

The Improper Solicitation and Graft Act

Frequent Q&A on Reporting Outside Lectures or Relevant Activities

Question	Answer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What outside lectures or relevant activities should be reported to the school in advance according to the Improper Solicitation and Graft Act? 	<p>All “forms of delivering opinions and knowledge to multiple persons” or “types of meetings” that are “related to your duties” shall be reported to the school in advance, such as “training courses, promotional events, forums, seminars, public hearings or any other meetings,” regardless of the name, “lecture, contribution, presentation, debate, review, evaluation, resolution, consultation, etc.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should reports be made in advance even if it is not related to the duties, or if the requesting organization is an outside lecture(s) or relevant activity from the State or a local government? 	<p>If the outside lectures or relevant activities are not related to the duties, or if the requesting organization is the State or a local government, then no prior reports are not needed.</p> <p>“The State” refers to national universities (except corporate national university bodies such as Seoul National University and Incheon University), affiliated organizations such as the National Education Training Institute (excluding branch organizations), and “local governments” including the Ministry of Education and its affiliated organizations and public schools.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If outside lectures or relevant activities took place without prior report, am I subject to a fine for negligence? 	<p>According to the revised law, if a report is made within 10 days, starting from the last day of the outside lectures or relevant activities, then you will not be subject to a fine for negligence but subject to disciplinary action.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the maximum honorarium of public school faculty and employees according to the Improper Solicitation and Graft Act? 	<p>Regardless of position, the maximum honorarium is generally one million won (pretax) per hour. However, there is no limit to the total amount.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should prior reports be made even if an honorarium amount is not clear? 	<p>If the honorarium amount is not clear, reports should be made without the total amount, and supplementary reports must be made within 5 days once you know the honorarium amount.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should reports be made even if the outside lectures or relevant activities do not include honoraria? 	<p>According to the revised law, outside lectures or relevant activities without honoraria are excluded from reports.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What should be done if an honorarium exceeds the maximum amount? 	<p>If you discover that you have received an honorarium in excess after reporting, you must make a supplementary report on the exceeded honorarium amount and return the exceeded amount within 2 days of its discovery.</p>