

Ref: FOI-489

Sent via email only:

03 June 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your email of 3 May 2025 in which you requested information from UK Anti-Doping ('UKAD') under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'). Specifically, your request was as follows:
 - 1) *Over the past 5 years, how many professional boxers registered in the United Kingdom have received a retrospective Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) after failing a drugs test?*
 - 2) *If possible, please provide a breakdown of this data, including the total number of applications for retrospective TUEs and how many were granted.*

Part 1 of your request

2. In relation to Part 1 of your request, over the past 5 years, zero (0) professional boxers have received a retroactive TUE for a Prohibited Substance reported as an Adverse Analytical Finding ('AAF') following UKAD Testing.
3. It is worth noting, in the context of your request, that TUEs granted by UKAD following an AAF (otherwise referred to as 'failing a drugs test') are referred to as retroactive TUEs, rather than retrospective TUEs.

Part 2 of your request

4. In relation to Part 2 of your request, over the past 5 years, zero (0) professional boxers have applied for a retroactive TUE for a Prohibited Substance reported as an Adverse Analytical Finding ('AAF') following UKAD Testing. As a consequence, (and in line with our response at Part 1) zero (0) professional boxers have had retroactive TUEs granted.

TUE applications submitted to UKAD

5. Please note, in the context of your request, that UKAD only holds information on TUE applications submitted to UKAD. UKAD does not hold information on applications made to other Anti-Doping Organisations, International/Regional Sanctioning Bodies, or the Voluntary Anti-Doping Association ('VADA').

Conclusion

6. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this response and should be addressed via email to foi@ukad.org.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any further communications.
7. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "UK Anti-Doping".

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