

THE EXEMPTIONS

Qualified

- Information intended for future publication (s.22)
- National security (s.24) (This exemption should be read in conjunction with s.23 – “information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters”)
- Defence (s.26)
- International relations (s.27)
- Relations within the UK (s.28)
- The economy (s.29)
- Investigations and proceedings (s.30)
- Law enforcement (s.31)
- Audit functions (s.33)
- Formulation of government policy (s.35)
- Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs (s.36)
- Communications with her Majesty (s.37)
- Health and safety (s.38)
- Some personal information (s.40).
- Legal professional privilege (s.42)
- Commercial interests (s.43)

Absolute

- Information accessible by other means (s.21)
- Information supplied by or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters (s.23)
- Court records (s.32)
- Parliamentary privilege (s.34)
- Personal information (s.40)
- Information provided in confidence (s.41)
- Information whose disclosure is prohibited by law (s.44)