

**189—25.13(17A,22) Availability of records.**

**25.13(1) *Open records.*** Agency records are open for public inspection and copying unless otherwise provided by rule or law.

**25.13(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.* Tax records made available to the agency. (Iowa Code sections 422.72 and 422.20)  
*b.* Records which are exempt from disclosure under Iowa Code section 22.7.  
*c.* Minutes of closed meetings of a government body. (Iowa Code subsection 21.5(4))  
*d.* 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 subsection 17A.3(1) “d.”

*e.* Those portions of agency staff manuals, instructions or other statements issued which set forth criteria or guidelines to be used by agency 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 or 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 agency. (See Iowa Code sections 17A.2 and 17A.3)

*f.* All papers, documents, reports, reports of examinations and other writings relating specifically to the supervision and regulation of any state credit union or other person by the superintendent of credit unions pursuant to the laws of this state. (Iowa Code section 533.60)

*g.* Reports of examinations conducted by the superintendent of credit unions and reports of examinations received by or furnished to the superintendent of credit unions pursuant to Iowa Code section 533.6(2).

*h.* Information and material in the public file of applications filed with the superintendent pursuant to rule 2.12(17A) deemed by the superintendent to be confidential.

*i.* All information obtained by examiners and described in Iowa Code section 533.60.

*j.* All applications, reports, materials, documents, information and other writings obtained from the National Credit Union Administration or authorized account insurer (Iowa Code section 533.64), Federal Reserve Bank, Comptroller of the Currency or any agency of the United States government which would cause the denial of services or information to the agency. (Iowa Code section 22.9; the Privacy Act of 1974, (U.S.C. 522a), and Part 790 of the National Credit Union Administration Rules and Regulations, 12 CFR 790, August 1987)

*k.* Those personnel records which are confidential under Iowa Code sections 22.7(11), 19A.9 and 19A.15.

*l.* Records which constitute attorney work product, attorney-client communications, or which are otherwise privileged. Attorney work product is confidential under Iowa Code sections 22.7(4), 622.10 and 622.11, Iowa R.C.P. 122(c), Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(3), and case law. Attorney-client communications are confidential under Iowa Code sections 622.10 and 622.11, the rules of evidence, the Code of Professional Responsibility, and case law.

*m.* Any other information made confidential by law.

**25.13(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 25.4(17A,22). 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 25.4(3).