



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by the Education Directorate (the Directorate) on 7 March 2022, in which you sought access to:

'Documents relating the aggregate scores with each ATAR score for the Year 12 cohort for 2020.'

It is noted that you have identified that 'equivalent documents for previous years have been made available in previous FOI requests with reference numbers EDU_2018_002 and EDU_2020_007.'

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

The Education Directorate was required to provide a decision on your access application by 5 April 2022.

Decision on access

The Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS) has conducted a thorough search for documents based on your request and one document was identified that falls within the scope of your request.

I have decided to grant full access to the document.

I have included as Attachment A to this decision, the document being released to you.

It may assist your review of this information to be aware that the aggregate for an ACT student is the summation of the scaled course scores of their best three majors and 0.6 of their best minor or next best major. As the ATAR is a percentile ranking, a significant determinant in the aggregate to ATAR relationship is the shape of the aggregate distribution each year. The conversion of ACT aggregates to ATAR is calculated each year by the University Admission Centre (UAC) through ongoing analysis of the placement of ACT students in the combined NSW/ACT population. Due to this process, variances occur between years and the same aggregate score may have different ATAR outcomes from year to year.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable for this request because the number of pages involved that are material to your request does not exceed the threshold of 50 pages.

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, the Directorate maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Information about your request, my decision and records released to you in response to your access application will be published in the Directorate's disclosure log between three and 10 working days after a decision on access has been provided to you. Your personal information will not be published.

You may view the Directorate's disclosure log at

https://www.education.act.gov.au/about_us/freedom_of_information/disclosure-log.

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in the Directorate's disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision.

Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore St
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601

Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

If you have any queries concerning the Directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the Directorate's FOI team on 02 6205 0720 or email EducationFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Paula Murray
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Education Directorate

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