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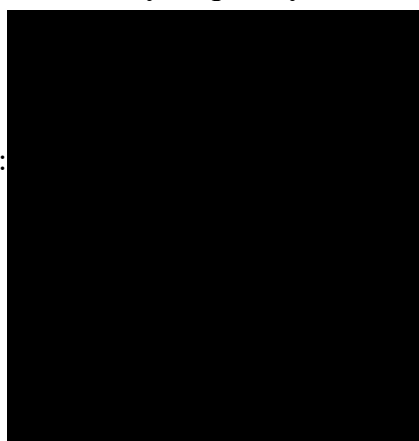
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Subject: Freedom of Information request
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Please find online enquiry details below. Please ensure this enquiry is responded to within fourteen working days.

Your details

All fields are optional, however an email address OR full postal address must be provided for us to process your request. An email address and telephone contact number will assist us to contact you quickly if we need to discuss your request.

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Request for information

(Please provide as much detail as possible, for example subject matter and relevant dates, and also provide details of documents that you are not interested in.)

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 I want to access the following document/s (*required field):

Construction Occupations Registrar, Class A Builders Licence (New Applicants) 1. From 22 February 2019, how many applicants to date have applied for A class builders' licence 2. How many applicants who met the mandatory and other eligibility requirements, such as qualifications and work experience, were deemed to proceed to the next stage of the licence process 3. Of those that proceeded to the next stage, how many were assessed as qualified at an unrestricted licence level (i.e. capable of undertaking all BCA classes of work) 4. How many applicants were assessed as eligible to progress to the written examination 5. Of those applicants that progressed to the written examination, how many applicants passed the examination at the first sitting 6. Of the applicants that did not pass the written examination on the first attempt, how many applicants passed the examination on the second attempt 7. How many applicants did not achieve the mandatory 80% pass mark after two sitting attempts and were thus refused a licence from the Construction Occupations Registrar Construction Occupations Registrar, Class A Builders Licence (Current Licence Holders) 1. From 22 February 2019, how many current class A licence holders (existing or renewing) to date were required to sit the written examination as a process of licence renewal, government direction or otherwise. 2. Of those existing licence holders, how many applicants passed the examination at the first sitting 3. Of the existing licence holders,

that did not pass the written examination on the first attempt, how many applicants passed the examination on the second attempt 4. How many existing licence holders did not achieve the mandatory 80% pass mark after two sitting attempts and were thus refused a licence (renewal or otherwise) from the Construction Occupations Registrar

I do not want to access the following documents in relation to my request::

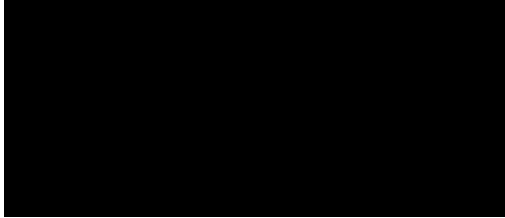
Thank you.
Freedom of Information Coordinator



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Our ref: CMTEDDDFOI 2020-102



Dear 

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 26 May 2020, in which you sought access to information in relation to Class A Builders Licences.

Specifically, you are seeking information in relation to the following questions:

1. *From 22 February 2019, how many applicants to date have applied for A class builders' licence?*
2. *How many applicants who met the mandatory and other eligibility requirements, such as qualifications and work experience, were deemed to proceed to the next stage of the licence process?*
3. *Of those that proceeded to the next stage, how many were assessed as qualified at an unrestricted licence level (i.e. capable of undertaking all BCA classes of work)?*
4. *How many applicants were assessed as eligible to progress to the written examination?*
5. *Of those applicants that progressed to the written examination, how many applicants passed the examination at the first sitting?*
6. *Of the applicants that did not pass the written examination on the first attempt, how many applicants passed the examination on the second attempt?*
7. *How many applicants did not achieve the mandatory 80% pass mark after two sitting attempts and were thus refused a licence from the Construction Occupations Registrar Construction Occupations Registrar, Class A Builders Licence (Current Licence Holders)?*
8. *From 22 February 2019, how many current class A licence holders (existing or renewing) to date were required to sit the written examination as a process of licence renewal, government direction or otherwise?*
9. *Of those existing licence holders, how many applicants passed the examination at the first sitting?*
10. *Of the existing licence holders, that did not pass the written examination on the first attempt, how many applicants passed the examination on the second attempt?*
11. *How many existing licence holders did not achieve the mandatory 80% pass mark after two sitting attempts and were thus refused a licence (renewal or otherwise) from the Construction Occupations Registrar?*

Authority

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.

Timeframes

In accordance of section 40 of the Act, CMTEDD was required to provide a decision on your access application by 25 June 2020.

Decision on access

Searches were completed for relevant documents and one document was identified that falls within the scope of your request. I have decided to grant full access to the relevant document.

I have included as **Attachment A** to this decision a schedule of relevant document. This provides a description the document that falls within the scope of your request and the access decision for that document.

The document released to you is provided as **Attachment B** to this letter.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable for this request because the number of pages being released to you in less than the charging threshold of 50.

Online publishing – Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the Act, CMTEDD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents released to you in response to your access application will be published in the CMTEDD disclosure log after 5 June 2020. Your personal contact details will not be published. You may view CMTEDD disclosure log at

<https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/functions/foi/disclosure-log-2020>.

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 CMTEDD disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

We recommend using this form [Applying for an Ombudsman Review](#) to ensure you provide all of the required information. Alternatively, you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Via 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/>

Should you have any queries in relation to your request please contact me by telephone on 6207 7754 or email CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Daniel Riley
Information Officer
Information Access Team
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
5 June 2020



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST SCHEDULE

WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS OF THE REQUEST	Reference NO.
Class A Builders Licence Information	CMTEDDFOI2020-102

Ref No	Page number	Description	Date	Status	Reason for Exemption	Online Release Status
1	1-2	Class A Builders Licence Information	4 June 2020	Full Release	N/A	Yes
Total No of Docs						
1						

1. From 22 February 2019, how many applicants to date have applied for A class builders' licence

Nine new applicants.

2. How many applicants who met the mandatory and other eligibility requirements, such as qualifications and work experience, were deemed to proceed to the next stage of the licence process

Nine applicants have met the mandatory requirements. As a result, they were invited to undertake the written examination set by the Registrar (next stage).

3. Of those that proceeded to the next stage, how many were assessed as qualified at an unrestricted licence level (i.e. capable of undertaking all BCA classes of work).

Six of the nine applicants who proceeded to the next stage were assessed as qualified at an unrestricted licence level.

4. How many applicants were assessed as eligible to progress to the written examination

Nine applicants have been assessed as eligible. Six applicants sat the examination.

5. Of those applicants that progressed to the written examination, how many applicants passed the examination at the first sitting

Three applicants passed the examination on the first attempt.

6. Of the applicants that did not pass the written examination on the first attempt, how many applicants passed the examination on the second attempt

Two Applicants passed the examination on the second attempt.

**7. How many applicants did not achieve the mandatory 80% pass mark after two sitting attempts and were thus refused a licence from the Construction Occupations Registrar
Construction Occupations Registrar, Class A Builders Licence (Current Licence Holders)**

One applicant has been refused a licence.

8. From 22 February 2019, how many current class A licence holders (existing or renewing) to date were required to sit the written examination as a process of licence renewal, government direction or otherwise.

49 Applicants have been required to sit the examination. 20 Applicants sat the examination.

Please note:

- 14 applicants renewing their licence have not sat an examination as they were assessed under Section 14 of the Construction Occupations (Licensing) Regulation 2004 due to Covid-19.
- 11 applicants re-applied for their licence through *the Mutual Recognition Act 1992*
- four applicants voluntarily cancelled

9. Of those existing licence holders, how many applicants passed the examination at the first sitting

Six applicants passed the examination on their first attempt.

10. Of the existing licence holders, that did not pass the written examination on the first attempt, how many applicants passed the examination on the second attempt

Two applicants passed on the second attempt.

11. How many existing licence holders did not achieve the mandatory 80% pass mark after two sitting attempts and were thus refused a licence (renewal or otherwise) from the Construction Occupations Registrar

One applicant was refused a licence.

Please note:

- Of the 20 applicants that sat the examination:
 - o One applicant downgraded their licence class
 - o Two applicants re-applied for their licence through the *Mutual Recognition Act 1992*
 - o Eight applicants were not required to sit the examination for a second time due to Covid-19 and were granted a licence under Section 14 of the Construction Occupations (Licensing) Regulation 2004.