

CTZ-2023-30148 - A complete list of definitions of terms used in "FOI Open Data - Technical Notes". In particular government definitions for:
(<https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/dataset/4e50c2dc-d66a-45a7-bfed-bcd4999bb204/resource/d2b1cd42-4af3-4e37-8bd0-7bab38b0ac41/download/foitechnicalnotes.pdf>). Specifically, the following terms: Individual, Interest Group, Law Firm, Media, Political Party, Access Denied - Section 20, Cancelled, Another Government's Information, Federal Copyright, First Nations Information, Other - Public Body Decision, Other Government Information, Outside the Scope of Publication Policy, Personal Information Public, Body Decision, Security Information, General Request, and Undetermined. (Date Range for Record Search: From 5/1/2021 To 5/1/2022)

General Definitions

- **Personal Information** - means recorded information about an identifiable individual other than contact information. Defined under Schedule 1 of FOIPPA.
- **General Request** - Any request for which the dominant purpose is for records other than an individual's own person information. These requests seek government operational or administrative records.

Dispositions

- **Access Denied** - Access has been denied, owing to the entire package being severed under Part 2 Division 2 of FOIPPA.
 - Access Denied - s20 - Access has been denied under Section 20 of FOIPPA as the records will be published or released within 60 days.
 - Access Denied - s43 - Access has been denied owing to a restriction placed on the applicant pursuant to Section 43 of FOIPPA.
- **Cancelled** - IAO has closed the request for a reason other than consent or going abandoned. Very infrequent and determined ad-hoc, but typically in cases where a request is outside the scope of FOIPPA's authority to fulfil (Section 3) but already partially processed.
- **Records in Another Ministry/Org** - The Ministry has conducted a thorough search and, during that search, determined another public body would have greater interest and/or possesses the necessary records.
- **Refuse to Confirm or Deny** - Used if specifying any other disposition would confirm the Ministry possesses records related to the request, revealing information subject to Section 15 of FOIPPA, or if acknowledging the existence of information would be an unreasonable invasion of personal privacy.
- **Undetermined** - Retired disposition, no longer used. Associated with a legacy system.

Publication Exceptions

Note: all definitions are set by [Ministerial Directive 02-2018](#), with the exception of Federal Copyright – which supersedes the Ministerial Directive.

- **Another Government's Information** - Information that may harm relations with another government.
- **Federal Copyright** - Wholly subject to federal copyright legislation. IAO will remove copyright material from a package to publish the remainder of the request.
- **First Nations Information** - Information that may harm relations with an Indigenous Governing Entity.
- **Other - Public Body Decision** - Information which should not be disclosed on the Open Information website for other legal or compelling public interest reasons.
- **Other - Government Information** - As above, information that may harm relations with another government.
- **Outside the Scope of Publication Policy** - A catchall exemption for responses which do not result in a records response, i.e., a No Records response.
- **Personal Information** - In the context of publication, publication would constitute an unreasonable invasion of an individual's privacy.
- **Security Information** - Information that may threaten the safety of a person or harm the security of any property or system.

Applicant Categories

- **Political Party** - Applicant representing an officially registered political party.
- **Individual** - All users representing themselves.
- **Media** - Individuals representing a media organization or identifying as reporters.
- **Business** - Individuals representing a business.
- **Law Firm** - Individuals requesting on behalf of a law firm, typically representing other individuals/clients.
- **Interest Group** - Individuals representing formal groups other than those specified by the other applicant categories, including unions.
- **Researcher** - Individuals conducting research – either self-identified or as part of a research organization other than businesses.
- **Indigenous Governing Entity** - [Per FOIPPA Schedule 1](#): An individual representing an Indigenous entity that exercises governmental functions, and includes but is not limited to an Indigenous governing body as defined in the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.
- **Other Public Body** - Meaning any body defined as a public body under the Act as a public body, excepting municipalities.
- **Other Government** - Means any government entity, outside of those identified in the Act as Public Bodies. Includes municipalities.