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The Office of the Information Commissioner, on behalf of – and fully funded by – the Australian Government, provides independent merit review of decisions made by WA Government agencies and Indian Ocean Territory (IOT) local governments on access applications and requests to amend personal information under the applied *Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WA)* (FOI Act).

The Information Commissioner also assists WA Government agencies, IOT local governments and community members to understand rights and obligations under the FOI Act.

What does this mean for me?

Freedom of Information gives the public a right to access government documents, subject to some limitations. In WA under the FOI Act, the right applies to documents held by most WA government agencies (such as departments, public hospitals, public universities and WA government authorities), and local government.

Documents accessible under the FOI Act include paper records, plans and drawings, photographs, tape recordings, films, videotapes or information stored in a computerised form. WA agencies are required to assist applicants to obtain access to documents at the lowest reasonable cost.

Anyone can also apply to have personal information about themselves in government documents amended if that information is inaccurate, incomplete, out of date or misleading.

For more information

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