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Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about Bible Gateway.

We received this request on 18 September 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the FOI Act”).

Your request and our response

‘Can you please confirm if Bible Gateway has been blocked by the Online safety Bill. If not can you please give an explanation as to why this service is not available to UK users, and which legislation it is being blocked by.’

To date, Ofcom has not made any applications to court requesting for access to websites to be blocked under the Online Safety Act 2023 (the Act) and no action has been taken against ‘Bible Gateway’. Accordingly, we are unable to explain why you have been unable to access this service.

For more information about Ofcom’s Enforcement powers and how we use them, please see our [Online Safety Enforcement Guidance](#). Section 9 may be of particular interest as it discusses the business disruption powers that we have been granted under the Act. It is under these powers that we would apply to a court for an ‘access restriction order’ or ‘interim access restriction order’ which would require a site to be blocked. As mentioned above, we have not used these powers yet. If and when we do use these powers, we will publish a statement on the [Enforcement Bulletin](#) on our website, as set out in section 9.27 of the Online Safety Enforcement Guidance.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any further queries, then please send them to information.requests@ofcom.org.uk – quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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Request an internal review

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your request for information, or think that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you do, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will either uphold the original decision, or reverse or modify it.

If you would like to ask us to carry out an internal review, you should get in touch within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for us to complete our internal review, and the time it takes will depend on the complexity of the request. But we will try to complete the review within 20 working days (or no more than 40 working days in exceptional cases) and keep you informed of our progress. Please email the Information Requests team (information.requests@ofcom.org.uk) to request an internal review.

Taking it further

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our internal review, then you have the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner's Office](#).