

**Important Notice**

The last page of this form contains important information related to your rights concerning government records. Please read it carefully.

**Requestor Information – Please Print**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Delivery: Pick Up \_\_\_\_\_ US Mail \_\_\_\_\_ On-Site Inspect \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are requesting records containing personal information, please circle one:** Under penalty of N.J.S.A. 2C:28-3, I certify that I **HAVE / HAVE NOT** been convicted of any indictable offense under the laws of New Jersey, any other state, or the United States.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information**

Maximum Authorization Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Select Payment Method

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_

Fees: Letter size pages - \$0.05 per page  
 Legal size pages - \$0.07 per page  
 Other materials (CD, DVD, etc) – actual cost of material  
 Delivery: Delivery / postage fees additional depending upon delivery type.

Extras: Special service charge dependent upon request.

**Record Request Information:** Please be as specific as possible in describing the records being requested. Also, please note that your preferred method of delivery will only be accommodated if the custodian has the technological means and the integrity of the records will not be jeopardized by such method of delivery.

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Est. Document Cost	_____
Est. Delivery Cost	_____
Est. Extras Cost	_____
Total Est. Cost	_____
Deposit Amount	_____
Estimated Balance	_____
Deposit Date	_____

**Disposition Notes**  
 Custodian: If any part of request cannot be delivered in seven business days, detail reasons here.

In Progress - Open \_\_\_\_\_  
 Denied - Closed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Filled - Closed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Partial - Closed \_\_\_\_\_

Tracking Information		Final Cost	
Tracking #	_____	Total	_____
Rec'd Date	_____	Deposit	_____
Ready Date	_____	Balance Due	_____
Total Pages	_____	Balance Paid	_____
<b>Records Provided</b>			
_____		_____	
<b>Custodian Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	

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## DEPOSITS

The custodian may require a deposit against costs for reproducing documents sought through an anonymous request whenever the custodian anticipates that the documents requested will cost in excess of \$5 to reproduce.

Where a special service charge is warranted under OPRA, that amount will be communicated to you as required under the statute. You have the opportunity to review and object to the charge prior to it being incurred. If, however, you approve of the fact and amount of the special service charge, you may be required to pay a deposit or pay in full prior to reproduction of the documents.

### **YOUR REQUEST FOR RECORDS IS DENIED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON(S):**

(To be completed by the Custodian of Records – check the box of the numbered exemption(s) as they apply to the records requested. If multiple records are requested, be specific as to which exemption(s) apply to each record. **Response is due to requestor as soon as possible, but no later than seven business days.**)

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#### **N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1**

- Inter-agency or intra-agency advisory, consultative or deliberative material
- Legislative records
- Law enforcement records:
  - Medical examiner photos
  - Criminal investigatory records (however, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-3.b. lists specific criminal investigatory information which must be disclosed)
  - Victims' records
- Trade secrets and proprietary commercial or financial information
- Any record within the attorney-client privilege
- Administrative or technical information regarding computer hardware, software and networks which, if disclosed would jeopardize computer security
- Emergency or security information or procedures for any buildings or facility which, if disclosed, would jeopardize security of the building or facility or persons therein
- Security measures and surveillance techniques which, if disclosed, would create a risk to the safety of persons, property, electronic data or software
- Information which, if disclosed, would give an advantage to competitors or bidders
- Information generated by or on behalf of public employers or public employees in connection with:
  - Any sexual harassment complaint filed with a public employer
  - Any grievance filed by or against an employee
  - Collective negotiations documents and statements of strategy or negotiating
- Information that is a communication between a public agency and its insurance carrier, administrative service organization or risk management office
- Information that is to be kept confidential pursuant to court order
- Certificate of honorable discharge issued by the United States government (Form DD-214) filed with a public agency
- Social security numbers
- Credit card numbers
- Unlisted telephone numbers
- Drivers' license numbers
- Certain records of higher education institutions:
  - Research records
  - Questions or scores for exam for employment or academics
  - Charitable contribution information
  - Rare book collections gifted for limited access
  - Admission applications
  - Student records, grievances or disciplinary proceedings revealing a students' identification
- Biotechnology trade secrets N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.2
- Convicts requesting their victims' records N.J.S.A. 47:1A-2.2
- Ongoing investigations of non-law enforcement agencies (must prove disclosure is inimical to the public interest) N.J.S.A. 47:1A-3.a.
- Public defender records N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.k.
- Upholds exemptions contained in other State or federal statutes and regulations, Executive Orders, Rules of Court, and privileges created by State Constitution, statute, court rule or judicial case law N.J.S.A. 47:1A-9
- Personnel and pension records (however, the following information must be disclosed:
  - An individual's name, title, position, salary, payroll record, length of service, date of separation and the reason for such separation, and the amount and type of any pension received
  - When required to be disclosed by another law, when disclosure is essential to the performance of official duties of a person duly authorized by this State or the US, or when authorized by an individual in interest
  - Data contained in information which disclose conformity with specific experiential, educational or medical qualifications required for government employment or for receipt of a public pension, but not including any detailed medical or psychological information N.J.S.A. 47:1A-10

#### **N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1**

- "a public agency has a responsibility and an obligation to safeguard from public access a citizen's personal information with which it has been entrusted when disclosure thereof would violate the citizen's reasonable expectation of privacy."

1. All government records are subject to public access under the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA"), unless specifically exempt.
2. A request for access to a government record under OPRA must be in writing, hand-delivered, mailed, transmitted electronically, or otherwise conveyed to the appropriate custodian. N.J.S.A.47:1A-5.g. The seven (7) business day response time does not commence until the records custodian receives the request form. If you submit the request form to any other officer or employee of the Passaic County Community College, that officer or employee must either forward the request to the appropriate custodian, or direct you to the appropriate custodian. N.J.S.A.47:1A-5.h.
3. Requestors may submit requests anonymously. If you elect not to provide a name, address, or telephone number, or other means of contact, the custodian is not required to respond until you reappear before the custodian seeking a response to the original request.
4. The fees for duplication of a government record in printed form are listed on the front of this form. We will notify you of any special service charges or other additional charges authorized by State law or regulation before processing your request. Payment shall be made by cash, check or money order payable to the Passaic County Community College.
5. You may be charged a 50% or other deposit when a request for copies exceeds \$25. The Passaic County Community College custodian will contact you and advise you of any deposit requirements. You agree to pay the balance due upon delivery of the records. Anonymous requests in excess of \$5.00 require a deposit of 100% of estimated fees.
6. Under OPRA, a custodian must deny access to a person who has been convicted of an indictable offense in New Jersey, any other state, or the United States, and who is seeking government records containing personal information pertaining to the person's victim or the victim's family. This includes anonymous requests for said information.
7. By law, the Passaic County Community College must notify you that it grants or denies a request for access to government records within seven (7) business days after the agency custodian of records receives the request. If the record requested is not currently available or is in storage, the custodian will advise you within seven (7) business days after receipt of the request when the record can be made available and the estimated cost for reproduction.
8. You may be denied access to a government record if your request would substantially disrupt agency operations and the custodian is unable to reach a reasonable solution with you.
9. If the Passaic County Community College is unable to comply with your request for access to a government record, the custodian will indicate the reasons for denial on the request form or other written correspondence and send you a signed and dated copy.
10. Except as otherwise provided by law or by agreement with the requester, if the agency custodian of records fails to respond to you within seven (7) business days of receiving a request, the failure to respond is a deemed denial of your request.
11. If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfiled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Passaic County Community College to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council ("GRC") by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at PO Box 819, Trenton, NJ, 08625, by e-mail at [grc@dca.state.nj.us](mailto:grc@dca.state.nj.us), or at their web site at [www.state.nj.us/grc](http://www.state.nj.us/grc). The Council can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.
12. Information provided on this form may be subject to disclosure under the Open Public Records Act.