

Interim FOI time extension framework

under Section 10(2)(b) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

How long could my request take?

Extension of time limits by page volume under FIPPA s. 10(2)(b)*

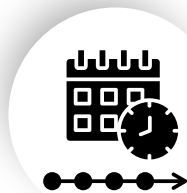
Estimated page volume	Cumulative number of business days
Any number of pages	30 days - initial FIPPA s. 7(1) time limit
Less than 500	60 days - FIPPA s. 10(1) public body extension*
FIPPA s. 10(2) OIPC time extension	
500-1000	0-60
1000-1500	60-120
1500-2000	120-180
2000-2500	180-240
2500+	Case by case, based on estimated processing times.**

* If a s. 10(1) extension has not been taken by a PB and they are eligible for it, then up to 30 days may be added to the days granted in this table.

** Time extensions may be granted up to 250 days; if additional time is required the public body must request a subsequent time extension.

Note: Delegates of the Commissioner continue to have the discretion to consider factors other than large page volume (such as multiple records formats, required consultations, and sensitivity of personal information) when permitting a time extension.

What's new?



REALISTIC TIMELINES

Applicants will receive clearer processing timelines upfront, providing greater transparency about when they can expect their records.



REDUCED NEED FOR REPEATED EXTENSIONS

Public bodies may now receive an extension up to 250 days, based on estimated page volume and relevant factors – reducing repeated requests.



REGULAR PROCESS UPDATES

At 125 days and every 6 months after, public bodies must update applicants on number of pages gathered and reviewed.



PHASED RELEASE OF RECORDS

Where possible, public bodies are encouraged to release records in phases rather than waiting until all records are fully processed.