# Applying for an exemption to access or hold a copy or copies of the banned document “The Great Replacement”

The document distributed online by the accused perpetrator of the March 15 Christchurch terror attacks (“The Great Replacement”) has been banned by the NZ Office of Film and Literature Classification. This means that it is illegal to possess or distribute the document.

The Chief Censor is able to grant exemptions to the ban for specific purposes and to specific individuals or organisations, in cases where it is clearly in the public interest to do so.

Our decision recognises that some individuals or organisations may have legitimate reasons to access or hold a copy of the document. For example, the document may have some utility for academic or research purposes and some aspects may be relevant for media outlets who are seeking background on the attacker, his influences and motivations.

Before requesting an exemption you will need to provide us with the following information:

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Please send this information to: [info@classificationoffice.govt.nz](mailto:info@classificationoffice.govt.nz).

On receiving the form, we will contact you with further information. If you then decide to proceed with a formal application, please note that this will incur a fee of $102.20.

If you have any questions about this process please contact the Classification Office: [info@classificationoffice.govt.nz](mailto:info@classificationoffice.govt.nz) | 0508 236 767 | 04 471 6770.

If you are a journalist requesting an interview or comment, please contact Acting Communications Manager Sia Aston: 021 677729 | [Sia.Aston@classificationoffice.govt.nz](mailto:Sia.Aston@classificationoffice.govt.nz).