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19/05/2025	03-25	Records relating to Premises Accreditation Scheme Standards.	Individual	04/06/2025	Part-granted.
28/02/2025	02-25	Records relating to Register of Veterinary Practitioners.	Individual	14/03/2025	Handled outside of FOI Act.
24/02/2025	01-25	Records relating to Certificate of Suitability for veterinary practice premises.	Individual	24/03/2025	Refused under section 29 (1) (a) of FOI Act - <i>Deliberations of FOI bodies.</i>
14/10/2024	09-24	Records relating to index of records held by VCI.	Individual	30/10/2024	Refused under section 15 (1) (b) of FOI Act – <i>request does not comply with section 12 (1) (b) – A person who wishes to exercise the right of access shall make a request, in writing or in such other form as may be determined, addressed to the head of the FOI body concerned for access to the record concerned containing sufficient particulars in relation to the information concerned to enable the record to be identified by the taking of reasonable steps.</i>
08/10/2024	08-24	Records relating to titre testing for vaccines.	Individual	16/10/2024	Refused under section 15 (1) (a) of FOI Act - <i>Record(s) concerned do not exist or cannot be found</i>

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24/09/2024	07-24	Records relating to Certificate of Suitability for veterinary practice premises.	Individual	16/10/2024 19/11/2024	Part-granted. Decision upheld following internal review.
10/09/2024	06-24	Records relating to Fitness to Practise Inquiries.	Individual	07/10/2024	Refused under section 29 (1) (a) of FOI Act – <i>Deliberations of FOI bodies</i> , section 30 (1) (a) – <i>Functions and negotiations of FOI bodies</i> , and section 35 (1) (a) – <i>Information obtained in confidence</i> , and section 37 (1) – <i>Personal information</i> .
17/06/2024	05-24	Records in relation to delegating acts of veterinary medicine to veterinary nurses.	Individual	11/07/2024	Part-granted.
11/06/2024	04-24	Records in relation to complaints received between January 2019 and May 2024 involving a registered veterinary practice.	Journalist	01/07/2024 08/08/2024	Part-granted. Decision upheld following internal review.
11/06/2024	03-24	Records in relation to complaints received between January 2019 and May 2024 involving wildlife crime against veterinary practitioners and veterinary practices.	Journalist	01/07/2024	Refused under section 15 (1) (a) of FOI Act - <i>Record(s) concerned do not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps have been taken.</i>

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28/05/2024	02-24	Records in relation to complaints received between January 2019 and May 2024 involving hare coursing against veterinary practitioners and veterinary practices.	Journalist	29/05/2024	Refused under section 15 (1) (a) of FOI Act - <i>Record(s) concerned do not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps have been taken.</i>
22/02/2024	01-24	Record relating to Practice Premises profiles and contact details.	Business	23/02/2024	Refused under section 15 (1) (a) of FOI Act - <i>Record(s) concerned do not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps have been taken, and 15 (1) (d) – information is already in the public domain.</i>
08/11/2023	17-23	All records relating to applications for inquiries into the fitness to practise of registered persons received by VCI in 2022.	Journalist	24/11/2023	Refused under section 30 (1) (a) of FOI Act – <i>Functions and negotiations of FOI bodies</i> and section 35 (1) (a) – <i>Information obtained in confidence.</i>
27/10/2023	16-23	Records relating to accreditation inspections of providers of veterinary nursing courses.	Individual	24/11/2023	Part-granted.
27/10/2023	15-23	Records relating to an application for an inquiry into the fitness to practise of a registered person.	Individual	09/11/2023	Part-granted.
02/11/2023	14-23	Records relating to applications for inquiries into the fitness to practise of registered persons received by VCI relating to a named veterinary practice.	Individual	14/11/2023	Refused under section 15 (1) (a) of FOI Act - <i>Record(s) concerned do not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps have been taken.</i>

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17/08/2023	13-23	Record relating to Part 7 Inquiry into the fitness to practise of a registered person.	Individual	26/09/2023	Part-granted
25/07/2023	12-23	All records relating to applications for inquiries into the fitness to practise of registered persons received by VCI in 2022.	Journalist	28/07/2023	Refused under sections 30 (1) (a) of FOI Act – <i>Functions and negotiations of FOI Bodies</i> , and 35 (1) (a) of FOI Act – <i>Information obtained in confidence</i> .
21/07/2023	11-23	Records relating to an application for an inquiry into the fitness to practise of a registered veterinary practitioner.	Individual	27/07/2023	Refused under section 15 (1) (a) of FOI Act - <i>Record(s) concerned do not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps have been taken</i> .
20/06/2023	10-23	Records relating to an application for an inquiry into the fitness to practise of a registered veterinary practitioner.	Individual	05/07/2023	Part-granted
03/04/2023	09-23	All communications between Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine and VCI from 1 January 2023 in relation to prescribing of antimicrobial and antiparasitic medicines including references to the VCI Code of Professional Conduct for Veterinary Practitioners and to the VCI Premises Accreditation Scheme.	Individual	04/05/2023	Refused under sections 15 (1) (a) of the FOI Act - <i>The record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken</i> , and section 29 (1) (a) of the FOI Act – <i>Deliberations of FOI Bodies</i> .

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24/03/2023	08-23	Records relating to an application for an inquiry into the fitness to practise of a registered veterinary practitioner.	Individual	24/04/2023	Part-granted
17/02/2023	07-23	Information relating to numbers of graduates of veterinary nursing courses and the register of veterinary nurses for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.	Individual	16/03/2023	Handled outside of FOI -request related to information as opposed to records.
15/02/2023	06-23	Records relating to election procedures of council members of the Veterinary Council of Ireland.	Individual	17/02/2023	Granted
08/02/2023	05-23	Records relating to an application for an inquiry into the fitness to practise of registered persons.	Individual	09/02/2023	Refused under and section 15 (1) (i) (i) of the FOI Act - <i>The request relates to records already released, either to the same or a previous requester where the records are available to the requester concerned.</i>
07/02/2023	04-23	Records relating to an application for an inquiry into the fitness to practise of registered persons.	Individual	09/02/2023	Refused under section 15 (1) (a) of the FOI Act - <i>The record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken, and section 15 (1) (i) (i) of the FOI Act - The request relates to records already released, either to the same or a previous requester where the records are</i>

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01/02/2023	03-23	Information relating to registered veterinary premises certification application, inspection and granting of Certificate of Suitability.	Individual	01/03/2023	Handled outside of FOI -request related to information as opposed to records.
24/01/2023	02-23	Information on procedures relating to an application for an inquiry into the fitness to practise of registered persons.	Individual	09/02/2023	Refused under section 15 (1) (a) of the FOI Act - <i>The record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken. Part of request was handled outside of FOI Act as it related to information as opposed to records.</i>
19/01/2023	01-23	Records relating to an application for an inquiry into the fitness to practise of registered persons.	Individual	09/02/2023	Refused under section 15 (1) (a) of the FOI Act - <i>The record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken, and under section 15 (1) (i) (i) of the FOI Act - The request relates to records already released, either to the same or a previous requester where the records are</i>

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21/12/2022	06-22	Information on the Veterinary Council of Ireland's expenditure on legal fees in 2020, 2021, and 2022.	Journalist	25/01/2023	Handled outside of FOI - request related to information as opposed to records.
11/10/2022	05-22	Records relating to an application for an inquiry into the fitness to practise of registered persons.	Individual	10/11/2022	Handled outside of FOI – Data Protection Act 2018
04/07/2022	04-22	Information relating to members of the Veterinary Council of Ireland employed by Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine.	Individual	07/07/2022	Refused under section 15 (1) (a) of the FOI Act - <i>The record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken.</i>
08/04/2022	03-22	Records relating to numbers of animals euthanised in Ireland from 2021 to present date.	Individual	13/04/2022	Refused under section 15 (1) (a) of the FOI Act - <i>The record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken.</i>
24/03/2022	02-22	Records relating to stakeholder submissions and legal review of draft Code of Professional Codes of Conduct for Veterinary Practitioners and Veterinary Nurses.	Individual	21/04/2022	Refused under section 31 (1) (a) of the FOI Act on basis of legal professional privilege, and under section 37 (1) of the FOI

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					Act on the basis of personal information.
01/03/2022	01-22	Records relating to communications between Veterinary Council of Ireland with government bodies with regard to provision of 24-hour-emergency cover as referred to in the Code of Professional Conduct for Veterinary Practitioners, and legal opinion as to whether a Veterinary Practitioner is open to prosecution for failing to provide such cover.	Individual	08/03/2022	Refused under section 15 (1) (a) of the FOI Act - <i>The record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken.</i>
08/08/2021	05-21	Records relating to communications between Veterinary Council of Ireland with government bodies with regard to provision of 24-hour-emergency cover as referred to in the Code of Professional Conduct for Veterinary Practitioners, and legal opinion as to whether a Veterinary Practitioner is open to prosecution for failing to provide such cover.	Individual	18/08/2021	Refused under section 31 (1) (a) of the FOI Act on basis of legal professional privilege, remaining element of request handled outside of FOI - request related to information as opposed to records.
29/06/21	04-21	Number of applications for an inquiry into a registered veterinary premises received between 2011 – 2021.	Journalist	27/07/21	Refused
30/04/21	03-21	Internal Appeal – appeal of decision to part-grant FOI request (03-21).	Individual	26/05/21	Decision upheld
22/04/21	03-21	Records relating to an application for an inquiry into the fitness to practise of a registered veterinary practitioner.	Individual	30/04/21	Part-granted
26/03/21	02-21	All documentation relating to the welfare of free-range laying hens in Ireland from January 2016 - present.	Journalist	15/01/21	Refused under Section 15 (1) of the FOI Act – <i>Record(s) concerned do not exist or cannot be found after all</i>

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04/01/21	01-21	The minutes of all VCI Council meetings held in 2020.	Journalist	1/02/21	Part-granted
15/12/21	08-20	A list of all purchase orders over €20,000 made by the Veterinary Council of Ireland during 2018, 2019 and the first three quarters of 2020.	Individual	18/01/21	Granted
4/08/20	07-20	Records relating to an application for an inquiry into the fitness to practise of a registered veterinary practitioner.	Individual	5/10/20	Granted
24/07/20	06-20	Number of applications for an inquiry made against veterinary practitioners in 2009, the date the complaint(s) were made, date full hearing(s) commenced and the date the full hearing(s) concluded.	Individual	27/08/20	Handled outside of FOI - information related to information as opposed to records.
08/07/20	05-20	Records relating to an application for an inquiry into the fitness to practise of a registered veterinary practitioner.	Individual	17/07/20	Part-granted
11/06/20	04-20	A breakdown of all applications for an inquiry received and the number of fitness to practise inquiries held since introduction of the Veterinary Practice Act in 2005.	Individual	08/07/20	Part-granted

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12/05/20	03-20	The number of dogs put down each year since 2012 at a registered veterinary premises.	Individual	19/05/20	Refused under Section 15 (1) of the FOI Act – <i>Record(s) concerned do not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps can be taken.</i>
05/05/20	02-20	Records relating to an application for an inquiry into the fitness to practise of a registered veterinary practitioner.	Individual	27/05/20	Part-granted
14/01/20	01-20	The minutes of all VCI Council meetings held in 2020.	Journalist	11/02/20	Part-granted
23/08/19	04-19	Records relating to an application for an inquiry into the fitness to practise of a registered veterinary practitioner.	Individual	10/09/19	Part-granted
13/06/19	03-19	a) Copies of all complaints made by individuals/groups towards veterinary practitioners/veterinary nurses with an address in County Cavan b) Copies of all complaints made by individuals/groups towards veterinary practitioners/veterinary nurses with an address in County Monaghan	Journalist	09/07/19	Refused under <i>Sections 30 (1) (a), 35 (1) (a) and 37 (1)</i> of the FOI Act.
28/01/19	02-19	Query re. increase in registration of renewal fee for registered veterinary practitioners.	Individual	18/02/19	Refused under Section 15 (1) of the FOI Act – <i>Record(s) concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps can be taken.</i>
09/01/19	01-19	All records relating to the breeding and euthanasia of greyhounds from 1/01/16 – 09/01/19.	Journalist	15/01/19	Refused under Section 15 (1) of the FOI Act – <i>Record(s) concerned does not exist or</i>

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15/10/18	13-18	An explanation regarding why a certain term contravenes the regulations for a Certificate of Suitability and details of expenses made to High Court and Court of Appeal.	Individual	07/11/18	Part-granted.
27/08/18	12-18	Reports from the Council's Legislation, Ethics and Monitoring Committee for the years 2016 and 2017.	Individual	24/08/18	Refused under Section 15 (1) (i) of the FOI Act: <i>Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests</i>
14/05/18	11-18	Correspondence relating to a Report from the Council's Fitness to Practise Committee.	Individual	13/07/18	Part-granted.
03/07/18	09-18	Records relating to an application for an inquiry into the fitness to practise of a registered veterinary practitioner.	Individual	31/07/18	Refused under Section 15 (1) of the FOI Act – <i>Record(s) concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps can be taken.</i>
30/05/18	08-18	A breakdown of all expenses contained in the 2017 VCI Annual Report.	Individual	13/07/18	Granted.
28/06/18	07-18	Records relating to an application for an inquiry into the fitness to practise of a registered veterinary practitioner.	Individual	28/06/18	Granted.
18/04/18	06-18	Records relating to an investigation carried out on a registered veterinary premises.	Individual	25/06/18	Part-granted.
06/03/18	05-18	A copy of the VCI PAS Coordinator/Administrator job advertisement.	Individual	04/04/18	Granted.

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28/02/18	04-18	All correspondence discussing the issue of vets being classed as self-employed contractors instead of employees. All documentation relating to the issue of vets being classed as self-employed contractors instead of employees.	Individual	07/03/18	Refused under Section 15 (1) of the FOI Act – <i>Record(s) concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps can be taken.</i>
10/01/18	03-18	A breakdown of all expenses contained in the 2016 VCI Annual Report.	Individual	07/02/18	Part-granted.
29/01/18	02-18	Minutes of the meetings of the Veterinary Council of Ireland held in 2016 and 2017. Minutes of the meetings of Veterinary Council's Legislation, Ethics and Monitoring Committee held in 2016 and 2017.	Individual	05/02/18	Refused under Section(s) 29 (1) (a) (b) and 30 (1) (a) of the FOI Act.
02/01/18	01-18	All correspondence including legal advice received relating to ownership of veterinary practice in Ireland during 2017.	Individual	30/01/18	Reused under Section(s) 29 (1) (b) and 30 (1) (a) of the FOI Act.
8/11/17	11-17	The number of veterinary practices based in Northern Ireland provided veterinary services in the Republic of Ireland in 2016.	Individual	30/12/17	Handled outside of FOI - information related to information as opposed to records.
14/11/17	10-17	A breakdown of all expenses contained in the 2015 VCI Annual Report.	Individual	14/11/17	Granted

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31/10/17	09-17	Complaints received from 2012 – 2016 and the outcome of each complaint in each case.	Individual	1/12/17	Handled outside of FOI Act - information related to information as opposed to records. Request granted.
19/09/17	08-17	3 reports from Preliminary Investigation Committees and additional response received.	Individual	06/17/17	Handled outside of FOI Act - information related to information as opposed to records. Request granted.
27/07/17	07-17	Minutes of the Veterinary Council meeting from 13/07/17 relating to an application for a Certificate of Suitability and any complaints submitted in relation to it.	Individual	16/08/17	Part-granted.
14/08/17	06-17	All correspondence re. unethical procedures considered by the VCI.	Individual	11/09/17	Part-granted.
05/07/17	05-17	All Preliminary Investigation Committee (PIC) correspondence received between 2012 – 2017 relate to and 6 Fitness to Practise (FTP) Committee Reports.	Individual	04/08/17	Refused under Section 29 (1) (a), 30 (1) (a) b, (35) (1) (a) and (37) (3) of the FOI Act.
26/12/16	04-17	Histology Reports of five post-mortem examinations carried out in 2016 at the University College Dublin Pathology Department Veterinary Hospital.	Individual	03/01/17	FOI request transferred to FOI Unit at UCD.
17/02/17	03-17	Reports on inspections, carried out by the Veterinary Council, on veterinary premises in Dublin between 2014 and 2016, under Part 9 of the Veterinary Practice Act 2005, as amended.	Journalist	21/03/17	Refused under Sections 29 (1) (a), 30 (1) (a), 35 (1) (a) and 37 of the FOI Act.

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25/01/17	02-17	The number of Irish veterinary practitioners suspended from the VCI Register between 1 January 2012 – 1 January 2017 following a Fitness to Practise Inquiry and the reasons for suspension in each case.	Journalist	21/02/17	Granted.
13/06/17	01-17	Complaint made regarding a veterinary practitioner's Fitness to Practise veterinary medicine.	Individual	29/06/17	Handled outside of FOI Act.
16/08/17	05-16	Correspondence relating to an advertisement in the Irish Field and the Facebook page of a registered veterinary premises.	Individual	13/09/17	Part-granted.
16/03/16	04-16	All correspondence relating to an application for an inquiry into the fitness to practice of a registered veterinary practitioner under Category 1 , all correspondence regarding the selection of experts (" Category 2 "), details regarding the selection procedure when selecting the experts & any internal policies/guidelines with respect thereto (" Category 3 ")	Individual	18/04/16	Refused under Sections 29 and 30 of the FOI Act 2014.
07/01/16	03-16	Correspondence relating to an Application for an Inquiry into the Fitness to Practise of a registered Veterinary Practitioner.	Individual	04/02/16	Granted.
05/07/16	02-16	All correspondence held by the VCI in relation to animal cruelty from January 2014 –05/07/16.	Individual	12/07/16	N/A. Request withdrawn by applicant.
26/10/16	01-16	Correspondence between the VCI and The Irish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ISPCA) regarding animal welfare and puppy farms.	Individual	17/11/16	Granted.
28/08/15	03-15	Correspondence relating to three Premises Assessment Reports carried out on three registered veterinary premises including recommendations made by Premises Assessors.	Individual	29/09/15	Part-granted.

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11/08/15	02-15	All VCI correspondence to include minutes of meetings and legal files and records of papers relating to the requester.	Individual	27/08/15	Granted.
07/08/15	01-15	All VCI correspondence to include minutes of meetings, legal files and records of papers relating to the requester.	Individual	25/08/15	Granted.
13/10/14	01-14	All correspondence relating to an Application for an Inquiry into the Fitness to Practise of a registered veterinary practitioner.	Individual	23/10/14	Granted.