
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 123

**The Court Files Privileged Access
Rules (Northern Ireland) 2016**

Provision of information

7.—(1) An applicant who meets the eligibility criteria set out at rule 3(1) may be provided by the Department with all information deemed eligible for release.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of rule 7(3), the Department shall review any requested court file to ensure that its release complies with the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998.

(3) The Minister may withhold the whole or part of any court file and may impose such conditions, as the Minister sees fit, on the release of the whole or part of any court file.

(4) In order for the Department to release a court file to an applicant under these Rules, the applicant shall—

- (a) attend the Office at a time agreed by the Office; and
- (b) produce photographic evidence of identity which is reasonably capable of establishing their identity.

(5) Without prejudice to the generality of rule 7(4), the Department may release a court file to an applicant by such other arrangements as the Department may determine where it appears to the Department that it is appropriate to do so.