

PAIA Manual for Contact Publications (Pty) Ltd

We respect your right of access to information. This manual will help you (the requester of information) to exercise that right and help you know how you may get access to our records. The Promotion to Access of Information Act 2 of 2000 as amended from time to time (known as PAIA1) requires us to draft and make this PAIA manual available to you.

To read PAIA go to <https://accesstoinformation.co.za/>.

For a plain language summary go to: <https://www.michalsons.com/focus-areas/information-technology-law/access-to-information-paia/promotion-of-access-to-information-act>

1. Introduction

We originally started to publish magazines in niche markets, selling advertising and connecting suppliers to buyers. More recently we publish and print less and publish digitally more. We have websites where we distribute content and then also on social media and through newsletters.

PAIA (Section 51(1) of PAIA) requires the information officer of a private body to compile a manual that contains information on the records it holds. A 'private body' means a natural person, company or other type of juristic entity that carries on any trade, business or profession and includes a political party. We are a private body.

2. Our details

Chief Information Officer

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Access to information general contacts

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Head Office

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3. Further guidance from the Information Regulator

For further guidance, contact the Information Regulator. They have compiled a PAIA guide in each official language of South Africa on how to exercise your rights under PAIA.

Information regulator: <https://infoeregulator.org.za/docs.html>

Visit their website: <https://infoeregulator.org.za/>

Postal address: PO Box 3153, Braamfontein, Johannesburg, 2017

Physical address: JD House, 27 Stiemens Street, Braamfontein, Johannesburg, 2001

Telephone: 010 023 5200

General email query: enquiries@infoeregulator.org.za

Lodge an email complaint: PAIAComplaints@infoeregulator.org.za

4. Records which we make automatically available

We make some records automatically available (Section 52) to you without you needing to request access to them via <https://www.bizportal.gov.za/>:

- Memorandum of incorporation (MOI)
- Directors' names
- Documents of incorporation

Banking details can be requested by email contact@contactpub.co.za

Information on our website: www.contactpub.co.za

5. Records we hold to function

We hold the following subjects and categories of records in electronic or physical format, which we do not make automatically available. You may request access to them. These are records that most organisations have:

- Customer and supplier information
- Establishment records
- Business records
- Financial records
- Insurance records
- Tax records
- Personal records
- Agreements or contracts
- Regulatory documents

6. Records we hold to comply with the law

We hold records that all organisations are required by law to hold. We also hold records that the law specifically requires organisations like ours to retain. Please ask our information officer for details.

<https://www.michalsons.com/focus-areas/information-technology-law/access-to-information-paia/paia-manual-your-organisation/laws-that-require-bodies-to-hold-records>

7. How you can request access

We have appointed our information officer to deal with all matters relating to PAIA so we can comply with our PAIA obligations. To request access to a record, please complete **Form 2**:

<https://info regulator.org.za/docs/forms/InfoRegSA-PAIA-Form02-Reg7.pdf>

Please submit the completed form (together with the relevant request fee we explain below) to our information officer's email address, our physical address, using the details we provide.

Please ensure that the completed form:

- has enough information for the information officer to identify you, the requested records, and the form of access you require
- specifies your email address and postal address,
- describes the right that you seek to exercise or protect,
- explains why you need the requested record to exercise or protect that right,
- provides any other way you would like to be informed of our decision other than in writing, and
- provides proof of the capacity in which you are making the request if you are making it on behalf of someone else (we will decide whether this proof is satisfactory).

If you do not use the standard form, we may:

- reject the request due to lack of procedural compliance,
- refuse it if you do not provide sufficient information, or
- delay it.

8. How we will give you access

We will evaluate and consider all requests we receive. If we approve your request, we will decide how to provide access to you – unless you have asked for access in a specific form. Publication of this manual does not give rise to any rights to access information records, except in terms of PAIA.

9. How much it will cost you

Request fees

When submitting your request, you must pay us a request fee (<https://www.michalsons.com/focus-areas/information-technology-law/access-to-information-paia/paia-manual-your-organisation/access-to-information-fees-for-private-bodies>) as the law prescribes. You must pay us the prescribed fees before we give you access. You will receive a notice from our information officer upon your request (Section 54(1)), setting out the application procedure (Section 54(3)(c)).

Access fees

If we grant the request, you will have to pay us a further access fee (<https://www.michalsons.com/focus-areas/information-technology-law/access-to-information-paia/paia-manual-your-organisation/access-to-information-fees-for-private-bodies>) the law prescribes that includes a fee for the time it takes us to handle your request, or if the time has exceeded the prescribed hours to search and prepare the record for disclosure. Our information officer will notify you if you need to pay a deposit for the access fee. The deposit may be up to one third of the prescribed access fee (Section 54(2)).

The access fee will provide for:

- the costs of making the record, or transcribing the record,
- a postal fee (if applicable), and
- the reasonable time we need to search for the record and prepare the record for you (Section 54(7))

If you paid the deposit and we refused your request, we will refund you the deposit amount. Until you have paid the fees, we may withhold the record you requested.

10. Grounds for us to refuse access

We may have to refuse you access to certain records in terms of PAIA to protect:

- Someone else's privacy (Section 63)
- Another company's commercial information (Section 64)
- Someone else's confidential information (Section 65)
- Research information (Section 68)
- The safety of individuals and property (Section 66)
- Records privileged from production in legal proceedings (Section 67)

Our decision on giving you access

We will notify you in writing whether your request has been approved or denied within 30 calendar days after receiving your request. If we cannot find the record you asked for or it does not exist, we will notify you by way of affidavit that it is not possible to give access to that record.

11. Remedies available if we refuse to give you access

If we deny your request for access, you may:

- Apply to a court (Section 78) with appropriate jurisdiction.
 - or
- Complain to the Information Regulator: PAIAComplaints@inforegulator.org.za

for the necessary relief within 180 calendar days of us notifying you of our decision.

12. How we process and protect personal information

We process the personal information of various categories of people for various purposes. Please refer to our website for our Privacy Policy or ask our information officer for a copy.

13. Availability of this Manual

This manual is available in English in electronic format on our website and in physical format at the reception of our company offices.

14. Updates to this Manual

We will update this manual whenever we make material changes to it.

Date we last revised it: 9 August 2023