

875—70.12(21,22,89A) Availability of records.

70.12(1) General. Agency records are open for public inspection and copying unless otherwise provided by rule or law.

70.12(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. Personal information in confidential personnel records of board members and licensees. (Iowa Code section 22.7(11))

b. Minutes and tapes of closed meetings of the board. (Iowa Code section 21.5(4))

c. Information or records received from a restricted source and any other information or records made confidential by law.

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

e. 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.”

70.12(3) Authority to release confidential records. The agency 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 875—70.4(22,89). If the agency initially determines that it will release such records, the agency may, where appropriate, notify interested parties and withhold the records from inspection as provided in subrule 70.4(3).