

BEE123 Access to Information Manual



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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 of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000 as amended from time to time (known as [PAIA](#)) requires us to draft and make this manual available to you.

- Know what types of information we have.
- Know how to request access to it.

Callouts like this are a summary of our manual and contain the most important and relevant points for you. They are here to help you understand it, but please read the full manual.

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1. Introduction

We describe who we are and what we do on our [website](#).

PAIA¹ 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.

This manual exists to tell you what information we have and help you get access to it.

2. Our details

Our organisation's and information officer's details are as follows:

Organisation name	BEE123 (Pty) Ltd
Website	www.bee123.co.za
Registration number	2016/150254/07
Postal address	Building 2, Waverley Office Park. 15 Forest Road, Waverley
Physical address	Building 2, Waverley Office Park. 15 Forest Road, Waverley
Phone number	+27 86 123 3123
Default information officer²	Jodi Joseph
Deputy information officer (if applicable)	Claudia Pather Carol Peacock
Information officer email	info@bee123.co.za

These are all our details, but please rather contact us by email whenever possible.

¹ Section 51(1) of PAIA

3. Further guidance from the Information Regulator

For further guidance, contact the Information Regulator. They have compiled a [PAIA guide](#)³ in each official language of South Africa on how to exercise your rights under PAIA.

Visit their website	www.inforegulator.org.za
Postal address	P.O Box 31533, Braamfontein, Johannesburg, 2017
Physical address	Woodmead North Office Park, 54 Maxwell Drive Woodmead, Johannesburg, 2191
Phone number	010 023 5200
Ask a general enquiry by email	enquiries@inforegulator.org.za
Lodge a complaint by email	PAIAComplaints@inforegulator.org.za

For further guidance on how you can get access to information, please visit the Information Regulator website.

4. Records which we make automatically available

We make some records automatically available⁴ to you without you needing to request access to them.

Type of record	How you can access it
Memorandum of incorporation (MOI)	BizPortal ⁵
Directors' names	BizPortal
Documents of incorporation	BizPortal
Banking details	Request by email
Human resources including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BEE123 Code of Ethics• Employment Equity reports• HR reports• Training reports• Payroll reports	Request by email

³ <https://inforegulator.org.za/paia-guidelines/>

⁴ Section 52 of PAIA

⁵ <https://www.bizportal.gov.za/>

Financial management including:	Request by email
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budgets • Strategic plans • Annual performance plans • Financial statements • Auditor's reports 	
External newsletters and circulars	Subscribing or on our website
Information on our website	Visit our website

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.

Establishment records

Our records related to the establishment, registration, incorporation, or administration of our organisation. Some of them may be available from via BizPortal, a search tool for all companies registered on the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC).

- Policies and procedures
- Codes of conduct
- Share certificate
- Statutory returns to the relevant authorities
- Minutes of board or director meetings
- Written resolutions
- Records relating to the appointment of directors, auditor, secretary, public officer, or other officers
- Share register and other statutory registers
- Other statutory records

Company records include our memorandum of incorporation and directors' names.

Business records

Documents that have economic value to the business.

- Annual reports
- Applicable statutory documents
- Compliance certification
- Fraud alerts and whistleblowing
- Legal compliance records
- Operational records

- Database records
- Published works
- Internal correspondence
- Product records
- Strategic plans and other operational policies

Financial records

Our records related to our finances.

- Business plan and budget
- Capital expenditure records
- Debtors and creditors statement and invoices
- Electronic banking records
- General ledger and sub-ledgers
- Management records
- Monthly expenses
- Payment terms
- Rental agreements
- Risk management and insurance
- Leases
- Transaction records
- Treasury dealings
- General ledger reconciliations
- Incentives and bonuses
- Pension and retirement funding records
- Payment history
- Customer credit vetting
- Financial statements
- Tax return records
- Other records relating to tax
- Accounting records
- Auditor reports
- Banking records
- Bank statements
- Electronic banking records
- Paid cheques
- Asset register
- Records of invoices
- Financial agreements

Financial records include our financial statements and banking details.

Insurance records

Our records related to our insurable assets.

- Insurance declarations records

- Insurance policies records
- Records of insurance claims
- Register of all immovable property owned by the company

Income tax records

Our records related to our income tax obligations.

- PAYE records
- Corporate tax records
- Customs tax records
- Records of documents issued to employees for income tax purposes
- Records of payments made to SARS on behalf of employees
- VAT records
- Skills development levies records
- UIF records
- Workmen's Compensation records

Personnel records

Our records about anyone who works for us, provides services to us, or provides services on our behalf and who we remunerate. This includes our employees, contractors, and other personnel.

- CV's application records
- List of employees
- Employee personal information
- Employment records of employees, education and training records.
- Union membership and information.
- Employee benefit records
- Employee relations
- Records of disciplinary procedures, CCMA and court matters
- Records of retrenchment and legal processes about employment matters
- Time management records
- Study assistance scheme records
- Social responsibility records
- Skills development records
- SETA records
- Operating manuals
- Personal records provided by personnel
- Records of incentives and bonuses'
- IRP5's records
- Job profiles records
- Leave records
- Medical aid records
- Records of organisational structures
- Pension and retirement funding records
- Employment applications and appointment letters records
- Employment Equity Plan
- Health and safety records
- Medical aid records

- Pension and provident fund records
- Records of salaries or wages of employees
- Leave records
- Internal evaluations and performance records
- Disciplinary records
- Disciplinary codes
- Training records
- Records of operating manuals
- Personal records provided by personnel
- Other statutory records

Personnel records include records about our employees and contractors.

Policies and directives

Both internal and external documents.

- Records of internal policies relating to employees and the organisation
- Records of external policies relating to customers and other third parties
- Information technology systems and document records
- Financial policies and procedures
- Employment policies and procedures
- Records of grievance procedure
- ICT policies, standards, procedures and templates records
- Information, communication and technology policies records

Agreements or contracts

Both the documents themselves and all related documents.

- Records of standard agreements
- Records of contracts concluded with customers
- Records of NDAs
- Letters of intent and MOUs records
- Records of third-party contracts (such as JV agreements, VAR agreements, etc.)
- Supplier or service contracts records
- Employee employment contracts records
- Contractual disputes with third parties' records
- Licensing and maintenance agreements records
- Service level agreement records

Regulatory documents

Any documents we need to comply with any laws.

- Records applications
- Records of exemptions
- Records of submissions

- Records of registrations
- Permits records
- Licences records
- Authorities records

Published information

Any document that we prepare and produce.

- Records of internal newsletters and circulars
- Records of information on the company published by third parties

Customer information

Any information about anyone that we provide goods or services to, including our customers, their respective management, employees and suppliers.

- Customer details records
- Records of contact details of individuals within customers
- Records of communications with customers
- Sales records
- Transactional information records
- Marketing records
- Customer surveys records

Information technology and infrastructure

- Device management records
- Disaster recovery policy and plan records
- Licence agreements records
- Maintenance plans records
- Network topologies or diagrams records
- Email and voice mail records
- Equipment specifications records
- Facilities records
- Faults, troubleshooting and reporting records
- Hardware and software manuals records
- Internal systems support and programming records
- ISAE3402 Audit reports records
- Operating systems records
- Performance of the client call desk records
- Performance of IT infrastructure records
- Root cause analysis records
- Security access records
- Software licences records
- Supplier agreements or vendor agreements records
- Systems documentation and manuals records

Intellectual property

- Licences records

- Patents records
- Trademark applications records
- Copyright agreements records
- Records of intellectual property pertaining to solutions and products developed.

Corporate affairs and investor relations or communications

- Records of corporate social investments
- Records of media releases
- Newsletters and publications records
- Public corporate records

Legal

- Records pertaining to commercial disputes, litigation, arbitration or regulatory investigations
- Health and safety records

Sales, marketing and communication

- Records of actual sales numbers
- Commission records
- Records of customer orders and delivery notes
- Proposal and tender records

Reference materials

Any sources of information that we contribute to.

- Books
- Newsletters and journal articles
- Magazines
- Newspaper articles

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.

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 2⁶](#).

⁶ <https://info regulator.org.za/paia-forms/>

Please submit the completed form (together with the relevant request fee we explain below) to our information officer's email address, our physical address, or by fax 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, postal address, or fax number,
- 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.

You may request information by completing a request for access form and submitting it to our information officer together with a request fee.

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.

We will process requests within 30 days unless we notify you of an extension, together with our reasons for the extension.

9. How much it will cost you

Request fees

When submitting your request, you must pay us a request fee 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 request⁷, setting out the application procedure⁸.

⁷ Section 54(1)

⁸ Section 54(3)(c)

Access fees

If we grant the request, you will have to pay us a further access fee 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 fee⁹. 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 you¹⁰.

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 privacy¹¹,
- another company's commercial information¹²,
- someone else's confidential information¹³,
- research information¹⁴,
- the safety of individuals and property¹⁵, or
- records privileged from production in legal proceedings¹⁶.

Some of these grounds are explained in further detail below.

Protection of someone else's privacy (a natural person)

We may refuse to give you access to a record if access would unreasonably disclose a natural person's personal information, including a deceased person.

We will not refuse access in certain circumstances.

- The person who the information pertains to, has given consent.
- The information is publicly available.
- The information belongs to a class of information, and the private body notified the individual upfront that the specific class of information might be made public.
- The record is physical or mental health information or information about someone's well-being who is:

⁹ Section 54(2)

¹⁰ Section 54(7)

¹¹ Section 63

¹² Section 64

¹³ Section 65

¹⁴ Section 68

¹⁵ Section 66

¹⁶ Section 67

- under the requester's (your) care and below 18 years, or
- incapable of understanding the nature of the request and giving access would be in the individual's best interests.
- The information is about a deceased person and:
 - you are the next of kin, or
 - the request is made with the written consent of the individual's next of kin.
- The information is about a person who is, or was an executive at your organisation, and the information relates to their position or functions, for example:
 - that the person was an official at our organisation,
 - the title, work address, work phone number and other similar details,
 - the classification, salary scale or remuneration and responsibilities of the position or services, and
 - the name of the person on a record prepared by them while employed.

Protection of another organisation's commercial information

We may refuse to give you access to a record if the record contains another organisation's:

- trade secrets,
- financial, commercial, scientific, or technical information and the disclosure could cause harm to the financial or commercial interests of that company,
- information and the disclosure could put that company at a disadvantage in negotiations or commercial competition, or
- information on a computer programme owned by us, protected by copyright.

Protection of the safety of individuals and property

We may refuse access if it could reasonably be expected to endanger someone's life or physical safety. We may refuse access to a record if disclosing it would be likely to prejudice or impair the security of:

- a building, structure, or system, including a computer or communication system,
- a means of transport,
- any other property,
- methods, systems, plans or procedures for the protection of someone in a witness protection scheme,
- the public, or a part of the public, or
- the property contemplated above.

Protection of research information

We may refuse you access to a record that contains research done by us or someone else, if disclosing it would disclose our identity, the researcher's or the subject matter of the research and would place the research at a serious disadvantage.

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.

We may have to refuse you access to a record to protect others.

11. Remedies available if we refuse to give you access

If we deny your request for access, you may:

- apply to a court¹⁷ with appropriate jurisdiction, or
- complain¹⁸ to the Information Regulator,

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](#).

Categories of people

We process the personal information of the following categories of people:

- customers of BEE123 and their respective management, employees and suppliers,
- employees and personnel of BEE123,
- recruiters and medical practitioners providing services related to employees,
- contractors, vendors, or suppliers,
- debtors and creditors,
- directors and shareholders.
- distributors, agents and resellers
- third parties with whom we do business

Purposes

We process the personal information to:

- provide our goods or supply our services,
- better understand our data subjects' needs when doing so,
- keep our data subject records up to date,
- manage employees in general,
- manage supplier contracts in general,
- manage customers in general,

¹⁷ Section 78

¹⁸ PAIAComplaints@inforegulator.org.za

- manage customer credit in general,
- market to customers in various countries,
- enforce debts,
- market goods and services to prospects,
- run promotional competitions for businesses,
- process customer requests or complaints, and
- process personal information of employees for forensic purposes.

Categories of personal information

We process many different categories of personal information, including:

- contact details, such as phone numbers, physical and postal addresses, and email addresses,
- personal details, such as names, personal opinions, views, or preferences
- demographic details, such as races, age, gender, sex, pregnancy, marital status, national, ethnic or social origin, colour, sexual orientation, physical or mental health, well-being, disability, religion, conscience, belief, culture, language and birth of the person,
- health information,
- biometric information,
- account numbers,
- background information,
- contract information,
- credit information,
- market intelligence information,
- debt and debtor information.
- education, financial, criminal, or employment history
- location data, online identifier, or other unique assignment
- private or confidential correspondence, or related follow-up revealing its contents
- others' opinions about the person
- the person's name if disclosed with other personal information or if disclosure reveals personal details

Third-party disclosures

We give the following people personal information that we process in the ordinary course of business to fulfil our obligations to our customers or clients.

- Accredited BEE verification agencies for purposes of conducting an independent audit process aimed at verifying and validating the BEE status of BEE123's customers.
- Contractors, vendors, or suppliers.
- Agents, distributors, or other resellers.
- Operators, other responsible parties, or co-responsible parties.
- Third party service providers (such as software developers) to help us maintain our services and the BEE123 solution.
- Statutory or oversight bodies, regulators, and any court, administrative, or judicial forum arbitration statutory commission that makes a request for personal information or discovery following applicable rules.

Cross-border transfers

We store and process personal information in South Africa. Our data centres are located in South Africa, and we do not intentionally transfer personal information outside of South Africa. In limited circumstances, personal information may be accessed or transmitted outside of South Africa when a customer, or authorised user accesses our software from outside of South Africa. We will only transfer data to other countries who have similar privacy laws to South Africa's that provide an adequate level of protection, or recipients who can guarantee the protection of personal information to the same standard we must protect it.

Security

We secure data by maintaining reasonable measures to protect personal information from loss, misuse, and unauthorised access, disclosure, alteration, and destruction. We also take reasonable steps to keep personal information accurate, current, complete, confidential, and reliable for its intended use.

We do our best to keep all data in our possession secure and up to date.

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.

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