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Change is underway at FOIA!

TSA FOIA is moving to a NEW system which will allow us to process records faster. We expect to begin moving to the system in June 2022. There may be a temporary delay in response to your request while launching the new system. [Learn more about the change here.](#)

The Freedom of Information Act is a federal statute that gives any person the right to obtain access to federal records, except to the extent that any portions of such records are protected from disclosure by one or more of nine exemptions or by one of three special law enforcement record exclusions.

The act applies only to records of the executive branch of the federal government. It does not provide access to records held by Congress, the federal courts, advisory offices of the president, state or local government agencies, or by private businesses or individuals. All states have their own statutes governing public access to state and local government records. State agencies should be consulted for further information about obtaining access to state records.

Request

Three different methods are available for submitting FOIA requests. [Submit a FOIA request.](#)

Processing

FOIA requires TSA to respond within 20 business days of receipt of a FOIA request. If a request involves a significant volume of records, requires collection of records from different offices or requires consultation with another agency, TSA will invoke a 10-day extension for the completion of a request. [Check the status of your current FOIA request.](#)

Resources



Information about FOIA, including governing principles, can be found at the following links:

- [FOIA.gov](https://www.foia.gov)
- [DHS FOIA](#)
- [Department of Justice FOIA Reference Materials](#)
- [Full text of the Freedom of Information Act](#)
- [DHS FOIA Regulation](#)

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