



Freedom of Information Act

Data Security



Freedom of Information Act (Scotland)

- The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (or "FOISA") came into force on 1 January 2005.
 - Under FOISA, a person who requests information from a Scottish public authority is entitled to have it.
 - This right is subject to certain conditions and exemptions, which are set out in the Act.
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The Scottish Government consider this Act as an essential part of a democratic and open government, and it applies to all local authorities, NHS, Colleges and Universities.

The Act also applies to companies that are owned by a public authority, and to private companies that may be carrying out contract work for a public authority.

Exemptions from the Act

Not all information that is held by a public authority must be given out. There are some exemptions.

The categories that would be exempt from a FOISA would be relating to matters such as:

- national security
- police investigations
- the formation of government policy



To-do

- Complete Task 6
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