

Training Calendar

Introduction:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP Act) training is available to support public bodies in the effective administration of the legislation.

Who:

Courses can be taken by any employee of a public body as defined by s. 1(p) and (e) of the FOIP Act. This includes anyone who is a *volunteer, appointee or student* performing a service for a public body or a person in a *contract or agency relationship* with a public body. Public bodies include:

Government of Alberta	Municipalities
Métis settlements	Housing management bodies
School Jurisdictions	Post-secondary institutions
Public libraries	Police services & commissions
Health care bodies	Drainage districts

When:

Courses are scheduled September through May each year. Onsite courses can be booked any time at the mutual convenience of the public body and Service Alberta. The online course can be taken any time.

Where:

Courses are held in Edmonton and Calgary throughout the year (See "Instructor-led Training Schedule"). As well, any of the four courses can be delivered onsite (contact Service Alberta for more information or to book an onsite course).

What:

There are four instructor-led courses and one online course developed by Service Alberta, the department responsible for the province-wide administration of the FOIP Act. A Certificate of Completion is provided for each course.

Why:

Courses are designed to give employees of public bodies an awareness of the FOIP Act and their obligations under it. The more in-depth courses are designed to prepare employees who are responsible for the administration of the FOIP Act for their public body the knowledge and tools to be successful.

Instructor-led Training - Overview:

General Awareness:

This is a half day course designed to provide a broad overview of the basic concepts of access to information and protection of privacy as well as the impact of the FOIP Act on public bodies.

Audience: employees not responsible for administering the FOIP Act for their public body but who need to have a general knowledge about how the FOIP Act works.

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$140

Introduction and Privacy Day 1:

This is a full day course that provides an in-depth introduction to the FOIP Act focusing on the protection of privacy provisions. Participants will gain an understanding about the obligations public bodies have when collecting, using, disclosing, storing and disposing of personal information.

Audience: New FOIP Coordinators and employees whose jobs require them to deal with personal information on a regular basis.

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$220

Access to Information Day 2:

This is a full day course that provides a comprehensive look at the right of access under the FOIP Act. Participants will gain an understanding about the principals of access and the current interpretation and application of exceptions to disclosure. Participation in exercises and a case study will provide practice in applying the principals and concepts learned.

Audience: New FOIP Coordinators and employees deal with access to information requests and decisions on routine disclosure on a regular basis.

Prerequisite: Day 1

Cost: \$220

Managing a FOIP Program Day 3:

This is a full day course that provides an overview of the requirements for an effective FOIP program within a public body. Topics covered include managing the access request process, developing policies and procedures for protection of privacy, due diligence exercises such as Privacy Impact Assessments, and preparing for reviews and investigations by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Audience: New FOIP Coordinators or managers responsible for the FOIP Act within their public body.

Prerequisite: Day 2

Cost: \$220

Onsite Training:

Any of the instructor-led training courses can be given at your workplace. There is no minimum number of participants, but, we recommend no more than 20-25 to allow for discussion and maximize participation.

If your public body only has a few participants interested in an onsite training session, you may wish to get together with other public bodies in your region and book a joint session to share costs.

Cost:

Half-day session: \$1,750*

Full-day session: \$2,950*

*Plus GST and/or travel expenses, if applicable.

Instructor-led Training Schedule

COURSE	DATE	LOCATION
Introduction and Privacy	September 25, 2017	Edmonton
Access to Information	September 26, 2017	Edmonton
Managing a FOIP Program	September 27, 2017	Edmonton
General Awareness (PM)	October 04, 2017	Calgary
Introduction and Privacy	October 24, 2017	Calgary
Access to Information	October 25, 2017	Calgary
Managing a FOIP Program	October 26, 2017	Calgary
Introduction and Privacy	November 07, 2017	Edmonton
Introduction and Privacy	November 28, 2017	Edmonton
Access to Information	November 29, 2017	Edmonton
Managing a FOIP Program	November 30, 2017	Edmonton
Introduction and Privacy	January 23, 2018	Edmonton
Access to Information	January 24, 2018	Edmonton
Managing a FOIP Program	January 25, 2018	Edmonton
General Awareness (PM)	CANCELLED	Calgary
General Awareness (PM)	CANCELLED	Edmonton
Introduction and Privacy	April 24, 2018	Calgary
Access to Information	April 25, 2018	Calgary
Managing a FOIP Program	April 26, 2018	Calgary
Introduction and Privacy	CANCELLED	Edmonton
Introduction and Privacy	May 15, 2018	Edmonton
Access to Information	May 16, 2018	Edmonton
Managing a FOIP Program	May 17, 2018	Edmonton

Need Help?

For more information about how to register and pay for the scheduled courses, or space availability contact, or for more information about the course content, concerns, or booking an onsite session at your workplace contact:

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Did You Know?

Service Alberta also has an **online awareness course** for the FOIP Act.

FOIP: Focus on Privacy, is an interactive course designed to give a basic overview of information and privacy and the FOIP Act. It should take about one to two hours to complete, and is a self-assessment tool. There is an option to print a certificate at the end of the quiz part of the course, and this must be done at the time you take the course. You do not need to register in this course and it is available for anyone to take, any time.

To take the course, go to Service Alberta's FOIP Act website's [Online Training](#) page.

Edmonton	Calgary
University of Alberta Lister Centre, Alberta Room 11613 – 87 Avenue NW Edmonton AB T6G 2H6 Map and Directions	TBD

Course Times:	General Awareness:	1:00 pm to 4:30 pm
	Full day courses:	8:30 am to 4:30 pm

How to Register in Instructor-led Scheduled Courses

Participants may register in any of the scheduled courses if:

- They are an employee of a public body. *Remember, this includes: volunteers, appointees, agents, contractors and students of a public body.*
- They have any necessary prerequisites completed with the last year.

To **register online** through the MyAlberta eServices page:

GST Exempt: <https://eservices.alberta.ca/foip-act-training-no-gst.html>

You will need your GST Exemption number to register.

Not GST Exempt: <https://eservices.alberta.ca/foip-act-training-with-gst.html>

Regarding any questions:

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After Registration

Participants will receive a confirmation of registration and provide details of about the course. If the course you want to take is full, you will be notified when the next scheduled course is available.

Cancellations or Substitutions

If there are less than 11 participants, the scheduled course will be cancelled. You will be notified if you are registered in a cancelled course and discuss options for moving your registration to another scheduled course.

Please register early to avoid cancellation of courses!

If you need to cancel your registration, the cancellation deadline is **14 calendar days prior to the date of the scheduled course.**

Refunds will only be provided if written notice is received prior to the cancellation deadline. After this, participants may send a substitute in their place, or choose another eligible course in the current FOIP Training Calendar.