

3 April 2014
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Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent request of 12 March 2014 for the release of information held by the Department for Transport (DfT). With effect from 1 April this year, the aviation security regulatory and compliance monitoring functions, and associated records, transferred from the DfT to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), under the terms of the Civil Aviation Act 2012. Your request has therefore also been transferred to the CAA.

Your request:

“The average time taken for approval of an air cargo security training programme” and

“If there are any targets set for the time it should take to approve”.

Our response:

In assessing your request in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the CAA does not hold information about the average time taken to process an air cargo security training programme, nor are there any formal targets for the time to be taken for such approvals.

Each training programme is assessed individually, and the time taken to do so varies, depending on the quality of the programme submitted and the availability of resources. The CAA does, however, seek to review programmes within four weeks of their receipt.

If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you should approach the CAA in writing at:-

Mark Stevens
External Response Manager
Civil Aviation Authority
Aviation House
Gatwick Airport South
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Telephone 01293 768512 foirequests@caa.co.uk

The CAA has a formal internal review process for dealing with appeals or complaints in connection with Freedom of Information requests. The key steps in this process are set in the attachment.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx

Should you wish to make further Freedom of Information requests, please use the e-form at <http://www.caa.co.uk/foi>.

Yours sincerely

Rick Chatfield
Information Rights and Enquiries Officer

CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged and the details of the Appeal Manager are provided to the applicant;
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and consultation with the CAA Legal Department;
- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and with the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;
- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.