

HOW TO MAKE A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

If you want to find out what information the government is collecting about you, consider using tools like the federal Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP) Online Request⁴⁵ under the *Access to Information Act*⁴⁶ and/or provincial, territorial, and municipal public records request laws to discover information/records that federal, state or municipal government agencies or officials have about you or your group. These requests can also be used in other contexts to expose communications and documents coming from government actors, government or public university contracts, investments, or other relationships with target companies, etc. Sustained follow-up may be needed to obtain requested documents if the public agency is resistant to your request and to follow up on delays, etc. Contact us for resources to help you with such requests.

⁴⁵ See <https://www.canada.ca/en/treasury-board-secretariat/services/access-information-privacy/access-information/request-information.html>. Each request costs \$5.00 CAD.

⁴⁶ R.S.C., 1985, c. A-1

The following provides links to federal, provincial, and territorial access to information and privacy legislation, as well as information on requesting access to governmental records.

FEDERAL [*Access to Information and Privacy \(ATIP\) Online Request*](#)

ALBERTA [*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act \(FOIP Act\)*](#)

BRITISH COLUMBIA [*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act \(FOIPPA\)*](#)

MANITOBA [*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act \(FIPPA\)*](#)

NEWFOUNDLAND [*Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*](#)

NEW BRUNSWICK [*Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*](#)

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES [*Access to Information and Protection of Privacy \(ATIPP Act\)*](#)

NOVA SCOTIA [*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act \(FOIPOP\)*](#)

NUNAVUT [*Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act \(ATIPP Act\)*](#)

ONTARIO [*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act \(FIPPA\)*](#)

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND [*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act \(FOIPP\)*](#)

QUEBEC [*Commission d'accès à l'information*](#)

SASKATCHEWAN [*The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*](#)

YUKON [*Access to Information and Protection*](#)

Note that municipalities have separate legislation, which will need to be researched separately. For example, in Ontario, the municipalities are covered under the [*Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act \(MFIPPA\)*](#).

