



**PAIA Manual prepared in terms Section 51 for :**

**GRID BUSINESS SYSTEMS (Pty) Ltd T/A Grid Express and GRID Wealth**

Company Registration number: 1984/02058/07

**Further to be referred to as (“the Company”)**

In terms of The Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000 (the “Act”) as amended

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## **1. Introduction**

This manual is prepared in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) and the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA). It serves to inform data subjects about the processes and policies for handling personal information by Grid Business Systems Pty Ltd T/A Grid Express and GRID Wealth.

GRID BUSINESS SYSTEMS (Pty) LTD T/A Grid Express and GRID Wealth, is a medical billing bureau company. We have built a reputation for providing medical practices with specialised expertise, tailored to provide our clients with sustainable value and an ongoing competitive advantage in the industry.

## **2. The Company**

- **Company Names:** Grid Business Systems (Pty) Ltd T/A Grid Express and Grid Wealth
- **Registration Numbers:** Grid Business Systems: 1984/02058/07

### **3. Contact Details**

Any person who wishes to request any information from the Company with the object of protecting or exercising a right may contact the Information Officer. The Information Officer has been duly authorised by the Company to deal with the matters in connection with requests for information in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act 2, of 2000.

- **The contact details are as follows:**

**GRID BUSINESS SYSTEMS (Pty) Ltd T/A Grid Express and GRID Wealth,**

- **Physical Address:** 73 Marine Drive, Ramsgate 4285
- **Postal Address:** P.O. Box 54015, Ramsgate 4285
- Telephone number : 0861 474 339
- Website : [www.gridexpress.co.za](http://www.gridexpress.co.za) / [www.gridwealth.co.za](http://www.gridwealth.co.za)

### **4. Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer.**

**(a)The Information Officer of the Company is:**

**GRID BUSINESS SYSTEMS (Pty) Ltd T/A Grid Express/GRID Wealth**

Cindy Ludick                      cindyl@gridexpress.co.za / cindyl@gridwealth.co.za

**(b) The Deputy Information Officer of the Company is:**

**GRID BUSINESS SYSTEMS (Pty) Ltd T/A Grid Express**

Angelique Vorster              angeliquev@gridexpress.co.za / angeliquev@gridwealth.co.za

## **5. The Act**

The promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000, as amended, (the “Act”) gives third parties the right to approach public bodies to request information held by them, which is required in the exercise and/or protection of any rights. On request, the public body is obliged to release such information unless the Act expressly states that the records containing such information may or must not be released. This manual informs requestors of procedural and other requirements which a request must meet as prescribed by the Act, and further incorporates or addresses the requirements of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (“POPIA”)

### **Reference to the Constitution**

Section 32 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, No. 108 of 1996 (“the Constitution”) provides:

S32(1) everyone has the right of access to –

- a) Any information held by the state; and
- b) Any information that is held by another person and that is required for the exercise or protection of any rights.

S32(2) National legislation must be enacted to give effect to this right, and may provide for reasonable measures to alleviate the administrative and financial burden on the state.

The Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2 of 2000 (“the Act”), was enacted on 3 February 2002 to give effect to section 32 of the constitution, that is giving effect to the constitutional right of access to any information held by the State and any information that is held by another person and that is required for the exercise or protection of any rights. Where a request is made in terms of this Act, the private or public body to which the request is made is obliged to release the information, except where the Act expressly provides that the information must not be released.

The Act sets out the requisite procedural issues attached to such request.

The Act came into effect on 9 March 2001 with the exception of sections 10, 14, 16 and 51 which sections were brought into operation on 15 February 2002.

### **Purpose of the PAIA Manual**

The purpose of PAIA is to promote the right of access to information, to foster a culture of transparency and accountability within Adept Advisory by giving the right to information that is required for the exercise or protection of any right and to actively promote a society in which the people of South Africa have effective access to information to enable them to exercise and protect their rights.

In order to promote effective governance of private bodies, it is necessary to ensure that everyone is empowered and educated to understand their rights in relation to public and private bodies.

Section 9 of the Act recognises that the right to access information cannot be unlimited and should be subject to justifiable limitations, including, but not limited to:

- Limitations aimed at the reasonable protection of privacy;
- Commercial confidentiality; and
- Effective, efficient and good governance;

- and in a manner which balances that right with any other rights, including such rights contained in the Bill of Rights in the Constitution.

This PAIA Manual complies with the requirements of guide mentioned in section 10 of the Act and recognises that upon commencement of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013, that the appointed Information Regulator will be responsible to regulate compliance with the Act and its regulations by private and public bodies.

## **6. Personal records held by the company**

The Company processes the personal information of a variety of kinds of data subjects, for various reasons, including but not limited the following grouped according to records relating to the following subjects and categories:

- **Personal Employee Information, Employment and Payment records**

This includes but is not limited to UIF and PAYE/Demographic Information

- **Medical Practice and Practitioner**

Contact/ID/Banking details/Contract Details/ Demographic Information /Scheme Website credentials

- **Patient medical records and client practice**

Patient records, notes, results, prescriptions, referrals, billings to medical funders, receipts, VAT

- **Suppliers and Business Partners**

Contact/ID/Banking details/Contract Details/ Demographic Information

## **7. Operational information held by the company**

This information can be defined as information needed in the day-to-day running of the organization and is generally of little to no use to persons outside the organization. (Examples of such information are: internal telephone lists, address lists, company policies, contracts, employee records and general "house keeping" information).

- Correspondence files
- Tax files
- Human resources files
- Employment contracts;
- Disciplinary records;
- Salary records;
- Disciplinary code;
- Leave records;
- Policies
- Training records; and
- Training Manuals
- Financial records, including accounting records
- Contracts & Agreements
- Training Records

## **8. Processing of personal Information / Purpose of Processing**

The Company uses and stores the Personal Information under its care in the following ways for the purpose of:

- Administration/Processing of claims to medical institutions.
- Reconciling of accounts and follow-ups of outstanding monies
- Keeping of accounts and records;
- Employee administration;
- Complying with tax laws and other applicable laws; and
- Any other relevant administrative purposes in terms of any other law, code or standard.

Categories of Data Subjects and their Personal Information the Company may possess or possesses records relating to clients/practitioners, suppliers, contractors, service providers.

<b>Data Subject Category</b>	<b>Personal Information Processed</b>
Natural Persons	Names; contact details; physical and postal addresses; date of birth; ID number; Passport number; Tax related information; nationality; gender; confidential correspondence
Juristic Persons / Entities	Names of contact persons; Name of Legal Entity; Physical and Postal address and contact details; Financial information; Registration Number; Founding documents; Tax related information; authorised signatories, beneficiaries, ultimate beneficial owners
Contracted Service Providers	Names of contact persons; Name of Legal Entity; Physical and Postal address and contact details; Financial information; Registration Number; Founding documents; Tax related information; authorised signatories, beneficiaries, ultimate beneficial owners
Employees	Gender; Marital Status; Ethnicity; Age; Home Language, Education information; Financial Information; Employment History; ID number; Physical and Postal address; Contact details; Opinions, Criminal behaviour; Well-being.

### **Categories of Recipients for Processing the Personal Information the Company may supply the Personal Information to service providers who render the following services:**

- Storing/hosting of data;
- Sending of emails and other correspondence to clients;
- Administration Assistance.

General Description of Information Security Measures the Company employs up to date technology to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the Personal Information under its care.

The Company may use alternative measures and adapt to technological security development, as needed, provided that the objectives are achieved.

**Measures include but is not limited to:**

- Firewalls
- Virus protection software and update protocols
- Secure access control;
- Secure setup of hardware and software making up the IT infrastructure;
- Non-Disclosure Agreements

**9. Access to records & Procedure for requesting Access to Information**

Records held by the private body may be accessed on request only once the requirements for request for access have been met.

A requester in terms of the Act means: (i) any person making a request to access the record of that private body; or a person acting on behalf of the person referred to in subparagraph (i).

To facilitate the processing of your request, please use the Form A included in this document

The Act distinguishes between two types of requesters, however this Manual includes a third type of a requester:

**(a) Personal Requester**

A personal requester is a requester who is seeking access to a record the Company will provide the requested information, or give access to any record regarding the requested personal information. The prescribed fee for reproduction of the information requested will be charged as prescribed in the Act.

**(b) Other Requester**

This requester (other than a personal requester) is entitled to request access to information pertaining to third parties. However, the Company is not obliged to grant access prior to the requester fulfilling the requirements for access in terms of the Act and any other applicable law. The prescribed fee for reproduction of the information requested will be charged.

**(c) Recognised and Pre-Approved Data Requester**

3rd Party companies involved in the daily operating of the Company which whom the Company has signed an OPERATOR agreement with.

NB: The following procedure below does not apply to the Recognised and Pre-Approved Data Requester.

**Procedure:**

A requester must comply with all the procedural requirements contained in the Act relating to a request for access to a record. To request information, attached Form A must be completed and sent to the Information Officer of the Company or /her Deputy at the postal or physical address, or electronic mail address stated above.

The record requested will be furnished on payment of the prescribed fee, in instances where request for information fees are levied, and a proof of deposit may be requested from the requester in respect of the access fee.



The prescribed form must be filled in with enough particularity to at least enable the information officer to identify:

- The record or records requested;
- The identity of the requester;
- What form of access is required; and
- The postal, electronic mail address of the requester.

A requester must state that he or she requires the information in order to exercise or protect the right, and clearly state what the nature of the right to be exercised or protected is. The requester must also provide an explanation as to why the requested record is required to exercise or protect that right.

The Company will process a request within the required time as prescribed in the Act, unless the requestor has stated special reasons which would satisfy the Information Officer or his/her Deputy that circumstances dictate that this time period not be complied with.

The requester will be informed in writing whether access has been granted or denied. If, in addition, the requester requires reasons for the decision in any other manner, he or she must state in writing the manner and the particulars required.

If a request is made on behalf of another person, the requester must then submit proof of the capacity in which the requester is making the request to the satisfaction of the Information Officer or her Deputy.

If an individual is unable to complete the prescribed form because of illiteracy or disability, such a person may make the request orally to the Information Officer or her Deputy and/or should a requester require the assistance of the Information officer or her Deputy in obtaining any record held by the Company, such assistance will be provided by the Information Officer or her Deputy.

Upon receipt of the request, where applicable, the Information Officer or her Deputy will inform any third party affected by the request within 21 days of receipt of the request. The third party must inform the Information Officer or her Deputy why such information should not be made available to the requester within a specified period of time.

#### Decision:

The Company shall, within 30 days of receipt of a request, decide whether to grant or decline a request and give notice with reasons (if required) to that effect. The 30-day period within which HPCSA must decide whether to grant or refuse a request, may be extended for a further period of not more than 30 days if the request is for a large quantity of information, or the request requires a search for information held at another office of the Company (other than the Head Office) and the information cannot reasonably be obtained within the original 30-day period. The Information Officer will notify the requester in writing should an extension be necessary.

## **10. Grounds for refusal**

The Information Officer or Deputy may refuse a request for information for the following reasons:

- Where the disclosure would amount to an unreasonable disclosure of personal information;
- Where the disclosure would amount to disclosure of the trade secrets of a third party;
- Where the disclosure would lead to a revelation of financial, commercial, scientific or technical information of a third party;
- Where such information was supplied in confidence by a third party;
- Where the disclosure would breach the duty of confidence owed to a third party;
- Where the disclosure would endanger the life or physical safety of an individual;
- If the disclosure is prohibited under the Criminal Procedure Act;
- If the disclosure is privileged under legal proceedings or research conducted by or on behalf of a third party; and
- Where the disclosure would compromise the investigation where proceedings are pending.

### **The following grounds of discretionary refusal will apply:**

- Where the disclosure of such information relating to a third party would prejudice the supply of similar information in the future;
- Where the record contains information around crime prevention, detection and prosecution of alleged offenders;
- Where the disclosure would unreasonably reveal consultative material obtained on account of deliberations over formulation of policy, exercise of power or performance of a duty; and
- Where the request is frivolous or vexatious.

## **11. Prescribed Fees**

The Act provides for two types of fees:

- a request fee, which will be a standard fee, and an
- access fee, which must be calculated by considering reproduction costs, search and preparation time and cost, as well as postal costs where applicable.

When a request is received by the Information Officer, the Information Officer or his/her Deputy shall by notice require the requester, other than a personal requester, to pay the prescribed request fee (if any), before further processing of the request.

If a search for the record is necessary and the preparation of the record for disclosure, including arrangement to make it available in the requested form, requires more than the hours prescribed in the regulations for this purpose, the Information Officer or her Deputy shall notify the requester to pay as a deposit the prescribed portion (being not more than one third) of the access fee which would be payable if the request is granted.

The Information Officer or his/her Deputy shall withhold a record until the requester has paid the fee or fees as indicated. A requester whose request for access to a record has been granted, must pay an access fee for reproduction and for search and preparation, and for any time reasonably required in excess of the prescribed hours to search for and prepare the record for disclosure including making

arrangements to make it available in the requested form. If a deposit has been paid in respect of a request for access, which is refused, then the Information Officer will repay the deposit to the requester.

**Availability of the manual** : The Company's manual is available for inspection, on reasonable prior notice, free of charge, at the registered address stated above and further published on the respective websites.

# FORM 2

## REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORD

[Regulation 7]

**NOTE:**

1. Proof of identity must be attached by the requester.
2. If requests made on behalf of another person, proof of such authorisation, must be attached to this form.

**TO:** The Information Officer


(Address)

E-mail address:

Fax number:

Mark with an "X"

Request is made in my own name

Request is made on behalf of another person.

PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Full Names			
Identity Number			
Capacity in which request is made <i>(when made on behalf of another person)</i>			
Postal Address			
Street Address			
E-mail Address			
Contact Numbers	Tel. (B):		Facsimile: <input type="text"/>
	Cellular:		
Full names of person on whose behalf request is made <i>(if applicable):</i>			
Identity Number			
Postal Address			

Street Address			
E-mail Address			
Contact Numbers	Tel. (B)		Facsimile
	Cellular		
<b>PARTICULARS OF RECORD REQUESTED</b>			
<p><i>Provide full particulars of the record to which access is requested, including the reference number if that is known to you, to enable the record to be located. (If the provided space is inadequate, please continue on a separate page and attach it to this form. All additional pages must be signed.)</i></p>			
Description of record or relevant part of the record:			
Reference number, if available			
Any further particulars of record			
<b>TYPE OF RECORD</b> <i>(Mark the applicable box with an "X")</i>			
Record is in written or printed form			
Record comprises virtual images <i>(this includes photographs, slides, video recordings, computer-generated images, sketches, etc)</i>			
Record consists of recorded words or information which can be reproduced in sound			
Record is held on a computer or in an electronic, or machine-readable form			

**FORM OF ACCESS**  
(Mark the applicable box with an "X")

Printed copy of record (including copies of any virtual images, transcriptions and information held on computer or in an electronic or machine-readable form)	
Written or printed transcription of virtual images (this includes photographs, slides, video recordings, computer-generated images, sketches, etc)	
Transcription of soundtrack (written or printed document)	
Copy of record on flash drive (including virtual images and soundtracks)	
Copy of record on compact disc drive (including virtual images and soundtracks)	
Copy of record saved on cloud storage server	

**MANNER OF ACCESS**  
(Mark the applicable box with an "X")

Personal inspection of record at registered address of public/private body (including listening to recorded words, information which can be reproduced in sound, or information held on computer or in an electronic or machine-readable form)	
Postal services to postal address	
Postal services to street address	
Courier service to street address	
Facsimile of information in written or printed format (including transcriptions)	
E-mail of information (including soundtracks if possible)	
Cloud share/file transfer	
Preferred language (Note that if the record is not available in the language you prefer, access may be granted in the language in which the record is available)	

**PARTICULARS OF RIGHT TO BE EXERCISED OR PROTECTED**

*If the provided space is inadequate, please continue on a separate page and attach it to this Form. The requester must sign all the additional pages.*

Indicate which right is to be exercised or protected	

Explain why the record requested is required for the exercise or protection of the aforementioned right:	

<b>FEEES</b>	
a)	<i>A request fee must be paid before the request will be considered.</i>
b)	<i>You will be notified of the amount of the access fee to be paid.</i>
c)	<i>The fee payable for access to a record depends on the form in which access is required and the reasonable time required to search for and prepare a record.</i>
d)	<i>If you qualify for exemption of the payment of any fee, please state the reason for exemption</i>
Reason	

You will be notified in writing whether your request has been approved or denied and if approved the costs relating to your request, if any. Please indicate your preferred manner of correspondence:

Postal address	Facsimile	Electronic communication <i>(Please specify)</i>

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Requester / person on whose behalf request is made**

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**FOR OFFICIAL USE**

Reference number:	
Request received by: <i>(State Rank, Name And Surname of Information Officer)</i>	
Date received:	
Access fees:	
Deposit (if any):	

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Information Officer**

**FORM 3**  
**OUTCOME OF REQUEST AND OF FEES PAYABLE**  
 [Regulation 8]

Note:

1. If your request is granted the—
  - (a) amount of the deposit, (if any), is payable before your request is processed; and
  - (b) requested record/portion of the record will only be released once proof of full payment is received.
2. Please use the reference number hereunder in all future correspondence.

Reference number: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Your request dated \_\_\_\_\_, refers.

**1. You requested:**

Personal inspection of information at registered address of public/private body ( <i>including listening to recorded words, information which can be reproduced in sound, or information held on computer or in an electronic or machine-readable form</i> ) is free of charge. You are required to make an appointment for the inspection of the information and to bring this Form with you. If you then require any form of reproduction of the information, you will be liable for the fees prescribed in Annexure B.	
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**OR**

**2. You requested:**

Printed copies of the information ( <i>including copies of any virtual images, transcriptions and information held on computer or in an electronic or machine-readable form</i> )	
Written or printed transcription of virtual images ( <i>this includes photographs, slides, video recordings, computer-generated images, sketches, etc</i> )	
Transcription of soundtrack ( <i>written or printed document</i> )	
Copy of information on flash drive ( <i>including virtual images and soundtracks</i> )	
Copy of information on compact disc drive ( <i>including virtual images and soundtracks</i> )	
Copy of record saved on cloud storage server	

**3. To be submitted:**

Postal services to postal address	
Postal services to street address	
Courier service to street address	
Facsimile of information in written or printed format ( <i>including transcriptions</i> )	
E-mail of information ( <i>including soundtracks if possible</i> )	
Cloud share/file transfer	
Preferred language: <i>(Note that if the record is not available in the language you prefer, access may be granted in the language in which the record is available)</i>	

Kindly note that your request has been:

Approved

Denied, for the following reasons:



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**4. Fees payable with regards to your request:**

Item	Cost per A4-size page or part thereof/item	Number of pages/items	Total
Photocopy			
Printed copy			
For a copy in a computer-readable form on:			
(i) Flash drive	R40.00		
• To be provided by requestor			
(ii) Compact disc	R40.00		
• If provided by requestor			
• If provided to the requestor	R60.00		
For a transcription of visual images per A4-size page	Service to be outsourced. Will depend on the quotation of the service provider		
Copy of visual images			
Transcription of an audio record, per A4-size	R24.00		
Copy of an audio record			
(i) Flash drive	R40.00		
• To be provided by requestor			
(ii) Compact disc	R40.00		
• If provided by requestor			
• If provided to the requestor	R60.00		
Postage, e-mail or any other electronic transfer:	Actual costs		
<b>TOTAL:</b>			

**5. Deposit payable (if search exceeds six hours):**

Yes

No

Hours of search	Amount of deposit (calculated on one third of total amount per request)

The amount must be paid into the following Bank account:

Name of Bank: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of account holder: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of account: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Account number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Branch Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reference Nr: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Submit proof of payment to: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Information officer

# INTERNAL APPEAL FORM

## FORM 4

[Regulation 9]

Reference Number: .....

PARTICULARS OF PUBLIC BODY			
Name of Public Body			
Name and Surname of Information Officer:			
PARTICULARS OF COMPLAINANT WHO LODGES THE INTERNAL APPEAL			
Full Names			
Identity Number			
Postal Address			
Contact Numbers	Tel. (B)		Facsimile
	Cellular		
E-Mail Address			
Is the internal appeal lodged on behalf of another person?	Yes		No
If answer is "yes", capacity in which an internal appeal on behalf of another person is lodged: <i>(Proof of the capacity in which appeal is lodged, if applicable, must be attached.)</i>			
PARTICULARS OF PERSON ON WHOSE BEHALF THE INTERNAL APPEAL IS LODGED <i>(If lodged by a third party)</i>			
Full Names			
Identity Number			
Postal Address			
Contact Numbers	Tel. (B)		Facsimile
	Cellular		
E-Mail Address			

**DECISION AGAINST WHICH THE INTERNAL APPEAL IS LODGED**  
*(mark the appropriate box with an "X")*

Refusal of request for access	
Decision regarding fees prescribed in terms of section 22 of the Act	
Decision regarding the extension of the period within which the request must be dealt with in terms of section 26(1) of the Act	
Decision in terms of section 29(3) of the Act to refuse access in the form requested by the requester	
Decision to grant request for access	

**GROUNDS FOR APPEAL**

*(If the provided space is inadequate, please continue on a separate page and attach it to this form. all the additional pages must be signed)*

State the grounds on which the internal appeal is based:	
State any other information that may be relevant in considering the appeal:	

You will be notified in writing of the decision on your internal appeal. Please indicate your preferred manner of notification:

Postal address	Facsimile	Electronic communication <i>(Please specify)</i>

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Appellant/Third party**

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**FOR OFFICIAL USE**  
**OFFICIAL RECORD OF INTERNAL APPEAL**

Appeal received by: <i>(state rank, name and surname of Information Officer)</i>					
Date received:					
Appeal accompanied by the reasons for the information officer's decision and, where applicable, the particulars of any third party to whom or which the record relates, submitted by the information officer:				Yes	
				No	
<b>OUTCOME OF APPEAL</b>					
Refusal of request for access. Confirmed?	Yes		New decision <i>(if not confirmed)</i>		
	No				
Fees (Sec 22). Confirmed?	Yes		New decision <i>(if not confirmed)</i>		
	No				
Extension (Sec 26(1)). Confirmed?	Yes		New decision <i>(if not confirmed)</i>		
	No				
Access (Sec 29(3)). Confirmed?	Yes		New decision <i>(if not confirmed)</i>		
	No				
Request for access granted. Confirmed?	Yes		New decision <i>(if not confirmed)</i>		
	No				

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Relevant Authority**