



INFORMATION COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

Cayman Islands

Freedom of Information Request Form & Applicant Guidelines

What is Freedom of Information?

The *Freedom of Information Law, 2007* (FOI Law) gives you the right to request access to records held by government authorities. All public authorities are required to follow a statutory process with respect to a response to your request and the timeframes under the law in assessing your application.

What details should I provide?

Applications for information do not need to be made on a particular form but may be made on this application form if preferred. In accordance with the *Freedom of Information (General) Regulations 2008*, (FOI Regulations) an application shall include the following;

- (a) A name (It does not have to be a real name. A fake name or pseudonym can be used);
- (b) A postal address **OR** e-mail address (or both if you agree) to which notices and information can be sent (Authorities may need to clarify your request and need to be able to contact you. You can choose to provide phone details.);
- (c) Details of the records, including (if known) the period and/or geographic area to which the information relates; dates relevant to the information needed; the name or other identifying characteristics of the document; and
- (d) The form of access preferred (e.g. electronic or photocopies).

What is Personal Information?

Under the FOI Law a person may request their own information. A separate application is required under the FOI Regulations for amendment or annotation of a personal record. If a person makes an application for their own personal information they must produce identification that allows the public authority to release this information. A person may be authorised to request someone else's personal information but must supply sufficient proof of this authorisation as required by the public authority (e.g. power of attorney, written authority by a next of kin).

What can I ask for?

You can ask for records that are held by a Cayman Islands Public Authority. Under the FOI Law a "record" includes: a paper file, microfiche, print out, disk, visual material (maps, plans, and photographs) and audio-visual material.

Do I have to pay?

Under the FOI Law, there is no application fee and no cost to inspect a record. However, the requestor is required to pay for expedited response, physical delivery of the records or for the cost of reproduction of a record, including the cost of converting a record into an alternative form.

The requestor shall be liable to pay a charge in the amount or at the rate fixed by, or in accordance with, the Schedule to the FOI Regulations. Payment by cheque / cash / money order / electronic card is required before copies of the document will be made. Each public authority may specify which forms of payment are accepted and which are not.

You will be supplied with a notice of the estimate of the charges if applicable. Processing and access charges may be waived for applicants at the discretion of the Chief or Principal Officer (e.g. financial hardship).

Processing of Application

You will receive acknowledgment of your application 10 calendar days after receipt by the public authority. A decision will be made within 30 calendar days of receipt unless an extension is authorised of an additional 30 calendar days.

If you have indicated that you want your request expedited, you must provide a non-refundable fee of CI\$50 and a reasonable explanation. As outlined in the FOI Regulations, expedited service can only be provided for the following reasons:

- (a) The record is required for judicial or quasi-judicial proceedings relating to your life or liberty;
- (b) Waiting the regular 30 days would endanger public health and public safety; and/or
- (c) Waiting the regular 30 days would endanger your life, seriously affect your health, or deprive you of your liberty.

If your request for expedition is granted you will receive the records in 10 calendar days.

For more information, including specific fees, and to see a list of public authorities and Information Managers please visit the FOI Unit website at www.foi.gov.ky

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

Applications can be made under a pseudonym. Please read the information on the back of this pamphlet before you fill in this form

Application made to (name of authority):

Details of Applicant:

Surname (Family Name):	First Name:
Organisation (if relevant)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Postal Address:	Postal Code:
Home Phone Number:	Work Phone Number:
Email Address:	Fax:

Details of Request:

I request access to record(s) covering matters which are: 1. Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Please include the name of the person to whom the information refers: _____ 2. Non-Personal <input type="checkbox"/>	Office Use Only Identity verified? (personal information only) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Type of identification: _____ Authorization to make application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (personal information only)
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The record(s) I request are: (attach additional pages if necessary)

Do you wish for your request to be expedited? (see back and, if yes please attach an explanation)

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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I wish to receive a copy/copies of the record(s) in the following format:

<input type="checkbox"/> Photocopy	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic (via email)
<input type="checkbox"/> Compact Disc (audio / video data)	<input type="checkbox"/> Transcript
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	Number of copies required:

The applicant must complete this section (tick appropriate box):

I want physical copies of the record(s) to be: <input type="checkbox"/> Delivered to me <input type="checkbox"/> Available for pick-up	<input type="checkbox"/> I want to inspect / view / listen to the record(s)
	<input type="checkbox"/> I want to have the record(s) emailed to me
SIGNATURE: _____	DATE: _____