

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1997 & 2003

Cavan County Enterprise Board and the FOI ACT

The City & County Enterprise Boards are now subject to the FOI Act as and from 31st May 2006.

Freedom of Information - General information

The Freedom of Information (FOI) Act was implemented for Government Departments and other public sector agencies from 21 April 1998.

The FOI Act establishes three new statutory rights:

- a legal right for each person to access information held by public bodies;
- a legal right for each person to have official information relating to him/herself amended where it is incomplete, incorrect or misleading;
- a legal right to obtain reasons for decisions affecting oneself (refers only to decisions taken on or after the Act applied to the Board).

The Act asserts the right of members of the public to obtain access to official information in possession of the Cavan County Enterprise Board to the greatest extent possible consistent with the public interest and the right of privacy of individuals.

The FOI Act is designed to allow public access to information held by public bodies which is NOT routinely available through other sources. Access to information under the Act is subject to certain exemptions and involves specific procedures and time limits.

Useful Links for FOI

FOI Central Policy Unit

<http://www.foi.gov.ie>

Office of the Information Commissioner

<http://oic.gov.ie/>