CHAPTER 2
PUBLIC RECORDS AND FAIR INFORMATION PRACTICES

129—2.1(8B,17A,22) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

“Chief information officer” or “CIO” means the state chief information officer.

“Confidential record” means a record which is not available as a matter of right for examination and copying by members of the public under applicable provisions of law. Confidential records include records or information contained in records that the office is prohibited by law from making available for examination by members of the public, and records or information contained in records that are specified as confidential by Iowa Code section 22.7, or other provision of law, but that may be disclosed upon order of a court, the lawful custodian of the record, or by another person duly authorized to release the record. Mere inclusion in a record of information declared confidential by an applicable provision of law does not necessarily make that entire record a confidential record.

“Custodian” means the office, the CIO, or another person lawfully delegated authority by the office to act for the office in implementing Iowa Code chapter 22.

“Office” or “OCIO,” unless the context otherwise requires, means the office of the chief information officer authorized by Iowa Code chapter 8B.

“Personally identifiable information” means information about or pertaining to an individual in a record which identifies the individual and which is contained in a record system.

“Record” means the whole or a part of a “public record,” as defined in Iowa Code section 22.1, that is owned by or in the physical possession of the office.

“Record system” means any group of records under the control of the office from which a record may be retrieved by a personal identifier such as the name of an individual, number, symbol, or other unique retriever assigned to an individual.

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129—2.2(8B,17A,22) Statement of policy. The purpose of this chapter is to facilitate broad public access to open records. It also seeks to facilitate sound determinations by the office with respect to the handling of confidential records and the implementation of the Iowa fair information practices Act. This office is committed to the policies set forth in Iowa Code chapter 22; office staff shall cooperate with members of the public in implementing the provisions of that chapter.

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129—2.3(8B,17A,22) Requests for access to records.

2.3(1) Location of record. A request for access to a record under the jurisdiction of the OCIO shall be directed to the office where the record is kept. If the location of the record is not known by the requester, the request shall be directed to the Office of the Chief Information Officer, Hoover State Office Building, Level B, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. The OCIO shall forward the request appropriately. If a request for access to a record is misdirected, office personnel will forward the request to the appropriate person within the office.

2.3(2) Office hours. Open records shall be made available during all customary office hours, which are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

2.3(3) Request for access. Requests for access to open records may be made in writing, in person, by e-mail or other electronic means, or by telephone. Requests shall identify the particular record sought by name or description in order to facilitate the location of the record. Mail, electronic, or telephone requests shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting the information to facilitate the office’s response, unless other arrangements are made to permit production to a person wishing to remain anonymous. A person shall not be required to give a reason for requesting an open record.

2.3(4) Response to requests. The custodian of records under the jurisdiction of the office is authorized to grant or deny access to a record according to the provisions of this chapter and directions from the office. The decision to grant or deny access may be delegated to one or more designated employees.
a. Access to an open record shall be provided promptly upon request unless the size or nature of the request makes prompt access infeasible. If the size or nature of the request for access to an open record requires time for compliance, the custodian shall comply with the request as soon as feasible. Access to an open record may be delayed for one of the purposes authorized by Iowa Code section 22.8(4) or 22.10(4). The custodian shall promptly give notice to the requester of the reason for any delay in access to an open record and an estimate of the length of that delay and, upon request, shall promptly provide that notice to the requester in writing.

b. The custodian of a record may deny access to the record by members of the public only on the grounds that such a denial is warranted under Iowa Code sections 22.8(4) and 22.10(4), or that it is a confidential record, or that its disclosure is prohibited by a court order. Access by members of the public to a confidential record is limited by law and, therefore, may generally be provided only in accordance with the provisions of rule 129—2.4(B,17A,22) in this chapter and other applicable provisions of law.

2.3(5) Security of record. No person may, without permission from the custodian, search or remove any record from office files. Examination and copying of office records shall be supervised by the custodian or a designee of the custodian. Records shall be protected from damage and disorganization.

2.3(6) Copying. A reasonable number of copies of an open record may be made in the office of the OCIO. If photocopy equipment is not available in the offices of the OCIO where an open record is kept, the custodian shall permit its examination in that office and shall arrange to have copies promptly made elsewhere.

2.3(7) Fees.

a. When charged. The office may charge fees in connection with the examination or copying of records only if the fees are authorized by law. To the extent permitted by applicable provisions of law, the payment of fees may be waived when the imposition of fees is inequitable or when a waiver is in the public interest.

b. Copying and postage costs. Price schedules for published materials and for photocopies of records supplied by the OCIO shall be prominently posted in the offices of the OCIO. Copies of records may be made by or for members of the public on office photocopy machines or from electronic storage systems at cost as determined and posted in the offices of the OCIO by the custodian. When the mailing of copies of records is requested, the actual costs of such mailing may also be charged to the requester.

c. Supervisory fee. An hourly fee may be charged for actual office expenses in supervising the examination and copying of requested records when the supervision time required is in excess of one-half hour. The custodian shall prominently post in the offices of the OCIO the hourly fees to be charged for supervision of records during examination and copying. That hourly fee shall not be in excess of the hourly wage of an office clerical employee who ordinarily would be appropriate and suitable to perform this supervisory function. To the extent permitted by law, a search fee may be charged at the same rate as and under the same conditions as are applicable to supervisory fees.

d. Advance deposits.

(1) When the estimated total fee chargeable under this subrule exceeds $25, the custodian may require a requester to make an advance payment to cover all or a part of the estimated fee. Upon completion, the actual fee will be calculated and the difference refunded or collected.

(2) When a requester has previously failed to pay a fee chargeable under this subrule, the custodian may require advance payment of the full amount of any estimated fee before the custodian processes a new request from that requester.

2.3(8) Records held for others. Requests for records the office holds solely in storage for or as the agent of another public body are not within the jurisdiction of the office and shall be directed to the owner of the records.

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129—2.4(8B,17A,22) Access to confidential records. Under Iowa Code section 22.7 or other applicable provisions of law, the lawful custodian may disclose certain confidential records to one or more members of the public. Other provisions of law authorize or require the custodian to release specified confidential records under certain circumstances or to particular persons. In requesting the custodian to permit the
examination and copying of such a confidential record, the following procedures apply and are in addition to those specified for requests for access to records in rule 129—2.3(8B,17A,22).

2.4(1) Proof of identity. A person requesting access to a confidential record may be required to provide proof of identity or authority to secure access to the record.

2.4(2) Requests. The custodian may require that a request to examine and copy a confidential record be in writing. A person requesting access to such a record may be required to sign a certified statement or affidavit enumerating the specific reasons justifying access to the confidential record and to provide any proof necessary to establish relevant facts.

2.4(3) Notice to subject of record and opportunity to obtain injunction. After the custodian receives a request for access to a confidential record, and before the custodian releases such a record, the custodian may make reasonable efforts to notify promptly any person who is a subject of that record, is identified in that record, and whose address or telephone number is contained in that record. To the extent such a delay is practicable and in the public interest, the custodian may give the subject of such a confidential record to whom notification is transmitted a reasonable opportunity to seek an injunction under Iowa Code section 22.8, and indicate to the subject of the record the specific period of time during which disclosure will be delayed for that purpose.

2.4(4) Request denied. When the custodian denies a request for access to a confidential record, the custodian shall promptly notify the requester. If the requester indicates to the custodian that a written notification of the denial is desired, the custodian shall promptly provide such a notification that is signed by the custodian and that includes:

a. The name and title or position of the custodian responsible for the denial; and

b. A citation to the provision of law vesting authority in the custodian to deny disclosure of the record and a brief statement of the reasons for the denial to this requester.

2.4(5) Request granted. When the custodian grants a request for access to a confidential record to a particular person, the custodian shall notify that person and indicate any lawful restrictions imposed by the custodian on that person’s examination and copying of the record.

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129—2.5(8B,17A,22) Requests for treatment of a record as a confidential record and its withholding from examination. The custodian may treat a record as a confidential record and withhold it from examination only to the extent that the custodian is authorized by Iowa Code section 22.7, another applicable provision of law, or a court order to refuse to disclose that record to members of the public.

2.5(1) Persons who may request. Any person who would be aggrieved or adversely affected by disclosure of a record and who asserts that Iowa Code section 22.7, another applicable provision of law, or a court order authorizes the custodian to treat the record as a confidential record may request the custodian to treat that record as a confidential record and to withhold it from public inspection.

2.5(2) Request. A request that a record be treated as a confidential record and be withheld from public inspection shall be in writing and shall be filed with the custodian. The request must set forth the legal and factual basis justifying such confidential record treatment for that record and the name, address, and telephone number of the person authorized to respond to any inquiry or action of the custodian concerning the request. A person requesting treatment of a record as a confidential record may also be required to sign a certified statement or affidavit enumerating the specific reasons justifying the treatment of that record as a confidential record and to provide any proof necessary to establish relevant facts. Requests for treatment of a record as such a confidential record for a limited time period shall also specify the precise period of time for which that treatment is requested.

A person filing such a request shall, if possible, accompany the request with a copy of the record in question with those portions deleted for which such confidential record treatment has been requested. If the original record is being submitted to the office by the person requesting such confidential treatment at the time the request is filed, the person shall indicate conspicuously on the original record that all or portions of it are confidential.
2.5(3) Failure to request. Failure of a person to request confidential record treatment for a record does not preclude the custodian from treating it as a confidential record. However, if a person who has submitted business information to the office does not request that it be withheld from public inspection under Iowa Code sections 22.7(3) and 22.7(6), the custodian of records containing that information may proceed as if that person has no objection to its disclosure to members of the public.

2.5(4) Timing of decision. A decision by the custodian with respect to the disclosure of a record to members of the public may be made when a request for its treatment as a confidential record that is not available for public inspection is filed, or when the custodian receives a request for access to the record by a member of the public.

2.5(5) Request granted or deferred. If a request for such confidential record treatment is granted, or if action on such a request is deferred, a copy of the record from which the matter in question has been deleted and a copy of the decision to grant the request or to defer action upon the request will be made available for public inspection in lieu of the original record. If the custodian subsequently receives a request for access to the original record, the custodian will make reasonable and timely efforts to notify any person who has filed a request for its treatment as a confidential record that is not available for public inspection of the pendency of that subsequent request.

2.5(6) Request denied and opportunity to seek injunction. If a request that a record be treated as a confidential record and be withheld from public inspection is denied, the custodian shall notify the requester in writing of that determination and the reasons therefor. On application by the requester, the custodian may engage in a good-faith, reasonable delay in allowing examination of the record so that the requester may seek injunctive relief under the provisions of Iowa Code section 22.8, or other applicable provision of law. However, such a record shall not be withheld from public inspection for any period of time if the custodian determines that the requester had no reasonable grounds to justify the treatment of that record as a confidential record. The custodian shall notify the requester in writing of the time period allowed to seek injunctive relief or the reasons for the determination that no reasonable grounds exist to justify the treatment of that record as a confidential record. The custodian may extend the period of good-faith, reasonable delay in allowing examination of the record so that the requester may seek injunctive relief only if no request for examination of that record has been received, or if a court directs the custodian to treat it as a confidential record, or to the extent permitted by another applicable provision of law, or with the consent of the person requesting access.

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129—2.6(8B,17A,22) Procedure by which additions, dissents, or objections may be entered into certain records. Except as otherwise provided by law, a person may file a request with the custodian to review, and to have a written statement of additions, dissents, or objections entered into, a record containing personally identifiable information pertaining to that person. However, this does not authorize a person who is a subject of such a record to alter the original copy of that record or to expand the official record of any agency proceeding. The requester shall send the request to review such a record or the written statement of additions, dissents, or objections to the custodian. The request to review such a record or the written statement of such a record of additions, dissents, or objections must be dated and signed by the requester and shall include the current address and telephone number of the requester or the requester’s representative.

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129—2.7(8B,17A,22) Consent to disclosure by the subject of a confidential record. To the extent permitted by any applicable provision of law, a person who is the subject of a confidential record may have a copy of the portion of that record concerning the subject disclosed to a third party. A request for such a disclosure must be in writing and must identify the particular record or records that may be disclosed, the particular person or class of persons to whom the record may be disclosed and, where applicable, the time period during which the record may be disclosed. The person who is the subject of the record and, where applicable, the person to whom the record is to be disclosed may be required to provide proof of identity. Additional requirements may be necessary for special classes of records.
Appearance of counsel before the office on behalf of a person who is the subject of a confidential record is deemed to constitute consent for the office to disclose records about that person to the person’s attorney. [ARC 2542C, IAB 5/25/16, effective 6/29/16]

129—2.8(8B,17A,22) Disclosures without the consent of the subject.

2.8(1) Open records are routinely disclosed without the consent of the subject.

2.8(2) To the extent allowed by law, disclosure of confidential records may occur without the consent of the subject. Following are instances where disclosure, if lawful, will generally occur without notice to the subject:

a. For a routine use as defined in rule 129—2.9(8B,17A,22) or in the notice for a particular record system.

b. To a recipient who has provided the office with advance written assurance that the record will be used solely as a statistical research or reporting record, provided that the record is transferred in a form that does not identify the subject.

c. To another government agency or to an instrumentality of any governmental jurisdiction within or under the control of the United States for a civil or criminal law enforcement activity if the activity is authorized by law, and if an authorized representative of such government agency or instrumentality has submitted a written request to the office specifying the record desired and the law enforcement activity for which the record is sought.

d. To an individual pursuant to a showing of compelling circumstances affecting the health or safety of any individual if a notice of the disclosure is transmitted to the last-known address of the subject.

e. To the legislative services agency.

f. Disclosures in the course of employee disciplinary proceedings.

g. In response to a court order or subpoena. [ARC 2542C, IAB 5/25/16, effective 6/29/16]

129—2.9(8B,17A,22) Routine use.

2.9(1) “Routine use” means the disclosure of a record without the consent of the subject or subjects for a purpose which is compatible with the purpose for which the record was collected. It includes disclosures required to be made by statute other than the public records law, Iowa Code chapter 22.

2.9(2) To the extent allowed by law, the following uses are considered routine uses of all office records:

a. Disclosure to those officers, employees, and agents of the office who have a need for the record in the performance of their duties. The custodian of the record may, upon request of any officer or employee, or on the custodian’s own initiative, determine what constitutes a legitimate need to use confidential records.

b. Disclosure of information indicating an apparent violation of the law to appropriate law enforcement authorities for investigation and possible criminal prosecution, civil court action, or regulatory order.

c. Disclosure to the department of inspections and appeals for matters in which it is performing services or functions on behalf of the office.

d. Transfers of information within the office, to other state agencies, or to local units of government as appropriate to administer the program for which the information is collected.

e. Information released to staff of federal and state entities for audit purposes or for purposes of determining whether the office is operating a program lawfully.

f. Any disclosure specifically authorized by the statute under which the record was collected or maintained.

g. Disclosure to the public and news media of pleadings, motions, orders, final decisions, and informal settlements filed in contested case proceedings before the office.

h. Transmittal to the district court of the record in a contested case before the office, pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.19(6), regardless of whether the hearing was open or closed. [ARC 2542C, IAB 5/25/16, effective 6/29/16]
129—2.10(8B,17A,22) Consensual disclosure of confidential records.

2.10(1) Consent to disclosure by a subject individual. To the extent permitted by law, the subject may consent in writing to the office’s disclosure of confidential records as provided in rule 129—2.7(8B,17A,22).

2.10(2) Complaints to public officials. A letter from a subject of a confidential record to a public official which seeks the official’s intervention on behalf of the subject in a matter that involves the office may, to the extent permitted by law, be treated as an authorization to release sufficient information about the subject to the official to resolve the matter.

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129—2.11(8B,17A,22) Release to subject.

2.11(1) The subject of a confidential record may file a written request to review confidential records about that person as provided in rule 129—2.6(8B,17A,22). However, the office need not release the following records to the subject:

a. The identity of a person providing information to the office need not be disclosed directly or indirectly to the subject of the information when the information is authorized to be held confidential pursuant to Iowa Code section 22.7(18) or other provision of law.

b. Records need not be disclosed to the subject when they are the work product of an attorney or are otherwise privileged.

c. Peace officers’ investigative reports may be withheld from the subject, except as required by the Iowa Code.

d. As otherwise authorized by law.

2.11(2) Where a record has multiple subjects with interest in the confidentiality of the record, the office may take reasonable steps to protect confidential information relating to another subject.

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129—2.12(8B,17A,22) Availability of records.

2.12(1) General. Office records are open for public inspection and copying unless otherwise provided by rule or law.

2.12(2) Confidential records. The following records may be withheld from public inspection.

Records are listed by category, according to the legal basis for withholding them from public inspection.

a. The office is a depository for the records of other public bodies. Records are maintained on paper, audiotape, and microform, and in electronic information storage and media systems. Although these records are in the physical possession of the office, the responsibility for compliance with Iowa Code chapter 22 remains with the “lawful custodian.” The public body requesting creation or storage of the record by the office is the lawful custodian (see Iowa Code section 22.1, definition of “lawful custodian”). All such records are confidentially maintained while in the possession of the office. Requests for access to any such records must be directed to the lawful custodian. In the event the office receives a request for access to any such records, the office may, in its discretion, direct the person making such a request to the lawful custodian of the subject records, or forward such request to the lawful custodian of the subject records. Additionally, any records maintained by the office concerning the content, location, or disposition of such records are confidential in order to maintain security for access to confidential records pursuant to Iowa Code section 22.7.

b. Records which are exempt from disclosure under Iowa Code section 22.7.

c. Sealed bids received prior to the time set for public opening of bids. (Iowa Code section 72.3)

d. Procurement proposals prior to completion of the evaluation process and the issuance of a notice of intent to award a contract by the appropriate procurement authority. (11—subrule 117.19(3), Iowa Administrative Code)

e. Tax records made available to the office. (Iowa Code sections 422.20 and 422.72)

f. Minutes or audio recordings of closed meetings of a government body. (Iowa Code section 21.5(4))

g. Identifying details in final orders, decisions, and opinions to the extent required to prevent a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or trade secrets under Iowa Code section 17A.3(1)“e.”
h. Those portions of office staff manuals, instructions, or other statements issued which set forth criteria or guidelines to be used by office staff in auditing, in making inspections, in settling commercial disputes or negotiating commercial arrangements, or in the selection or handling of cases, such as operational tactics or allowable tolerances of criteria for the defense, prosecution, or settlement of cases, when disclosure of these statements would:
   (1) Enable law violators to avoid detection;
   (2) Facilitate disregard of requirements imposed by law; or
   (3) Give a clearly improper advantage to persons who are in an adverse position to the office. (Iowa Code sections 17A.2(11)“f” and 17A.3(1)“d”)

i. Records which constitute attorney work products or attorney-client communications or which are otherwise privileged pursuant to Iowa Code section 22.7(4), 622.10 or 622.11, state and federal rules of evidence or procedure, the Code of Professional Responsibility, and case law.

j. Computer resource security files containing names, identifiers, and passwords of users of computer resources. Such files must be kept confidential to maintain security for access to confidential records pursuant to Iowa Code section 22.7. (Iowa Code section 22.7(50))

k. Data or information collected for the purpose of assessing, analyzing, measuring, preparing for, or responding to suspected, potential, or actual information security threats. (Iowa Code section 22.7(50))

l. Data or information collected for the purpose of assessing, analyzing, or classifying the severity of, nature of, ability to remediate, or ability to migrate data. (Iowa Code section 22.7(50))

m. Detailed security audit information. Such information includes but is not limited to security assessment reports; information directly related to vulnerability assessments; information contained in records relating to security measures such as security and response plans, security codes and combinations, passwords, restricted area passes, keys, and security or response procedures; emergency response protocols; and information contained in records that if disclosed would significantly increase the vulnerability of critical physical systems or infrastructures of the office. (Iowa Code section 22.7(50))

n. Information security data, information security proposals, or information security assessments compiled, prepared, or developed by a governmental body, or compiled, prepared, or developed by a nongovernment body and used by a governmental body pursuant to a contractual relationship with the nongovernment body. (Iowa Code section 22.7(50))

o. Data processing software, as defined in Iowa Code section 22.3A, which is developed by a government body, or developed by a nongovernment body and used by a governmental body pursuant to a contractual relationship with the nongovernment body. (Iowa Code section 22.3A(2)“a”)

p. Log-on identification passwords, Internet protocol addresses, private keys, or other records containing information which might lead to the disclosure of private keys used in a digital signature or other similar technologies as provided in Iowa Code chapter 554D.

q. Records which if disclosed might jeopardize the security of an electronic transaction pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 554D.

r. Any other records made confidential by law.

2.12(3) Authority to release confidential records. The office may have discretion to disclose some confidential records which are exempt from disclosure under Iowa Code section 22.7 or other law. Any person may request permission to inspect records withheld from inspection under a statute which authorizes limited or discretionary disclosure as provided in rule 129—2.4(8B,17A,22). If the office initially determines that it will release such records, the office may where appropriate notify interested parties and withhold the records from inspection as provided in subrule 2.4(3).

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129—2.13(8B,17A,22) Personally identifiable information. This rule describes the nature and extent of personally identifiable information which is collected, maintained, and retrieved by the office by personal identifier in record systems as defined in rule 129—2.1(8B,17A,22). Unless otherwise stated, the authority to maintain the record is provided by Iowa Code chapter 8B.
2.13(1) Retrieval. Personal identifiers may be used to retrieve information from any of the systems of records that the office maintains that contain personally identifiable information.

2.13(2) Means of storage. Paper, microfilm, microfiche, and various electronic means of storage are used to store records containing personally identifiable information.

2.13(3) Comparison. Electronic or manual data processing may be used to match, to collate, or to compare personally identifiable information in one system with personally identifiable information in another system of records or with personally identifiable information within the same system.

2.13(4) Comparison with data from outside the office. Personally identifiable information in systems of records maintained by the office is retrievable through the use of personal identifiers and may be compared with information from outside the office when specified by law.

2.13(5) Nature and extent. All of the record systems listed in subrule 2.13(6) contain personally identifiable information concerning matters such as income and social security numbers.

2.13(6) Record systems with personally identifiable retrieval. The office maintains other public bodies’ systems or records that contain personally identifiable and confidential information. The legal authority for the collection of the information is with the public body of record for that system. The following record systems contain personally identifiable information:

a. Personnel files. The office maintains files containing information about employees and applicants for positions with the office. The files include payroll records, performance reviews and evaluations, disciplinary information, information required for tax withholding, information concerning employee benefits, affirmative action reports, and other information concerning the employer-employee relationship. Some of this information is confidential under Iowa Code section 22.7(11).

b. Telephone directory of state employees. The office maintains a telephone directory of state employees. The directory contains names, department names, business addresses and telephone numbers. The publication also includes private industry information and advertising containing business names, addresses and telephone numbers. This record is stored on both paper and electronically.

c. Contracts. These are records pertaining to training, consultants, and other services. These records are collected in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 8B, and portions are confidential records under Iowa Code section 22.7.

These records contain names, social security numbers, and other identifying numbers and are collected in the form of paper, microfilm, tape, and electronic records. Electronic records permit the comparison of personally identifiable information in one record system with that in another system.

d. Vendor files. The office maintains files of vendors eligible to do business with the state of Iowa. Files may contain applications, vendor information booklets, vendor codes, commodity codes, minority-owned vendor identification information, and mailing lists. Records are stored on paper and electronically.

e. Litigation files. These files or records contain information regarding litigation or anticipated litigation, which includes judicial and administrative proceedings. The records include briefs, depositions, docket sheets, documents, correspondence, attorney notes, memoranda, research materials, witness information, investigation materials, information compiled under the direction of the attorney and case management records. The files contain materials which are confidential as attorney work product and attorney-client communications. Some materials are confidential under other applicable provisions of law or because of a court order. Persons wishing to obtain copies of pleadings and other documents filed in litigation should obtain these from the clerk of the appropriate court which maintains the official copy.

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129—2.14(8B,17A,22) Other groups of records. This rule describes groups of records maintained by the office other than record systems as defined in rule 129—2.14(8B,17A,22). These records are routinely available to the public. However, the office’s files of these records may contain confidential information. In addition, the records listed in rule 129—2.13(8B,17A,22) may contain information about individuals. All records are stored on paper and in automated data processing systems unless otherwise noted.
2.14(1) Rule-making records. Rule-making records are official documents executed during the promulgation of office rules and public comments. Rule-making records may contain information about individuals making written or oral comments on proposed rules. This information is collected pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.4. This information is not generally stored in an automated data processing system, although rule-making dockets may be found on the office’s Web site.

2.14(2) Rule-making initiatives. The office maintains both paper and electronic records on rule-making initiatives in accordance with Executive Order Numbers 8 and 9 signed September 14, 1999.

2.14(3) Board and commission records. Agendas, minutes, and materials presented to boards and commissions within the office are available from the office except those records which concern closed sessions and are exempt from disclosure under Iowa Code section 21.5(4) or which are otherwise confidential by law. These records may contain information about individuals who participate in meetings. This information is collected pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.3. These records may also be stored on audiotapes. This information is not stored in an automated data processing system, although minutes and other information may be found on the office’s Web site.

2.14(4) Publications. News releases, annual reports, project reports, office newsletters, and other publications are available from the office. Office news releases, project reports, and newsletters may contain information about individuals, including office staff or members of office councils or committees. This information is not stored in an automated data processing system, although some office publications may be found on the office’s Web site.

2.14(5) Appeal decisions and advisory opinions. All final orders, decisions and opinions are open to the public except for information that is confidential according to rule 129—2.5(8B,17A,22) or subrule 2.12(2). These records, collected under the authority of Iowa Code chapter 8B, may contain confidential information about individuals.

2.14(6) Published materials or manuals. The office uses many legal and technical publications in its work. The public may inspect these publications upon request. Some of these materials may be protected by copyright laws.

2.14(7) Mailing lists and contact lists. The office maintains lists including names, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of state employees, commission members, officials in government of other states, and members of the general public. These lists may be used for distribution of informational material, such as newsletters, policy directives, or educational bulletins. These lists are also used to provide contacts for coordination of services or as reference information sources.

2.14(8) Authorized user lists. The office maintains a list of persons authorized to use the office’s online services.

2.14(9) Bid/purchasing process. The office maintains records of specifications, proposals, bid documents, awards, contracts, agreements, leases, performance bonds, requisitions, purchase orders, printing orders, supply orders, and correspondence.

2.14(10) Project files. The office maintains plans, specifications, contracts, studies, drawings, photos, requests for services, lease/rental files, 28E agreements, and facilities records.

2.14(11) Property/equipment files. The office maintains records of inventory, assignments, distribution, maintenance, requests, operations, shipping/receiving reports, and adjustments.

2.14(12) Data processing files. Data processing files include operations logs, database user requests, job number maintenance/updates, data entry format books, integrated data dictionaries, computer output form designations, system software, hardware/software configurations, problem determination/resolution records, and incident reports.

2.14(13) Administrative records. Administrative records include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Reports: weekly, monthly, annual, biennial, statistical, analysis, activity.

b. Correspondence: public, interagency, internal.

c. Policies and procedures.

d. Organizational charts or tables of authorized positions.

e. Memberships: professional/technical organizations.
f. Budget and financial records.
g. Accounting records: accounts receivable, accounts payable, receipts, invoices, claims, vouchers, office billings.
h. Requisitions of equipment and supplies.
i. Time sheets.
j. Purchasing documents and records.

2.14(14) Legislative files. Legislative files include pending bills, enrolled bills, legislative proposals, and copies of amendments.

2.14(15) Printing files. Printing files include print requisitions, plates, negatives, samples, typesetting, artwork, and production logs.

2.14(16) Waivers and variances. Requests for waivers and variances, office proceedings and rulings on such requests, and reports prepared for the administrative rules review committee and others.

2.14(17) General correspondence, reciprocity agreements with other states, and cooperative agreements and memorandums of understanding with other agencies.

2.14(18) All other records. Records are open if not exempted from disclosure by law.

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129—2.15(8B,17A,22) Data processing systems comparison. Some of the data processing systems used by the office permit the comparison of personally identifiable information in one record system with personally identifiable information in another record system.

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129—2.16(8B,17A,22) Applicability. This chapter does not:

1. Require the office to index or retrieve records which contain information about individuals by a person’s name or other personal identifier.
2. Make available to the general public records which would otherwise not be available under the public records law, Iowa Code chapter 22.
3. Govern the maintenance or disclosure of, notification of, or access to records in the possession of the office which are governed by the regulations of another agency.
4. Apply to grantees, including local governments or subdivisions thereof, administering state-funded programs, unless otherwise provided by law or agreement.
5. Make available records compiled by the office in reasonable anticipation of court litigation or formal administrative proceedings. The availability of such records to the general public or to any subject individual or party to such litigation or proceedings shall be governed by applicable legal and constitutional principles, statutes, rules of discovery, evidentiary privileges, and applicable regulations of the office.

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129—2.17(8B,17A,22) Notice to suppliers of information. When the office requests a person to supply information about that person, the office shall notify the person of the use that will be made of the information, which persons outside the office might routinely be provided this information, which parts of the requested information are required and which are optional, and the consequences of a failure to provide the information requested. This notice may be given in these rules, on the written form used to collect the information, on a separate fact sheet or letter, in brochures, in formal agreements, in contracts, in handbooks, in manuals, verbally, or by other appropriate means.

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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 8B, 17A, and 22.

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