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**INFORMATION  
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(SOUTH AFRICA)**

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### INFORMATION REGULATOR

#### **PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT, 2013 (ACT NO. 4 OF 2013) (POPIA): AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION, 2018.**

1. The Information Regulator (Regulator), hereby, in terms of section 113(4)(b) of the Protection of Personal Information Act No. 4 of 2013, publish the amended Regulations Relating to the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2018 for implementation with immediate effect.
2. A copy of the amended final version of the Regulations is available on the Regulator's website at <https://info regulator.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/POPIA-2021-Regulations-FINAL-21-Jan-2025.pdf>.

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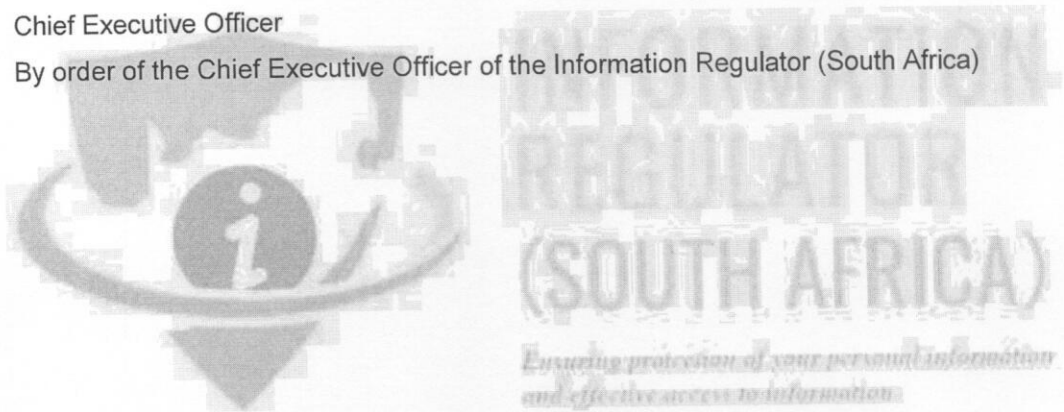
Signed at **JOHANNESBURG** on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of **APRIL 2025**.

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By order of the Chief Executive Officer of the Information Regulator (South Africa)



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21 January 2025

**PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT, 2013 (ACT 4 OF  
2013): REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF  
PERSONAL INFORMATION, 2021**

The Information Regulator has, in accordance with section 113(3) of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act 4 of 2013), amended Regulations relating to the Protection of Personal Information Act: Regulations as per: **GG 42110, RG 10897, GoN 1383**, 14 Dec 2018, in the Schedule.

**SCHEDULE**

**Amendment of Regulation 1**

1. Regulation 1 of the Regulations is hereby amended by—

1.1. the insertion of the following definition before the definition

**"complainant"** means any person who lodges a complaint with the Information Regulator;



**"complaint"** means-

- (a) a matter reported to the Information Regulator in terms of section 74(1) and (2) of the Act;
- (b) a complaint referred to in section 76(1)(e) and 92(1) of the Act; and
- (c) a matter reported or referred to the Information Regulator in terms of other legislation that regulates the mandate of the Information Regulator.

## 1.2

**"day"** means a calendar day, unless the last day of a specified period happens to fall on a Sunday or on any public holiday, in which case the time shall be calculated exclusive of that Sunday or public holiday in accordance with section 4 of the Interpretation Act, 1957 (Act No. 33 of 1957);

## 1.3 Insertion of the following definitions before the definition of "signature"

### **"Office hours"**

- (a) in respect of offices of the Information Regulator, means the hours between 08:00 and 16:00 on Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays; and
- (b) in respect of offices designated by the Information Regulator, means the hours during which the offices are operating;

**"Relevant body/bodies"** refers to any specified body or class of bodies, or any specified industry, profession, or vocation or class of industries, professions, or vocations that in the opinion of the Regulator which has sufficient representation

## 1.4 Insertion of the following definitions after the definition of "signature"

“writing” means writing as referred to in section 12 of the Electronic Communication and Transaction Act, 2022 (Act No. 25 of 2002)

## **Substitution of Regulation 2**

2. Regulation 2 is hereby substituted in the Regulations for the following:

### **Objection to the processing of personal information**

- 2.1 A data subject who wishes to object to the processing of personal information in terms of section 11(3)(a) of the Act, must submit the objection to a responsible party at any time during office hours of a responsible party and free of charge.
- 2.2 A data subject who wishes to object to the processing of personal information in terms of section 11(3)(b) of the Act, must submit the objection to a responsible party at any time during office hours of a responsible party and free of charge.
- 2.3 A data subject who wishes to object to the processing of personal information must do so on a form substantially similar to **Form 1**, free of charge and reasonably accessible to a data subject by hand, fax, post, email, SMS, or WhatsApp and or in any manner expedient to a data subject in terms of section 11(3)(a) of the Act;
- 2.4 A responsible party must, when collecting personal information of a data subject, notify the data subject, in terms of Section 18(1)(h)(iv) of the Act, of their right to object, as referred to in Section 11(3) of the Act.
- 2.5 If an objection to the processing of personal information of a data subject is made telephonically, such an objection shall be electronically recorded by a responsible party and upon request, be made available to the data subject in any manner, including the transcription thereof.

## **Substitution of Regulation 3**

3. Regulation 3 is hereby substituted in the Regulations for the following:

**Request for correction or deletion of personal information or destruction or deletion of record of personal information**

- 3.1 A data subject has the right, in terms of section 24 of the Act, to request, where necessary, the correction, destruction, or deletion of his, her or its personal information.
- 3.2 A data subject, who wishes to request a correction or deletion of his, her, or its personal information, as provided for in section 24(1) (a) of the Act, has the right to request for correction or deletion of personal information at any time and free of charge, if the personal information is inaccurate, irrelevant, excessive, out of date, incomplete, misleading or obtained unlawfully.
- 3.3 A data subject, who wishes to request the destruction or deletion of a record of his, her, or its personal information, in terms of section 24(1) (b) of the Act, has the right to request the destruction or deletion of a record of his, her or its personal information at any time and free of charge, if a responsible party is no longer authorised to retain in terms of section 14 of the Act.
- 3.4 A request for a correction or deletion of personal information, as referred to in sub regulation 3.2 or a request for the destruction or deletion of a record of personal information, as referred to sub regulation 3.3 must be submitted to a responsible party on a form which is substantially similar to **Form 2** free of charge and reasonably accessible to a data subject by hand, fax, post, email, SMS, WhatsApp message or in any manner expedient to a data subject;
- 3.5 A request for a correction or deletion of personal information by telephonic means shall be recorded by a responsible party and such recording must, upon request, be made available to a data subject in any manner, including the transcription thereof which shall be free of charge.
- 3.6 A responsible party must, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the outcome of the request referred to in sub regulation 3.2 or 3.3, notify a data subject, in writing, of the action taken as a result of the request.

#### **Amendment of Regulation 4**

4. The heading of Regulation 4 is hereby substituted for the following:

Additional duties and responsibilities of Information Officer

- 4.1 Sub regulation 4(1)(c) of the Regulations is hereby deleted
- 4.2 by inserting the words and "continually improved" at the end in Sub Regulation 4(1) (a).
- 4.3 Sub Regulation 4 (2) of the 2018 POPIA Regulations is hereby deleted.

#### **Amendment of Regulation 5**

5. Regulation 5 of the Regulations is hereby amended by-
- 5.1. the substitution of the words "private or public body" for "relevant body/bodies".
- 5.2. amending **Form 3** of the Regulations.

#### **Substitution of Regulation 6**

6. Regulation 6 of the Regulations is hereby substituted for the following regulations:

**"Request for a data subject's consent to process personal information for direct marketing through unsolicited electronic communication.**

- 6.1. A responsible party who wishes to process the personal information of a data subject for the purposes of direct marketing through unsolicited electronic communication must in terms of section 69(2) of the Act obtain written consent from a data subject on a form substantially similar to **Form 4** or in any manner that may be expedient, free of charge and reasonably accessible to a data subject, including-

- 6.1.1. email;
- 6.1.2. telephonically;
- 6.1.3. SMS or WhatsApp;



- 6.1.4. facsimile;
  - 6.1.5. automated calling machine.
- 6.2. A request for a data subject's consent to the processing of his, her, or its personal information as referred to in sub-regulation 6.1 above by telephonic means must be electronically recorded by a responsible party and such recording must, upon request, be made available to a data subject in any manner, including the transcription thereof which must be free of charge.
- 6.3. A request for a data subject's consent to the processing of his, her, or its personal information as referred to in sub regulation 6.1 by an automated calling machine must be electronically recorded by the responsible party and such recording must, upon request, must be made available to a data subject in any manner, including the transcription thereof which must be free of charge.
- 6.4. For the purposes of direct marketing through unsolicited electronic communications, opt-out shall not constitute consent as referred to in section 69 (2) of the Act.

#### **Amendment of Regulation 7**

7. Regulation 7 of the Regulations is hereby amended by insertion of Regulation 7.3 to 7.18

7.1. The following persons may lodge a complaint-

- 7.1.1. A data subject whose personal information has been interfered with in terms of section 73 of the Act;
- 7.1.2. Any person acting on behalf of a data subject whose personal information has been interfered with, as referred to in section 73 of the Act;
- 7.1.3. Any person with a sufficient personal interest in the subject matter of the complaint referred to in section 73 of the Act;
- 7.1.4. A responsible party or data subject who is aggrieved by the determination of an adjudicator in terms of section 63(3) of the Act; or



- 7.1.5. Any person acting in the public interest.
- 7.2. Subject to Regulation 7.10 a complaint submitted to the Regulator must be in writing by completing-
- 7.2.1. an online complaint **Form 5** available on the website of the Regulator; or
- 7.2.2. the complaint form, **Form 5** which shall be made available at the offices of the Regulator during office hours and any office designated by the Regulator.
- 7.3. The Regulator will assist any person who wishes to make a complaint, to reduce that complaint to writing.
- 7.3.1. Should a complainant require assistance in a language other than English, the Regulator will strive to provide a person competent in the language of the complainant to assist to reduce the complaint to writing.
- 7.3.1.1. A complaint may be submitted at-
- 7.3.1.2. The offices of the Regulator during office hours,
- 7.3.1.3. any other office designated by the Regulator as a place where complaints may be lodged.
- 7.4. The office designated by the Regulator in terms of sub-regulation 7.3.1.1.3 shall transfer the complaint to the Regulator within 14 days of receipt of the complaint.
- 7.5. A complaint may also be submitted to the Regulator in the following manner:
- 7.5.1. by fax;
- 7.5.2. by post;
- 7.5.3. by courier, at the Regulator's physical address; or
- 7.5.4. by email to a designated email address.

7.6. The Regulator shall acknowledge receipt of the complaint and provide the complainant with the reference number within fourteen (14) days after receipt thereof.

7.7. A complaint form referred to in sections 74(1) and (2) of the Act shall contain the following information-

- 7.7.1. name(s) and surname/ registered name of a complainant;
- 7.7.2. unique identifier/identity number/ company registration number of a complainant, if required;
- 7.7.3. address of a complainant;
- 7.7.4. the telephone and facsimile numbers of a complainant and e-mail address, if available;
- 7.7.5. reasons for a complaint;
- 7.7.6. name(s) and surname of a responsible party / registered name of a responsible party;
- 7.7.7. address of a responsible party;
- 7.7.8. the telephone and facsimile numbers of a responsible party and e-mail address, if available.

7.8. A complaint form referred to in section 74(2) of the Act shall contain the following information:

- 7.8.1. If a complaint is regarding the determination of an adjudicator, the name(s) and surname of the adjudicator; and
- 7.8.2. Any other information that identifies the adjudicator.

7.9. A complaint may also contain any other relevant additional information about the incident or matter concerned, which may include:-

- 7.9.1. the place and date of the occurrence;
- 7.9.2. particulars of the Information Officer concerned, if known;
- 7.9.3. the names and addresses of any person who could provide information relevant to the complaint, if known; and
- 7.9.4. any other relevant information or documents that may be used during the investigation.

7.10. If a complaint lodged with the Regulator contains any personal information which is protected in terms of the Protected Disclosures Act, 2000 (Act No. 26 of 2000) (PDA), the identity of the complainant will be protected.

7.11. In the event the complainant wishes his, her or its identity not to be disclosed, valid reasons must be submitted together with the complaint. The Regulator will consider the reasons and inform the complainant of its decision as to whether it accepts or rejects the request for non-disclosure of the complainant's identity. The complainant will then be able to either withdraw or proceed with the complaint on this basis.

7.12. A staff member, duly designated by the Regulator, must render the necessary assistance, free of charge, to enable any person to comply with this Regulation.

### **Amendment of Regulation 12**

Regulation 12 is hereby amended by-

"Deletion of Form 17, 18 and 19".

### **Insertion of new Regulation 13**

## **8. Administrative Fines**

9.1 The responsible party served with an infringement notice, in terms of section 109(1) of the Act, and who is unable to pay the administrative fine in a lump sum, may make arrangements with the Regulator to pay the administrative fine in instalments on a case-by-case basis.

9.2 **When determining an appropriate payment period, the Regulator must consider the following factors:**

9.2.1. The financial circumstances of the responsible party; and

- 9.2.2. Any other relevant compelling reasons that may directly or indirectly impact on the responsible party's affordability.

## **10. Transitional provisions**

Anything done under a provision of the Regulations relating to the Protection of Personal Information Act: Regulations: **GG 42110, RG 10897, GoN 1383**, 14 Dec 2018 and which could have been done under a provision of these Regulations, is regarded as having been done under the later provision.

## **11. Short title**

These Regulations shall be called the amendment to Regulations relating to the Protection of Personal Information, 2018 and shall commence on a date to be determined by the Regulator by proclamation in the Government Gazette.



# FORM 1

## OBJECTION TO THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 11(3) OF THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT, 2013 (ACT NO. 4 OF 2013)

### REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION, 2021 [Regulation 2]

Note:

1. If the space provided for in this Form is inadequate, submit information as an Annexure to this Form.
2. Complete as is applicable.

A	DETAILS OF DATA SUBJECT
Name(s) and surname/ registered name of data subject:	
Postal or business address:	
	Code ( )
Contact number(s):	
Fax number / E-mail address:	
B	DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY
Name(s) and surname/ Registered name of responsible party:	
Postal or business address:	
	Code ( )
Contact number(s):	
Fax number/ E-mail address:	
C	REASONS FOR OBJECTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 11(3)(a) (Please provide detailed reasons for the objection)


Signed at ..... this ..... day of .....20.....

.....  
*Signature of data subject/designated person*

FORM 2

REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OR DELETION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION OR  
DESTROYING OR DELETION OF RECORD OF PERSONAL INFORMATION IN TERMS  
OF SECTION 24(1) OF THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT, 2013  
(ACT NO. 4 OF 2013)

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION,  
2021  
[Regulation 3]

Note:

1. Affidavits or other documentary evidence as applicable in support of the request may be attached.
2. If the space provided for in this Form is inadequate, submit information as an Annexure to this Form and sign each page.
3. Complete as is applicable.

Mark the appropriate box with an "x".

Request for:

☐ a) Correction or deletion of personal ☐ information about the data subject which is in possession or under the control of the responsible party.

Please select applicable reasons for the selected request:

- |                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) Inaccurate          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) Irrelevant          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (c) Excessive           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (d) Out of Date         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (e) Incomplete          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (f) Misleading          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (g) Obtained unlawfully | <input type="checkbox"/> |

b) Destruction ☐ or deletion ☐ of a record of personal information about the data subject which is in the possession or under the control of the responsible party who is no longer authorised to retain the record of information.

A	DETAILS OF THE DATA SUBJECT
Name(s) and surname / registered name of data subject:	
Postal or business address:	
	Code (      )
Contact number(s):	
Fax number/E-mail address:	
B	DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY
Name(s) and surname / registered name of responsible party:	
Postal or business address:	
Contact number(s):	
Fax number/ E-mail address:	
C	<b>PERSONAL INFORMATION TO BE CORRECTED/DESTROYED/DELETED</b> <i>(Please specify the personal information required to be corrected / destroyed / deleted)</i>
D	<b>EXPLANATION FOR THE SELECTED REASON FOR A REQUEST</b> <i>(Please provide detail explanation for the selected reasons for the request for correction or deletion of personal information which is in possession or under the control of the responsible party)</i>




Signed at ..... this ..... day of .....20.....

.....  
*Signature of data subject/ designated person*

### FORM 3

#### APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUE OF A CODE OF CONDUCT IN TERMS OF SECTION 61(1)(b) OF THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT, 2013 (ACT NO. 4 OF 2013)

#### REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION, 2021 [Regulation 5]

A	DETAILS OF THE RELEVANT BODY /BODIES
Name of the relevant body/bodies	
List the class of body or any industry size, profession, or vocation, you represent: <i>(Attach proof of representation)</i>	
Total number of members of industry, or any class of bodies, profession or vocation:	
Proportion of representation (expressed as a percentage) in the industry, class of bodies, profession or vocation <i>(Attach proof of representation)</i> :	
Business address:	
	Code (    )
Contact number(s):	
Fax number/ E-mail address:	
B	DETAILS OF PERSON WHO COMPLETES THIS FORM
Name(s) and surname of person completing this form:	



Signed at ..... this ..... day of .....20.....

.....  
*Signature of the person completing the form*



FORM 4

REQUEST FOR THE CONSENT OF A DATA SUBJECT FOR THE PROCESSING OF  
PERSONAL INFORMATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DIRECT MARKETING THROUGH  
UNSOLICITED ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 69 (2) OF  
THE ACT

[Regulation 6]

PART A

TO:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name of data subject)*

FROM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact number(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

Fax number:

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address:

\_\_\_\_\_

*(Name, address and contact details of responsible party)*

Specify goods or services to be marketed: \_\_\_\_\_

Full names and designation of person signing on behalf of responsible party:

\_\_\_\_\_

.....  
*Signature of designated person*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART B**  
**DATA SUBJECT'S CONSENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (full names of data subject) hereby:

☐

Give my consent.

To receive direct marketing by means of unsolicited electronic communication in respect of the goods or services to be marketed

**SPECIFY METHOD OF PREFERRED COMMUNICATION:**

FAX

☐

E - MAIL

☐

SMS

☐

OTHERS – Please specify: .....

Signed at ..... this ..... day of .....20.....

.....  
*Signature of data subject*

## FORM 5

### COMPLAINT REGARDING INTERFERENCE WITH THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION/COMPLAINT REGARDING DETERMINATION OF AN ADJUDICATOR IN TERMS OF SECTION 74 OF THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT, 2013 (ACT NO. 4 OF 2013)

#### REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION, 2021 [Regulation 7]

*Note:*

1. *Affidavits or other documentary evidence as applicable in support of the request may be attached.*
2. *If the space provided for in this Form is inadequate, submit information as an Annexure to this Form and sign each page.*
3. *Complete as is applicable.*

Mark the appropriate box with an "x".

**Complaint regarding:**

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Alleged interference with the protection of personal information

☐

Determination of an adjudicator.

PART I	ALLEGED INTERFERENCE WITH THE PROTECTION OF THE PERSONAL INFORMATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 74(1) OF THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013)
A	PARTICULARS OF COMPLAINANT
Name(s) and surname / registered name of data subject:	
Unique Identifier / Identity Number if required	
Address:	
	Code (    )
Contact number(s):	
Fax number/ E-mail address :	

B	PARTICULARS OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY INTERFERING WITH PERSONAL INFORMATION
Name(s) and surname/ Registered name of responsible party:	
Address:	
	Code ( )
Contact number(s):	
Fax number/ E-mail address:	
C	REASONS FOR COMPLAINT <i>(Please provide detailed reasons for the complaint)</i>
PART II	COMPLAINT REGARDING DETERMINATION OF ADJUDICATOR IN TERMS OF SECTION 74(2) OF THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT, 2013 (ACT NO. 4 OF 2013)
A	PARTICULARS OF COMPLAINANT
Name(s) and surname/ registered name of data subject:	
Unique Identifier/ Identity Number if required :	
Address:	
	Code ( )
Contact number(s):	



Fax number/ E-mail address:	
<b>B</b>	<b>PARTICULARS OF ADJUDICATOR AND RESPONSIBLE PARTY</b>
Name(s) and surname of adjudicator:	
Name(s) and surname of responsible party /registered name:	
Address:	
	Code (    )
Contact number(s):	
Fax number/ E-mail address:	
<b>C</b>	<b>REASONS FOR COMPLAINT</b> <i>(Please provide detailed reasons for the grievance)</i>

Signed at ..... this ..... day of .....20.....

.....  
Signature of data subject/ designated person