

IAPO Guideline

Right to ask for an FOI Review

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The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) provides independent oversight and enforcement of BC's information access and privacy laws. Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA), <u>section 52</u>, applicants may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner (Commissioner) to review the manner in which BCIT has responded to their Freedom of Information (FOI) request for access to records.

REVIEW OVERVIEW

The Commissioner may review any decision in relation to a request for access to a record or a request for correction of personal information including, but not limited to, the following grounds:

- Access to a record was refused on the grounds that the record is <u>excepted</u> under specific sections of FIPPA from release;
- Access to a record was refused on the grounds that the record does not exist;
- Access was granted to only part of the record requested;
- Access to a record was refused on the grounds that it contains information that may <u>harm personal</u> privacy or business interests of a third party;
- A refusal to confirm or deny the existence of a record;
- A refusal to allow the applicant to examine the original record;
- A decision to extend the time limit for responding to a request;
- A refusal to make a correction to personal information; and/or
- The applicant disputes the amount of a fee charged or the failure to waive a fee.

See IAPO Guideline: "How to Request a Review" for more information.