§ 1007.4 Procedures for identifying the individual making the request.

When a request for information or for access to records has been made pursuant to §1007.3, before information is given or access is granted pursuant to §1007.5 of these rules, the Board shall require reasonable identification of the person making the request to insure that information is given and records are disclosed only to the proper person.

(a) An individual may establish his identity by:

(1) Submitting with his written request for information or for access to photocopy, two pieces of identification bearing his or her name and signature, one of which shall bear his or her current home or business address; or

(2) Appearing at any office of the Board during the regular working hours for that office and presenting either:

(i) One piece of identification containing a photograph and signature, such as a driver’s license or passport, or, in the case of a Board employee, his or her STB identification card; or

(ii) Two pieces of identification bearing the individual’s name and signature, one of which shows the individual’s current home or business address; and

(3) Providing such other proof of identity as the Board deems satisfactory in the circumstances of a particular request.

(b) Nothing in this section shall preclude the Board from requiring additional identification before granting access to the records if there is reason to believe that the person making the request may not be the individual to whom the record pertains, or where the sensitivity of the data may warrant.

(c) The requirements of this subsection shall not apply if the records involved would be available to any person under the Freedom of Information Act.

§ 1007.5 Disclosure of requested information to individuals; fees for copies of records.

(a) Any individual who has requested access to his or her record or to any information pertaining to that individual in the manner prescribed in §1007.3 and has identified himself or herself as prescribed in §1007.4 shall be permitted to review the record and have a copy made of all or any portion thereof in a form comprehensible to the individual, subject to fees for copying services set forth in paragraph (f) of this section. Upon request, persons of the individual’s own choosing may accompany the individual, provided that the individual has furnished a written statement authorizing discussion of his or her record in the accompanying person’s presence.

(b) Access will generally be granted in the office of the Board where the records are maintained during normal business hours, but for good cause shown the Board may grant access at another office of the Board or at different times for the convenience of the individual making the request. When a request for access is from a Board employee, this request may be granted by forwarding the information desired through registered mail, return receipt requested.

(c) Where a document containing information about an individual also contains information not pertaining to him or her, the portion not pertaining to the individual shall not be disclosed except to the extent the information is available to any person under the Freedom of Information Act. If the records sought cannot be provided for review and copying in a meaningful form, the Board shall provide to the individual a summary of the information concerning the individual contained in the record or records which shall be complete and accurate in all material aspects.
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(d) Where the disclosure involves medical records, the Privacy Officer may determine that such information will be provided only to a physician designated by the individual.

(e) Requests for copies of documents may be directed to the Privacy Officer or to the member of the Board’s staff through whom arrangements for access were made.

(f) Fees for copies of records shall be charged at the rate set forth in 49 CFR 1002.1(d). Fees for requests requiring the use of a computer shall be charged at the actual cost for machine time. Payment should be made by check or money order payable to the Treasury of the United States. When it is determined to be in the best interest of the public, the Privacy Officer may waive the fee provision.

(g) Nothing in this subsection or in §1007.3 shall:

1. Require the disclosure of records exempted under §1007.12 of these rules, including the exemption relating to investigative records;

2. Allow an individual access to any information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action or proceeding or a criminal proceeding; or,

3. Require the furnishing of information or records which in the regular course of business cannot be retrieved by the name or other identifier of the individual making the request.

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§ 1007.6 Disclosure to third parties.

(a) The Board shall not disclose to any agency or to any person by any means of communication a record pertaining to an individual which is contained in a system of records, except under the following circumstances:

1. The individual to whom the record pertains has given his written consent to the disclosure;

2. The disclosure is to officers and employees of the Board who need it in the performance of their duties;


4. Disclosure is for a routine use as defined in §1007.2 of these rules and described in the system notice for that system of records;

5. The disclosure is made to the Bureau of the Census for the purposes of planning or carrying out a census or survey or related activity;

6. The disclosure is made to a recipient who has provided the agency with advance adequate written assurance that the record will be used solely as a statistical research or reporting record, and the record is to be transferred in a form that is not individually identifiable;

7. The disclosure is made to another agency or to an instrumentality of any Governmental jurisdiction within or under the control of the United States for a civil or criminal law enforcement activity if the activity is authorized by law and if the head of the agency or instrumentality has made a written request to the Board specifying the particular portion desired and the law enforcement activity for which the record is sought;

8. The disclosure is made to the National Archives of the United States as a record which has sufficient historical or other value to warrant its continued preservation by the United States Government, or for evaluation by the Administrator of General Services or his designee to determine whether the record has such value.

9. The disclosure is made to a person pursuant to a showing of compelling circumstances affecting the health or safety of an individual if upon such disclosure notification is transmitted to the last known address of such individual;

10. The disclosure is made to either House of Congress, or, to the extent of matter(s) within its jurisdiction, any committee or subcommittee thereof, any joint committee of Congress or subcommittee of any such joint committee;

11. The disclosure is made to the Comptroller General, or any of his authorized representatives, in the course of the performance of the duties of the General Accounting Office; or,

12. Pursuant to the order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(b) The Board, with respect to each system of records under its control, shall keep for at least five years an accurate accounting of certain disclosures: