers by<br>lenders for amanging finance agreements to buy vehicles. The judgement<br>found in favour of customers.   |
| 19th December 2024              | Following the Court of Appeal judgment, the FCA announced that lenders<br>have until after 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 to respond to both DCA and non – DCA<br>(disclosure of commission) complaints.   |

Consumers have up to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2026 or 15 months after receiving a final response letter (instead of the usual 6 months) to refer their complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service. This extension also applies to relevant complaints where a final response was issued between 12 July 2023 and 10 January 2024 and for any new commission complaints received thereafter.

Please note these extensions are only for complaints relating to commission. For further information from the FCA please visit <u>Car</u><u>finance complaints | FCA</u>