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How to File a Freedom of Information Act Request with EOIR

To file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request with the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), your request:

- Must be in writing, either handwritten or typed.
- Must describe the records you seek.
- Must include identifying information such as the full name of the alien whose records you are requesting, the date and court location of the proceedings, and the alien registration number (if known).

To request information about yourself, your request must include either:

- A completed [Form DOJ-361](#) (do not use the Department of Homeland Security Form G-639), or
- A notarized statement from a notary public who has witnessed your signature on the request, or
- The following statement, written immediately above your signature on the request: "I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on [date]."

To request information about another individual, or on behalf of another individual, your request must include a notarized statement from that individual giving his or her consent to release the information to you.

To request information about a deceased individual, your request must include proof of the individual's death. (Proof of death may be a death certificate, newspaper obituary, or some other form of comparable proof.)

For more information see <http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/efoia/foiafact.htm>. If you have any further questions, please contact the FOIA Service Center at (703) 605-1297.

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