

**Harvest Church**

**PBO number: 930015965**

**Manual in terms of Section 51 of the Promotion  
of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000  
("the Act")**



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## INTRODUCTION

Harvest Church ("the Company") is a Public Benefit Organisation which operates as a church.

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Date of incorporation: 7 July 2005

Registered address: 1 Wincanton Way  
Somerset Park  
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## THE SOUTH AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION GUIDE TO THE ACT

The Promotion of Access to Information Act was promulgated in March 2001. The Act was put in place to actively promote a society in which the people of South Africa have effective access to information, which enables them to more fully exercise and protect their rights.

The Human Rights Commission is responsible for compiling a guide that provides details on how to use the Act. This guide is currently not available from the Human Rights Commission. Please direct any further queries in this regard to:

The South African Human Rights Commission: PAIA Unit

The Research and Documentation Department

Postal Address: Private Bag 2700  
Houghton  
2041

Phone: (011) 484 8300

Fax: (011) 484 0582

E-mail: PAIA@zahrc.org.za

Website: www.sahrc.org.za

In terms of Section 51(1) of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, all heads of private bodies are required to compile a manual that provides information regarding the subjects and categories of records held by such private bodies. This manual is intended to fulfil this requirement.

Accordingly, this manual provides a reference to the records we hold and the process that needs to be adopted to access such records. All requests for access to information should be addressed to our designated Information Officer.

A copy of the manual will be available for inspection at:

- The registered address of the Company (refer address above); and
- The South African Human Rights Commission.
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## RECORDS HELD IN TERMS OF APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

The records of the Company are required by law to keep certain records. These records are enumerated in various Acts of Parliament.

Our records are in paper and electronic form only. In terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, access must be granted irrespective of form or medium.

To facilitate the easy identification of the records we hold, we have **categorised** our records per **subject** area. The table below provides an indication of the categories of information held:

Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Statements</li> <li>• Tax Records</li> <li>• General Correspondence</li> <li>• Information relating to transactions of a financial nature (e.g. invoices and payments)</li> <li>• Banking Records</li> <li>• Marketing Information</li> <li>• Customer Information</li> <li>• Employee Records</li> <li>• Personnel guidelines, policies and procedures</li> <li>• Employment Equity Records</li> <li>• Labour Relations Records</li> <li>• Statutory HR Records</li> </ul>
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## RECORDS KEPT AS A MATTER OF GENERAL PRACTICE

Harvest Church keep certain records in the conduct of their day to day business and as a matter of standard practice and good governance. The following records are held:

Statutory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company documents and legal records</li> <li>• Share registration documents</li> <li>• Employment records</li> </ul>
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Customer, supplier and marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer records</li> <li>• Supplier records</li> <li>• Product records</li> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Marketing material</li> </ul>
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## RECORDS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO GROUNDS OF REFUSAL

Access to the following documents may be subject to the grounds of refusal as set out in this Manual:

Personnel Records	<p>"Personnel" refers to any person who works for or provides services to or on behalf of the Company and who receives or is entitled to receive remuneration, and any other person who assists in carrying out or conducting the Company's business and includes, without limitation, directors, (executive and non-executive), all permanent, temporary and part-time staff as well as contract works. Personnel records include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal records (provided by personnel themselves);</li> <li>• Records provided by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party relating to personnel;</li> <li>• Conditions of employment and other personnel-related contractual and quasi-legal records;</li> <li>• Internal evaluation records and other internal records;</li> <li>• Correspondence relating to personnel; and</li> <li>• Training schedules and material.</li> </ul>
Customer records	<p>A "customer" refers to any natural or juristic entity that receives services from the Company. Customer records include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records pertaining to products sold and/or serviced by the Company, including without limitation, online and print publications;</li> <li>• Records provided by a customer to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party acting for or on behalf of the Company;</li> <li>• Records provided by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party;</li> <li>• Records generated by or within the Company relating to its customers, including transactional data.</li> </ul>
Private Body Records	<p>These are records which include, but are not limited to, records which pertain to the Company's own affairs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial records;</li> <li>• Operational records;</li> <li>• Databases;</li> <li>• Information technology systems and documents;</li> <li>• Marketing records;</li> <li>• Internal correspondence;</li> <li>• Product and service records;</li> <li>• Statutory records;</li> <li>• Internal policies and procedures.</li> </ul>
Other Party Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel, customer or private body records which are held by another party on the Company's behalf, as opposed to the records held by the Company itself;</li> <li>• Records held by the Company pertaining to other parties,</li> </ul>



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	including without limitation, financial records, correspondence, contractual records, and records about Company contractors/suppliers/service providers.
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**GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL OF ACCESS TO RECORDS**

The Company may refuse a request for information on, inter alia, the following basis:

- The mandatory protection of the privacy of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party who is a natural person, in order to avoid the unreasonable disclosure of personal information concerning that natural person (including a deceased individual).
- The mandatory protection of the commercial information of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party, if the record contains:
  - Trade secrets of that 3<sup>rd</sup> party;
  - Financial, commercial, scientific or technical information, other than trade secrets, of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party, the disclosure of which would be likely to cause harm to the commercial or financial interests of that 3<sup>rd</sup> party; or
  - Information supplied in confidence by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to put that 3<sup>rd</sup> party at a disadvantage in contractual or other negotiations, or to prejudice that 3<sup>rd</sup> party in commercial competition.
- The mandatory protection of confidential information of 3<sup>rd</sup> parties if disclosure would constitute an action for breach of a duty of confidence owed to that 3<sup>rd</sup> party in terms of an agreement.
- The mandatory protection of the safety of individuals and the protection of property.
- The mandatory protection of records which would be privileged from production in legal proceedings.
- The protection of the Company's commercial activities including, without limitation, records that contain:
  - The Company's trade secrets;
  - Financial, commercial, customer, scientific or technical information, the disclosure of which would be likely to cause harm to the Company's commercial or financial interests;
  - Information, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to put the Company at a disadvantage in contractual or other negotiations, or to prejudice the Company in commercial competition.
  - Computer programs owned by the Company.
- The mandatory protection of research information of the Company or a 3<sup>rd</sup> party, if disclosure would expose the identity of the Company or a 3<sup>rd</sup> party, the researcher or the subject matter of the research to serious disadvantage.



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- Requests for information that are, in the Company's reasonable opinion, manifestly frivolous or vexatious or which involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

## RECORDS THAT CAN BE ACCESSED WITHOUT A FORMAL REQUEST

Certain information can be accessed on our website without a formal request. This information relates to the services that we provide to clients, the pricing of these services, in-house brochures, newsletters and marketing material.

In terms of the following Acts, we are required to ensure that certain categories of records are available for access as prescribed by each Act:

- The Occupational Health and Safety Act No. 85 of 1993;
- The Value-Added Tax Act No. 89 of 1991;
- Income Tax Act No. 58 of 1962;
- Companies Act, No 71 of 2008;
- Basic Conditions of Employment Act No. 75 of 1997;
- Employment Equity Act No. 55 of 1998;
- Labour Relations Act No. 66 of 1995;
- The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa No.3 of 1994; and
- South African Revenue Services Act, 34 of 1997.

Please note that while we have made every effort to identify all pertinent legislation, we cannot guarantee that all legislation has been included. Should you be aware of any specific legislation that should be included and which has been omitted, please contact the Information Officer of the Company.

## PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW WHEN SUBMITTING A FORMAL REQUEST OF ACCESS TO A RECORD

A request for access to a record that does not fall within the categories identified above must be done formally either via conventional mail, e-mail or fax.

This request should be in the prescribed format as defined in Form C of Annexure B as identified in Government Notice Number 187, Regulation 6. A request form is also available from our offices. The prescribed request fee should be attached (refer to Section 7 of this manual for more details on the fees).

Our Information Officer will respond to your request within 30 days of receiving the request by indicating whether your request for access has been granted.



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Please note that an application for access to information can be refused in the event that the application does not comply with the procedural requirements of the Act. In addition, the successful completion and submission of an access request form does not automatically allow the requestor access to the requested record.

The request form must be completed **CLEARLY** and **COMPLETELY** in block letters. If there is insufficient space on the printed request form in which to answer a question, additional information must be provided on a separate page that is clearly marked and referenced.

If access to a record/information is granted, our response will include:

- An indication of the access fee that should be paid upon gaining access (if any);
- An indication of the form in which the access will be granted;
- A notice that you may lodge an application with the court against the access fee to be paid or the form of the access, including guidance on the procedure for lodging the application.

If access to a record/information is denied, our response will include:

- Adequate reasons for the refusal; and
- Notice that you may lodge an application with the court against the refusal and the procedure including the period, for lodging the application. For details on the procedure, please refer to Chapter 2 of Part 4 of the Promotion of Access to Information Act.

Assuming your request of access is granted, you will be able to gain access to the requested records as soon as is reasonably possible and once the access fee has been paid.

Access will be granted to a record if the following criteria are fulfilled:

- The record is required for the exercise or protection of any right;
- The requestor complies with the procedural requirements in the Act relating to a request; and
- Access to the record is not refused in terms of any ground for refusal as contemplated in Chapter 4 of Part 3 of the Act.



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## PRESCRIBED FEES IN RESPECT OF REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

There are two basic types of fees applicable in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act – “request” and “access” fees. The non-refundable request fee (currently R 57.00 inclusive of VAT) is payable on submission of the request for access to a record (unless the request is personal in which event there is no applicable fee) and the access fee is payable prior to the actual gaining of access to the records in the required form. The applicable fees are prescribed in terms of Part III of Annexure A as identified in Government Notice Number 187, Regulation 11.

**GEORGE GOURLAY** for  
**HARVEST CHURCH**



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