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8. Additional information identified by Ombudsman	N/A
9. Decision made by ACAT	N/A
10. Additional information identified by ACAT	N/A

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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):

The Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate Annual Report 2019/20. The Construction and Occupations Annual Report Annex contains information on the following: • Builder Licensing Exams This section is missing from Construction and Occupations Annual Report Annex FY 2020/2021. FOI request for: • The Builder Licensing Exams details (based on 2019/2020 report) for 2020/2021 • Who decided to omit the Builder Licensing Exams details for 2020/2021 • What was the reason for omitting Builder Licensing Exams details for 2020/2021

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

Thank you.
Freedom of Information Coordinator



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 April 2022, in which you sought access to:

- *The Builder Licensing Exams details (based on 2019/2020 report) for 2020/2021.*
- *Who decided to omit the Builder Licensing Exams details for 2020/2021?*
- *What was the reason for omitting Builder Licensing Exams details for 2020/2021?*

Authority

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

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, CMTEDD is required to provide a decision on your access application by 24 May 2022.

Decision on access

Searches were completed for relevant information and this information is referenced below.

I have decided to grant full access to this information.

The Builder Licensing Exams details (based on 2019/2020 report) for 2020/2021

The table below includes the examination failure rates in similar format to stats provided in the 2019/20 report.

Licence class	Existing licence holders	New applications	Number of new applicants passed	Number of existing licence holders passed
A	0	28	28	0
B	0	11	11	0
C	0	73	73	0
Total	0	112	112	0

Who decided to omit the Builder Licensing Exams details for 2020/2021?

The Construction Occupations Registrar decided to omit the builder licensing exams details from the 2020/21 annual report.

What was the reason for omitting Builder Licensing Exams details for 2020/2021?

The builder licensing exam details were omitted from the report, noting the reasons below and that there are no specific requirements to report this.

Exams are only one of the components required for a builder to gain an occupational licence (which also includes technical qualifications and experience), and further, exams are not required for all occupations licences. While builder licensing exam details was included in earlier reports as it was a new initiative, the number of exams does not in itself provide a significant indicator – the number of new and existing licences by occupations is the appropriate indicator and these are provided in the annual report.

Charges

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

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, following the deferment period, in response to your access application will be published in the CMTEDD disclosure log. Your personal contact details will not be published. You may view CMTEDD disclosure log at:

<https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/functions/foi>

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Stuart', written in a cursive style.

Katharine Stuart
Information Officer
Information Access Team
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
03 May 2022