



May 2023

Mr Tyler Scott

By email: foi+request-10204-609ccd8d@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Scott

Re: Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request received by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the department) on 28 April 2023 for access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) to:

... the template of the Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage (CNI), in Portuguese issued by the Australian Embassy in Lisbon upon successful completion of application for certificate of no impediment to marriage by an Australian citizen (for someone to get married in Portugal).

... the CNI issued in Portuguese (exact wording) to Australian citizens. Please also release if exists different templates (exact wording) based on how an applicant (Australian citizen) answers question 8 on CNI application form - have you been married before?

... the current application CNI as part of this request although it is available on the Australian Embassy in Lisbon's website.

I have identified documents relevant to your request and after careful consideration, I have decided to grant you access to the documents in full. The documents within scope of parts 1 to 2 of your request are attached to this letter and the document within the scope of part 3 of your request can be accessed at [Application for Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage \(CNI\) \(embassy.gov.au\)](https://embassy.gov.au).

Reasons

I am an officer authorised under [section 23 of the FOI Act](#) to make decisions in relation to FOI requests.

In making my decision I have taken into account:

- the terms of your request;
- the documents that fall within the scope of your request, including the applicant form already available on the department's website;
- the FOI Act; and
- the guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the FOI Act (FOI Guidelines).

Review rights

Information about your review rights is set out in the **Attachment** for your reference.

Contact

Should you have any queries regarding this matter please contact the Freedom of Information Section by email (foi@dfat.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

Rosemary Morris-Castico
Assistant Secretary
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Your review rights

Internal review

You may apply for internal review of the decision within 30 days of the date of this letter (section 54 of the FOI Act). Where possible, please attach reasons why you believe review of the decision is necessary. The internal review will be carried out by another officer within 30 days. Any request for internal review should be directed via email to foi@dfat.gov.au or addressed to:

Freedom of Information Section
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
R G Casey Building
John McEwen Crescent
Barton ACT 0221
Australia

Australian Information Commissioner

You may apply within 60 days of the date of this letter to the Australian Information Commissioner to review my decision (section 54L of the FOI Act). You may also make a complaint to the Australian Information Commissioner about the Department's actions in relation to this decision (section 70 of the FOI Act). Making such a complaint about the way the Department has handled your FOI request is a separate process to seeking review of my decision.

Further information on applying for an Australian Information Commissioner review is available at:

<https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-review-process>

Further information about how to make a complaint is available at:

<http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/foi-complaints>