



DEFENCE FOI 0040/24/25

STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1982

1. I refer to the request by [REDACTED] (the applicant), dated and received on 12 July 2024 by the Department of Defence (Defence), for access to the following documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act):

“All documents detailing minimum vision requirements for entry into the Australian Defence Force as a Military Police Officer via the Officer Commission Course (OCC)(FAC) - The Australian Army, Part Time Officer in force as at 12 July 2024”.

FOI decision maker

2. I am the authorised officer pursuant to section 23 of the FOI Act to make a decision on this FOI request.

Documents identified

3. I have identified one document as falling within the scope of the request.

Decision

4. I have decided to:
 - a. partially release one document in accordance with section 22 [access to edited copies with exempt or irrelevant matter deleted] of the FOI Act.

Material taken into account

5. In making my decision, I have had regard to:
 - a. the terms of the request;
 - b. the content of the identified documents in issue;
 - c. relevant provisions of the FOI Act; and
 - d. the Guidelines published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (the Guidelines).

REASONS FOR DECISION

Section 22 – Access to edited copies with exempt or irrelevant matter deleted

6. Section 22 of the FOI Act permits an agency to prepare and provide an edited copy of a document where the agency has decided to refuse access to an exempt document or that to give access to a document would disclose information that would reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request for access.
7. The document identified contains irrelevant material such as other vision requirements not relating to the Military Police officer position. This information does not fall within the scope of the request.

8. I am satisfied that it is reasonably practicable to remove the irrelevant material and release the documents to you in an edited form.

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Accredited Decision Maker
Joint Health Command
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