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**Federal Aviation  
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Mr. Zach F. Bruckenstein  
Aviation Technician Education Council  
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Dear Mr. Bruckenstein:

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request 2015-003316F6**

This is in response to your request dated January 30, 2015, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, regarding all aviation maintenance technician general, airframe and powerplant knowledge test (A&P test) questions, answers, and other materials currently in use that are located in the FAA's test bank. Your request was forwarded from the Federal Aviation Administration's Civil Aviation Registry and was received in this office on February 9.

The full test question bank is not available as release would compromise the integrity of the airman test. Information related to the test is available at [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov). At the FAA web site, select "Training & Testing". Under "Testing", select "Sample Airman Knowledge Test Questions". This will provide sample questions that may be included on the test.

Under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 44703(a) "...The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall issue an airman certificate to an individual when the Administrator finds, after investigation, that the individual is qualified for and physically able to perform the duties related to, the position authorized by the certificate." As part of that investigation, implementing regulations under 14 C.F.R. Part 61 requires knowledge testing for pilots and instructors. Further regulations under 14 C.F.R. Part 65 requires knowledge testing for other airmen (i.e. dispatchers, mechanics, parachute riggers, etc).

To ensure that all airman applicants meet the knowledge requirements, the Federal Aviation Administration has compiled banks of possible test questions to measure the qualifications of potential certificate holders. To prevent airman applicants from simply memorizing test questions with correct answers, which would permit a circumvention of the requirement of developing the underlying skills necessary to determine the proper answer to a test question, the FAA has historically not released test questions and answers from the question banks. This policy protects the public from injury and property damage which can occur from accidents caused by unqualified airmen.

Regretfully, we must deny your request under Exemptions 7(e) and 7(f) of the FOIA. Exemption 7(e) protects records which would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations if disclosure would risk circumvention of the law. Exemption 7(f) protects records if disclosure could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual. The persons responsible for this denial are Robert L. Newell, Manager of the Airman

Testing Standards Branch, James M. Webster, General Attorney, Aeronautical Center Counsel's Office and the undersigned. You may request reconsideration of this determination by writing to:

Assistant Administrator for Regions  
and Center Operations, ARC-1  
Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Avenue, Southwest  
Washington, D.C. 20591

Your request for reconsideration must be made in writing within 30 calendar days from the date of receipt of this letter and must include all information and arguments relied upon. Your letter must state that it is an appeal from the above-described partial denial of a request made under the Freedom of Information Act. The envelope containing the appeal must be marked "FOIA".

Sincerely,



Van L. Kerns  
Manager, Regulatory  
Support Division