



**PRINCIPLE STATEMENT IN RE:
THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL
INFORMATION ACT**

1. INTRODUCTION

The IRBA is a schedule 3 public entity established in terms of Section 3 of the Auditing Profession Act, 26 of 2005, with its primary mandate being the regulation of auditors within the republic of South Africa.

Section 14 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa provides everyone with the right to privacy.

The Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 [POPIA] was promulgated to give effect to the right to privacy as entrenched in section 14 of the Constitution, with its primary purpose being:

- a) the promotion of the protection of personal information processed by both public and private bodies; and
- b) the promotion of the lawful processing of personal information belonging to both natural and juristic persons.

The IRBA has, under the provisions of POPIA been classified as a public body, and like all other public and private bodies, is by law obliged to comply with the provisions of POPIA.

The IRBA, as a statutory body, appreciates the importance of the right to privacy, as well as the purpose and objective of POPIA and is thus committed to promoting compliance therewith, as well as all other legislative prescripts aimed at the protection of personal information.

In premise, the IRBA is committed to establishing appropriate internal controls to support the advancement of the constitutional right to privacy, as well as the provisions of POPIA, which controls will ensure the lawful processing and safeguarding of personal information of both natural and juristic persons within its control.

2. THE IRBA'S UNDERTAKINGS

The IRBA acknowledges that in performing its day to day functions, it generates and/or receives third party personal information which is subject to the provisions of POPIA. To this end, the IRBA undertake to:

- 2.1. Comply with the provisions of POPIA as well as all other applicable laws and regulations governing the processing of personal information within the Republic of South Africa.
- 2.2. Process all personal information provided to the IRBA by third parties or institutions and/or within its control through other means, in a lawful manner that does not infringe any third party's right to privacy.
- 2.3. Protect third party personal information from unlawful processing.
- 2.4. Use third party personal information within its control and/or entrusted to it by third parties and/or institutions, for the purpose for which such information was generated and/or entrusted to it.
- 2.5. Obtain the relevant third party or disclosing institution's written consent prior to processing any of the personal information within its control or entrusted to it for purposes other than the purpose for which the information was generated or entrusted to it.
- 2.6. Remain accountable for the processing of the personal information under the IRBA's control or entrusted to it.
- 2.7. Take appropriate steps and measures to secure the integrity and confidentiality of personal information processed by it.

Pursuant to the above undertakings, the IRBA confirms that it has appropriate measures in place to ensure that:

- 2.8. Personal information within its control and/or entrusted to it is not unlawfully accessed and/or intercepted and is protected against any data leaks, loss, unlawful processing, destruction and/or damage.
- 2.9. All its Employees, Contractors, Service Providers, Board Members and Statutory Committee Members with access to third party information comply with POPIA and the IRBA's undertakings outlined herein.
- 2.10. Adequate supervision is exercised over all Contractors and Service Providers to ensure the protection of personal information within the IRBA's control or entrusted to it but accessible to such Contractors and/or Service Providers.

3. STATEMENT REVIEW AND/OR AMENDMENTS

In an effort to constantly monitor and, where necessary, improve the IRBA's protection and processing of personal information within its control, the IRBA will periodically review this statement, security measures in place and/or any other associated activities related to personal information. This review may thus necessitate the amendment of this statement. In the event of any amendment to this statement, a revised statement will be published on the IRBA website.

4. ENQUIRIES

Should you have any questions regarding your personal information within the control of the IRBA and/or this statement, you may contact the IRBA Deputy Information Officer at: board@irba.co.za

Issued under the authority of:



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IRBA ACTING CEO

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