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### PAIA MANUAL

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#### 1. LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

"MD" Managing Director;

"DIO" Deputy Information Officer;

"IO" Information Officer;

"Minister" Minister of Justice and Correctional Services;

"PAIA" Promotion of Access to Information Act No. 2 of 2000 (as amended);

"POPIA" Protection of Personal Information Act No.4 of 2013;

"Regulator" Information Regulator;"Republic" Republic of South Africa.

#### 2. PURPOSE OF PAIA MANUAL

This PAIA Manual is useful for the public to:-

- 2.1 Check the categories of records held by a body which are available without a person having to submit a formal PAIA request;
- 2.2 Have a sufficient understanding of how to make a request for access to a record of the body, by providing a description of the subjects on which the body holds records and the categories of records held on each subject;
- 2.3 Know the description of the records of the body which are available in accordance with any other legislation;
- 2.4 Access all the relevant contact details of the Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer who will assist the public with the records they intend to access;
- 2.5 Know the description of the guide on how to use PAIA, as updated by the Regulator and how to obtain access to it;
- 2.6 Know if the body will process personal information, the purpose of processing of personal information and the description of the categories of data subjects and of the information or categories of information relating thereto;
- 2.7 Know the description of the categories of data subjects and of the information or categories of information relating thereto;
- 2.8 Know the recipients or categories of recipients to whom the personal information may be supplied;
- 2.9 Know if the body has planned to transfer or process personal information outside the Republic of South Africa and the recipients or categories of recipients to whom the personal information may be supplied; and
- 2.10 Know whether the body has appropriate security measures to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the personal information which is to be processed.



#### KEY CONTACT DETAILS FOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION OF BULKSMS

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### 4. GUIDE ON HOW TO USE PAIA AND HOW TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE GUIDE

- 4.1. The Regulator has, in terms of section 10(1) of PAIA, as amended, updated and made available the revised Guide on how to use PAIA ("Guide"), in an easily comprehensible form and manner, as may reasonably be required by a person who wishes to exercise any right contemplated in PAIA and POPIA. The Guide is available in each of the official
- 4.2. languages and in braille.
- 4.3. The aforesaid Guide contains the description of:-
  - 4.3.1. The objects of PAIA and POPIA;
  - 4.3.2. The postal and street address, phone and fax number and, if available, electronic mail address of-
    - 4.3.2.1. The Information Officer of every public body, and



- 4.3.2.2. Every Deputy Information Officer of every public and private body designated in terms of section 17(1) of PAIA1 and section 56 of POPIA2;
- 4.3.3. the manner and form of a request for-
  - 4.3.3.1. Access to a record of a public body contemplated in section 113; and
  - 4.3.3.2. Access to a record of a private body contemplated in section 504;
- 4.3.4. The assistance available from the IO of a public body in terms of PAIA and POPIA;
- 4.3.5. The assistance available from the Regulator in terms of PAIA and POPIA; All
- 4.3.6. remedies in law available regarding an act or failure to act in respect of a right or duty conferred or imposed by PAIA and POPIA, including the manner of lodging:- 4
  - .3.6.1. An internal appeal;
  - 4.3.6.2. A complaint to the Regulator, and
  - 4.3.6.3. An application with a court against a decision by the information officer of a public body, a decision on internal appeal or a decision by the Regulator or a decision of the head of a private body;
- 4.3.7. The provisions of sections 145 and 516 requiring a public body and private body, respectively, to compile a manual, and how to obtain access to a manual;
- 4.3.8. The provisions of sections 157 and 528 providing for the voluntary disclosure of categories of records by a public body and private body, respectively;
- 4.3.9. The notices issued in terms of sections 229 and 5410 regarding fees to be paid in relation to requests for access; and
- 4.3.10. the regulations made in terms of section 9211.



- 4.4. Members of the public can inspect or make copies of the Guide from the offices of the public and private bodies, including the office of the Regulator, during normal working hours.
- 4.5. The Guide can also be obtained-
  - 4.5.1. Upon request to the Information Officer;
  - 4.5.2. From the website of the Regulator (<a href="https://inforegulator.org.za">https://inforegulator.org.za</a>).
- 4.6 A copy of the Guide is also available in the following two official languages, for public inspection during normal office hours:-
  - 4.6.1 English
  - 4.6.2 Afrikaans

### 5. CATEGORIES OF RECORDS OF BULKSMS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE WITHOUT A PERSON HAVING TO REQUEST ACCESS

Category of records	Types of the Record	Available on Website	Available upon request
Pamphlets / Brochures	Product Information	X	X
Price Lists	Product Information	Х	X
Marketing and promotional material	Product Information	x	Х
Terms and Conditions	Legal-commercial	Х	Х
Data Processing Addendum	Data Protection Governance	×	Х
Corporate Policies	Governance	Х	Х

## 6. DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS OF BULKSMS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY OTHER LEGISLATION

Category of Records	Applicable Legislation
- Employee details	Basic Conditions of Employment Act 75 of 1997
- Labour relations report	
- Information regarding dismissals for dishonesty-related behaviour	
- Information on disability, trade union membership, race and religion	



Category of Records	Applicable Legislation
- Employee next of kin or emergency contact	
details	
- Conflict-of-interest declarations	
- Education information	
- Health and safety records	
- Leave records	
- Internal evaluations and performance	
records	
- Disciplinary records	
- Training records	
- Background checks	
- Skills development report	BBBEE Act 53 of 2003
- BBBEE status	
- BBBEE status of suppliers	
- Supplier information	
- Employee information	
- Shareholder information	
- Memorandum of association	Companies Act 71 of 2008
- Certification of incorporation	
- Annual financial statements	
- Share register	
- Records of directors	
- Notices and minutes of shareholder	
meetings	
- Resolutions and their supporting	
documents	
- Record of auditors	
- Record of the earnings and other	Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Health
prescribed particulars of employees	Diseases Act 130 of 1993
- Promotion and marketing material	Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008
- Terms and conditions	
- Direct marketing consent	
- Complaints process document	
- Covid-19 registers	Disaster Management Act, 57 of 2002
- Business continuity management plans	
- Business impact assessment	
- Digital signatures	Electronic Communications and Transactions Act 25
- Transactional record	of 2002
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Category of Records  Applicable Legislation  - Electronic terms and conditions - Records of third parties to whom information is disclosed  - Direct marketing consent - Complaints process document  - Employment equity plans and targets  - IT3 - IRP5 - IT3a - Monthly IRP5 files - Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) files
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- Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) files
- PAYE information
- SDL information
- VAT records
- Ledgers
- Cash books
- Journals
- Cheque books
- Bank statements
- Deposit slips
- Paid cheques
- Invoices
- Stock lists
- Other books of accounts
- Electronic representations of information
Occupational health and safety (OHS)  Occupational Health and Safety Act, 85 of 1993
reports including the following:
o Incident reports
o Personal information for workmen's
compensation
o Personal information of visitors to our
premises
PAIA Manual Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000
- Data processing addendum Protection of Personal Information Act, 4 of 2013
- Privacy Policy Regulation of Interception of Communications and
- Employee ID and proof of address Provision of Communication Related Information Act
- SIM card number 70 of 2002
- IME number



Category of Records	Applicable Legislation
- Cellphone number	
- Sector Education and Training Authority (SETA) reports	Skills Development Act 97 of 1998
- Learning history reports	
- Skills development levies	
- Certificates of completion	
- Employee details	Unemployment Contributions Act 4 of 2002
- Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) files	
- Employee details	Unemployment Insurance Act 63 of 2001
- Leave records	
- Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) files	
- Invoices	Value Added Tax Act 89 of 1991
- Tax invoices	
- Credit notes	
- Debit notes	
- Bank statements	
- Deposit slips	
- Paid cheques relating thereto (no longer	
relevant since 30 December 2020)	

# 7. DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECTS ON WHICH THE BODY HOLDS RECORDS AND CATEGORIES OF RECORDS HELD ON EACH SUBJECT BY BULKSMS

Subjects on which the body holds records	Categories of records
	- Annual financial statements and working papers
Accounting	- General ledger
	- Subsidiary ledgers (receivables, payables, etc.)
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	- Client and supplier statements and invoices
	- Cash books and petty cash books
	- Fixed asset register
	- Tax returns and assessments
	- VAT returns
	- Lease or instalment sale agreements
	- Insurance records



Subjects on which the body holds records	Categories of records
	- Investment records
	- Auditor's reports
	- Systems documentation
	- Capital expenditure
	- Record of assets
	- Record of liabilities
	- Record of loans to related parties
	- Record of liabilities and obligations
	- Record of revenue
	- Record of expenses
Auditors	- Working papers
	- Correspondence
Clients	- Client profile
	- Message history
	- Client invoices
Human Resources	- HR policies and procedures
	- Advertised posts
	- Employees records
	- Onboarding and offboarding of employees
	- Psychometric assessment information
	- Leave records
	- Salary records
	- Tax records
	- Performance management
	- Training records
Information Technology	- Agreements
,e.,	- Audits
	- Client database
	- Disaster recovery processes and procedures
	- Hardware
	- Internet
	- Intranet
	- Licenses
	- Systems support, programming and development
	- LAN Installations
	- Operating systems
	- Software packages
	- Telephone exchange equipment
	- Telephone lines, leased lines and data lines
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Subjects on which the body	Categories of records
holds records	
	- Details of coverage, limits and insurers
Insurance	- Insurance policies
Intellectual Property	- Designs, trademarks, trade names and protected
	names
Legal Agreements and Contracts	- Agreements with contractors, suppliers and clients
	- Agreements with shareholders, officers or director
	- Joint venture agreements, partnership agreements,
	participation, comarketing, copromotion or other
	alliance agreements
	- Contracts, including lease agreements and finance agreements
	- Electronic communications: Personal information and
	the purpose for which the data was collected
	- Electronic communications: Record of any third party to
	whom the information was disclosed
	- Electronic communications: All personal data which
	has become obsolete
Occupation Health and Safety	- OHS policies, procedures and guidelines
	- Register
	- Record of earnings, time worked, payment and
	particulars of all employees
Personnel Records	- Employee information records
	- Employee remuneration
	- Employee date of birth
	- Employment contracts
	- RP 5 and IT 3 certificates
	- Letters of appointment
	- Maternity and parental leave policy
	- Medical aid records
	- Name and occupation of each employee
	- Organisational design
	- Particulars of each employee
	- Personnel file
	- Policies and procedures
	- Recruitment and appointments
	- Salary slips and wage records
	- Study assistance schemes
	- Tax returns of employees
	- Training and development records



Subjects on which the body holds records	Categories of records
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Sales and Marketing	- UIF, PAYE and SDL returns
Calcs and Marketing	- Brochures, newsletters and marketing material
	- Media releases
	- Public relations policies and procedures
Oh and all and	- Service and product information
Shareholders	- Share registers
	- Tax reporting
Service Providers	- Supplier profile
	- Supplier invoices
Statutory Company Records	- Annual Statutory Returns
	- Certificate of Change of Name
	- Certificate of Incorporation
	- Certificate to Commence Business
	- Dividend register
	- Directors' attendance register
	- Memorandum and Articles of Association
	- Memorandum of Incorporation and alterations /
	amendments
	- Minutes of directors' meetings
	- Minutes of directors' committee meetings
	- Register of company secretary and auditors
	- Register of directors and officers
	- Register of directors' shareholding
	- Register of past directors
	- Registration Certificate
	- Reports presented at Annual General Meeting
	- Resolutions
	- Shareholders' agreement
	- Shareholders' register
Tax	- Income tax returns
	- Provisional tax returns
	- Tax assessments
	- VAT documents

### 8. PROCESSING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

### 8.1 Purpose of Processing Personal Information



The provision and support of business messaging services.

# 8.2 Description of the categories of Data Subjects and of the information or categories of information relating thereto

Categories of Data Subjects	Personal Information that may be processed
Clients	Name, surname, company name, registration or identity number, email address, telephone and cellphone number, physical address or postal address, and banking details, purchasing information connection data message data
Employees	purchasing information, connection data, message data. Name, surname, email address, telephone and cellphone number, physical address, postal address, qualifications and professional registrations, CVs, tax information, marital status, gender, disability status, citizenship, race, banking details, identity number, next of kin, beneficiaries and benefit selections, training records, leave, and Covid-19 information.
Service Providers	Name, registration number, VAT number, email address, telephone and cellphone number, physical address, postal address, and banking details.
Shareholders	Names, address, identity number, registration number, banking details, income tax number, email addresse, telephone and cellphone number, physical address, postal address, race, disability status, and gender.

## 8.3 The recipients or categories of recipients to whom the personal information may be supplied

Category of personal information	Recipients or Categories of Recipients to whom the personal information may be supplied
Identity number and names, for criminal checks.	South African Police Services criminal checks.
Qualifications, for qualification verifications.	South African Qualifications Authority
Credit and payment history, for credit information.	Credit Bureaus
Company name and contact name, for messaging complaints.	Wireless Application Service Providers' Association



BBBEE reporting (shareholders,	BBBEE assessment or verification agency
services providers and employees)	
Employee records (name, identity	Department of Employment and Labour (UIF);
number, names, contact details,	South African Revenue Service (PAYE, SDL, UIF)
employment dates, statutory	
requirements (including tax), and	
salary information.	

### 8.4 Planned transborder flows of personal information

Some personal information may be stored in the cloud outside the Republic, with the necessary service provider contracts in place.

Category of personal information	The country in which personal information will be stored
Clients	Ireland; USA
Employee	USA
Service Provider	USA
Shareholder	USA

# 8.5 General description of Information Security Measures to be implemented by the responsible party to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the information

- 8.5.1 We undertake an analysis of the risks presented by our processing and use this to assess the appropriate level of security we need to put in place.
- 8.5.2 When deciding what measures to implement, we take account of the state of the art and costs of implementation.
- 8.5.3 We have an information security policy and take steps to make sure the policy is implemented. We also have additional policies and ensure that controls are in place to enforce them.
- 8.5.4 We make sure that we regularly review our information security policies and measures and, where necessary, improve them.
- 8.5.5 We have put in place basic technical controls such as those specified by established frameworks.
- 8.5.6 We understand that we may also need to put other technical measures in place depending on our circumstances and the type of personal data we process.
- 8.5.7 We use encryption and pseudonymisation where it is appropriate to do so.



- 8.5.8 We understand the requirements of confidentiality, integrity and availability for the personal data we process.
- 8.5.9 We make sure that we can restore access to personal data in the event of any incidents, such as by establishing an appropriate backup process.
- 8.5.10 We conduct regular testing and reviews of our measures to ensure they remain effective, and act on the results of those tests where they highlight areas for improvement.
- 8.5.11 Where appropriate, we implement measures that adhere to an approved industry code of conduct.
- 8.5.12 We ensure that any data processor we use also implements appropriate technical and organisational measures.

#### 9. AVAILABILITY OF THE MANUAL

- 9.1 A copy of the Manual is available:-
  - 9.1.1 At our website: www.bulksms.com.
  - 9.1.2 At the head office of BulkSMS for public inspection during normal business hours;
  - 9.1.3 To any person upon request and upon the payment of a reasonable prescribed fee;
  - 9.1.4 To the Information Regulator upon request.
- 9.2 A fee for a copy of the Manual, as contemplated in annexure B of the Regulations, shall be payable per each A4-size photocopy made.

### 10. UPDATING OF THE MANUAL

The head of BulkSMS will update this manual on a regular basis.

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Richard Simpson	
Managing Director	

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### ANNEXURE 1: MAKING A PAIA REQUEST TO A PRIVATE BODY

APAIA request may be made by submitting the prescribe form, Form 2. Thisform should be directed to the Head or the Deputy Information Officer of the private body, the contact details of whom are set out in this PAIA Manual.

