



**Government of Western Australia
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and Workforce Development**

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All policy and procedural statements contained within this document are lawful orders for the purposes of section 80(a) of the *Public Sector Management Act 1994 (WA)* and are therefore to be observed by all Department of Training and Workforce Development employees.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Department of Training and Workforce Development (Department) is committed to providing access to information in an equitable, cost effective and efficient manner to meet client needs and legislative requirements.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Department employees and is to be made public via the DTWD website.

PRINCIPLES

Consistent with the strategic goal, to ensure that the Department's services, systems and performance are client centred, of the highest quality and managed in an open, transparent and accountable manner.

BACKGROUND

This policy aims to provide a policy context for the Information Statement required by the *Freedom of Information Act 1992*, and to provide for the provision of publicly available and personal information of the requestor, to individuals and organisations outside of the FOI process and payment schedule.

DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

Personal information

The *Freedom of Information Act 1992* Part 9(1) states;

personal information means information or an opinion, whether true or not, and whether recorded in a material form or not, about an individual, whether living or dead —

(a) whose identity is apparent or can reasonably be ascertained from the information or opinion; or

(b) who can be identified by reference to an identification number or other identifying particular such as a fingerprint, retina print or body sample;

Non personal information

The *Freedom of Information Regulations 1993* Part 2A, states;

non-personal information means information that is not personal about the applicant.

PROCEDURES

Business areas receiving requests for access to information that is not publicly available must refer all requests to their Director (or above) to ascertain whether the request can be met outside the FOI process. The Director may wish to release the information outside the FOI process or refer the request to the FOI Coordinator.

Requests received by the FOI Coordinator will be dealt with in accordance with the FOI process.

Requests for information regarding training activity data will be referred to the Performance Evaluation and Statistics branch.

RELATED POLICIES AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

- *DTWD Vocational Education and Training Data Release Policy (February 2014)*
- *Information Statement*
- *Freedom of Information Process*
- *Freedom of Information – Process - FAQ*

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

- *Freedom of Information Act 1992*
- *Freedom of Information Regulations 1993*

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