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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 teletext applications.

We received this request on 7 November 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act"). We needed more time to consider the public interest in disclosure of the information which we have now concluded.

Your request

Are Ofcom the custodians of the ITC licence applications for the ITV and Channel 4 teletext service? The licence was offered as part of the 1990 Broadcasting Bill.

If so, is a copy of each company's application available, please?

Our response

We have taken your request to be referring to television services.

We hold the information you have requested and we are able to disclose most of it. Certain parts contain personal information and we have withheld this under S40 of the FOI Act which relates to personal information and which provides that such information is exempt for the purposes of the FOI Act.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption under the FOI Act and does not require a public interest test.

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](#).