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### §913.1 Definitions.

For purposes of this part:

*Amendment* means any correction, addition to or deletion of information in a record.

*FOIA* means the Freedom of Information Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552).

*Individual* means a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence.

*Maintain* means to keep or hold and preserve in an existing state, and includes the terms collect, use, disseminate and control.

*Privacy Act* means the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a).

*Privacy Act Official* means the Finance Board employee who is authorized to make determinations as provided in this part. The mailing address for the Privacy Act Official is: Privacy Act Office, Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

*Record* means any item, collection or grouping of information about an individual that the Finance Board maintains within a system of records and contains the individual's name or the identifying number, symbol or other identifying particular assigned to the individual, such as a finger or voice print or photograph.

*System of records* means a group of records the Finance Board maintains or controls from which information is retrieved by the name of an individual or by some identifying number, symbol or other identifying particular assigned to the individual. You can find a description of the Finance Board's systems of records as part of the "Privacy Act Compilation" published by the FEDERAL REGISTER. You can access the "Privacy Act Compilation" in most large reference and university libraries or electronically on the World Wide

Web at [http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/aces/PrivacyAct.shtml](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/PrivacyAct.shtml). You also can request a copy of the Finance Board's systems of records from the Privacy Act Official.

*Working days* do not include Saturdays, Sundays and legal public holidays.

### §913.2 Purpose and scope.

(a) This Part 913 contains the rules the Finance Board follows under the Privacy Act. The rules apply to all records in systems of records the Finance Board maintains that are retrieved by an individual's name or personal identifier. They describe the procedures by which individuals may request access to records about themselves or about and on behalf of another individual as the parent or guardian of a minor or as the guardian of someone determined by a court to be incompetent, request amendment or correction of those records, and request an accounting of disclosures of those records by the Finance Board. Whenever it is appropriate to do so, the Finance Board automatically processes a Privacy Act request for access to records under both the Privacy Act and the FOIA, following the rules contained in part 910 of this chapter and this part 913. The Finance Board processes a request under both the Privacy Act and the FOIA so you will receive the maximum amount of information available to you by law.

(b) This part does not entitle you to any service or to the disclosure of any record to which you are not entitled under the Privacy Act. It also does not, and may not be relied upon to create any substantive or procedural right or benefit enforceable against the Finance Board.

### §913.3 How do I make a request under the Privacy Act?

(a) *In general.* You can make a Privacy Act request on your own behalf or on behalf of another individual as the parent or guardian of a minor or as the guardian of someone determined by a court to be incompetent. To make sure that the Privacy Act Office receives your request without delay, you should include the notation "Privacy Act Request" on the front of your envelope

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and also at the beginning of your request.

(b) *Requests for access to records.* You may make a request for access to a record by appearing in person or by writing directly to the Privacy Act Official. You must describe the record that you want in enough detail to enable the Privacy Act Office to locate the system(s) of records containing it with a reasonable amount of effort. Your request should describe the record sought, the time period in which you believe it was compiled, and the name or identifying number of each system of records in which you believe it is kept.

(c) *Requests for amendment or correction of records.* You may make a request for amendment or correction of a Finance Board record by writing to the Privacy Act Official. Your request should identify each particular record in question and the system(s) of records in which the record is located, describe the amendment or correction that you want, and state why you believe that the record is not accurate, relevant, timely or complete. You may submit any documentation that you think would be helpful.

(d) *Requests for an accounting of record disclosures.* You may request an accounting of disclosures made by the Finance Board to another person, organization or agency of any record by writing to the Privacy Act Official. Your request for an accounting should identify each particular record in question. An accounting generally includes the date, nature and purpose of each disclosure, as well as the name and address of the person, organization or agency to which the disclosure was made.

(e) *Verification of identity.* When making a Privacy Act request, you must verify your identity in accordance with these procedures to protect your privacy or the privacy of the individual on whose behalf you are acting. If you make a Privacy Act request and you do not follow these identity verification procedures, the Finance Board cannot process your request.

(1) *Verifying your own identity.* If you make your request in person and your identity is not known to the Privacy Act Official, you must provide either two forms of identification with photo-

graphs, or one form of identification with a photograph and a properly authenticated birth certificate. If you make your request by mail, your signature either must be notarized or submitted under 28 U.S.C. 1746, a law that permits statements to be made under penalty of perjury as a substitute for notarization. You may fulfill this requirement by having your signature on your request letter witnessed by a notary, or including the following statement just before the signature on your request letter: "I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on [date]."

(2) *Verification of guardianship.* When making a request as the parent or guardian of a minor or as the guardian of someone determined by a court to be incompetent, for access to records about that individual, you must establish:

(i) The identity of the individual who is the subject of the record, by stating the individual's name, current address and date and place of birth;

(ii) Your own identity, as required in paragraph (e)(1) of this section;

(iii) That you are the parent or guardian of the individual, which you may prove by providing a properly authenticated copy of the individual's birth certificate showing your parentage or a properly authenticated court order establishing your guardianship; and

(iv) That you are acting on behalf of the individual in making the request.

### §913.4 How will the Finance Board respond to your Privacy Act request?

(a) *When will the Finance Board respond to my request?* The Privacy Act Official generally will respond to you in writing within 10 working days of receipt of a request that meets the requirements of §913.3. The Privacy Act Official may extend the response time in unusual circumstances, such as the need to consult with another agency about a record or to retrieve a record shipped offsite for storage.

(b) *What will the Finance Board's response include?* The written response will include the Privacy Act Official's determination whether to grant or deny your request in whole or in part and a brief explanation of the reasons