

ARCS: 292- 30 File: JTI-2015-51141

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Sent via email:

Dear

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training (Labour). Your request is for:

All internal checklists, manuals, guides, guidelines, handbooks or other documents which instruct or provide guidance to staff regarding: How to process and evaluate BC Provincial Nominee Program Applications specifically the Express Entry and/or Skills Immigration categories; Any changes currently in process and/or upcoming to the BC Provincial Nominee Program specifically the Express Entry and/or Skills Immigration categories. (Date Range for Record Search: From 09/01/2014 to 05/5/2015)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 3 (Outside scope of the Act), 12 (Cabinet and local public body confidences), 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 16 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations) and 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body) of *FOIPPA*. Copies of these sections of FOIPPA are provided for your reference. A complete copy of *FOIPPA* is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

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Please refer to the following website, which provides information on all of the selection criteria and scoring that is used by Ministry staff:

http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/skilled/apply-factors.asp.

The program will re-open on July 2nd, 2015 and modified criteria and new application process will be made public at that time.

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after electronic release or a minimum of five business days after release by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-356-0386. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250-356-0386.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

Murray McComb, Information & Privacy Analyst Business and Infrastructure Team

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Enclosures

How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250-387-5629 Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

- 1. A copy of your original request;
- 2. A copy of our response; and
- 3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.