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Request

We received your request on 12 October. You asked for the following information:

Please can you provide the following information in relation to the time taken to approve an application to approve Binding Corporate Rules under the UK GDPR.

Number of applications

From the initial date of receipt of the application to approval date:

(in calendar days)

Mean average

Median

Longest

Shortest

Please can you exclude any applications that were transferred from the EU scheme where the ICO was not the lead authority.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA). As you are probably aware, this legislation provides public access to recorded information held by a public authority unless an appropriate exemption applies.

Our response

We do hold information within the scope of your request:

- **Number of applications:** 3 UK BCR applications approved to date under the UK GDPR (excluding any that were transferred from the EU where the ICO was not the lead authority)

- **From the initial date of receipt of the application to approval date (in calendar days):**
 - o **Mean average:** 643.5 days
 - o **Median:** 641 days
 - o **Longest:** 964 days
 - o **Shortest:** 323 days

This concludes our response.

FOI review procedure

If you are dissatisfied and wish to request a review of our decision or make a complaint about how your request has been handled you should write to the Information Access Team at the address below or e-mail icoaccessinformation@ico.org.uk.

Your request for internal review should be submitted to us within 40 working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the discretion of the Commissioner.

If having exhausted the review process you are not content that your request or review has been dealt with correctly, you have a further right of appeal to this office in our capacity as the statutory complaint handler under the legislation.

To make such an application, please write to our Customer Contact Team at the address given or visit our website if you wish to make a complaint under the FOIA.

Your information

Please note that our [Privacy notice](#) explains what we do with the personal data you provide to us and what your rights are.

This includes entries regarding the specific purpose and legal basis for the ICO processing information that people that have provided us with, such as an [information requester](#).

The length of time we keep information is laid out in our retention schedule, which can be found [here](#).

Yours sincerely



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