

# Course L053: Freedom of Information Act 2000

## COURSE DURATION:

50 minutes

## TARGET AUDIENCE:

Any employee of a public body or government department in England, Wales or Northern Ireland

## AVAILABLE IN:

- Audio
- Non-Audio

## DELIVERED VIA:

- Intranet
- Internet

The purpose of the Freedom of Information Act is to give people increased access to the wealth of information held by public bodies and government departments.

The Act further aims to encourage increased openness and enable members of the public to understand how such organisations carry out their duties, why they make the decisions they do, and how they spend public money.

This course will enable learners to understand the background to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, deal with requests for information and recognise exemptions to the Act.

## Course Content

- The purpose and aims of the Act
- The benefits and disadvantages of the Act to individuals, public bodies and government departments
- Why the Act was introduced
- The Publication Scheme
- Individual requests for information
- Dealing with a request
- Vexatious or repeated requests
- Absolute and qualified exemptions
- The public interest test

