

**Freedom of Information request:** Reference number FOI2026/01170

**Date of request:** 19th September

**Request:**

A list of all premises currently holding a Petroleum Storage Certificate under the Petroleum (Consolidation) Regulations 2014, giving for each: premises name; full address and postcode; certificate holder (company or trading name — where the holder is a private individual the name may be withheld); date the current certificate was issued; date the premises was first licensed or certificated, where recorded; fee band (A, B or C) or total storage capacity in litres; number of tanks; and whether the premises is retail (dispensing to the public) or non-retail.

The same fields for all premises whose Petroleum Storage Certificate, or petroleum licence under the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act 1928, has expired, lapsed, been surrendered, revoked, cancelled or not renewed, together with the date and reason where recorded and the last recorded status of the tanks (in use, decommissioned, removed, unknown). Please provide this for as far back as your records extend in electronic form.

Please supply the information as a spreadsheet (CSV or Excel) rather than PDF.

To be clear, this is a request for the lists themselves, not for a site-history search of any individual premises, so the Petroleum Group's chargeable Environmental Search service is not the appropriate route. Regulation 8(2)(a) of the EIR provides that no charge may be made for allowing access to any public registers or lists of environmental information held by the authority.

If any part of this request would exceed the appropriate limit or be considered manifestly unreasonable, please tell me which part and provide the remainder. In that case please provide part 1 in full first, and part 2 from 1 January 2000 onwards.

**Response:**

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on 19 September 2026. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your request seeks, in two parts:

1. A list of all premises currently holding a Petroleum Storage Certificate under the Petroleum (Consolidation) Regulations 2014, together with specified information relating to each premises; and
2. Equivalent information relating to premises whose petroleum certificate or licence has expired, lapsed, been surrendered, revoked, cancelled or not renewed, extending as far back as records are held, or alternatively from 1 January 2000 onwards.

**Section 12 - Cost of Compliance Exceeds the Appropriate Limit**

The London Fire Commissioner is unable to comply with your request as the cost of doing so would exceed the appropriate limit set out in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 12(1) provides that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request where it estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit prescribed by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. For the London Fire Commissioner, the appropriate limit is £450, calculated at a rate of £25 per hour, which equates to 18 hours of work. The estimate is limited to the time reasonably required to determine whether information is held, locate it, retrieve it and extract it from the records in which it is held.

To respond to Part 1 of your request, the Brigade would be required to manually locate, retrieve and review each of the 551 live petroleum site records currently held. The information requested is not maintained in a format that would allow the requested details to be extracted through a single search.

Based on an estimated review time of 10 minutes per record, reviewing 551 site records would require approximately 5,510 minutes, or around 92 hours. At the statutory rate of £25 per hour, this equates to an estimated cost of approximately £2,295. This substantially exceeds the applicable limit of £450.

In relation to Part 2 of your request, relevant information may additionally be held within approximately 60 to 70 archive boxes containing historical petroleum records. Each box contains around 50 individual folders, resulting in an estimated 3,000 to 3,500 folders that would require manual review.

Locating, retrieving and examining these paper records in order to identify information falling within the scope of your request would add significantly to the time required. Even if the scope were limited to records held from 1 January 2000 onwards, the volume of records requiring review would mean that the cost of compliance would remain well in excess of the statutory limit.

Accordingly, the London Fire Commissioner estimates that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit and the request is therefore refused under [Section 12\(1\) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000](#).

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Further information about making information requests is available on our website: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>