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## 1. Purpose of this PAIA manual

The main purpose of this manual is to:

- 1. Help you access records that the Alexander Forbes Retirement Fund (Provident Section) ("the fund") holds, as set out in the Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000 or "PAIA", and
- 2. Confirm how the fund uses and protects personal information to comply with the requirements of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 or "POPIA". To find out more about how the fund complies with POPIA please read the privacy statement that can be accessed here: https://www.alexanderforbes.co.za/umbrella-funds/comprehensive

Please note that publication of this manual does not give rise to any rights to access records except as provided for in terms of PAIA.

About the fund and applicable law:

The fund is registered in terms of the Pension Funds Act 24 of 1956 (as amended) or the "PFA" as a separate legal entity or "juristic person" and the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) oversees compliance with this law. In terms of the PFA, the main purpose of the fund is to provide benefits to members on leaving the fund, or at retirement, or to make payments to beneficiaries should a member pass away, or to pay savings withdrawal benefits with effect from 1 September 2024 as set out in the registered rules of the fund.

The personal information that is collected and processed for members of the fund is used mostly for this reason. The fund must also collect and process information to comply with the laws of South Africa.

#### The PFA confirms:

- 1. In section 13 the registered rules of the fund are binding on the members, stakeholders and any person who claims under the rules, and
- 2. In section 35 any member, subject to payment of a reasonable fee, may ask for a copy of the rules and the audited revenue account and balance sheet prepared as at the financial year end of the fund.

The fund is an existing juristic person and is therefore a "private body" as defined in POPIA and PAIA. The fund holds records for the purposes of POPIA and PAIA as required in terms of a number of laws relevant to the administration and management of retirement funds, among others:

- Constitution of the Republic of South Africa;
- Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008;
- Divorce Act 70 of 1979;
- Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act 37 of 2002;
- Financial Intelligence Centre Act 38 of 2001:
- Financial Sector Regulation Act 9 of 2017;
- Income Tax Act 58 of 1962;
- Insurance Act 18 of 2017;
- Maintenance Act 99 of 1998;
- National Credit Act 34 of 2005;
- Pension Funds Act 24 of 1956;
- Prevention of Organised Crime Act 121 of 1998;
- Prescription Act 68 of 1969;
- Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000;
- Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013;
- Value Added Tax Act 89 of 1991.

Any reference to any statute, constitution, regulation, directive, standard, order or any other enactment or legislative measure of government or a regulatory body which has the force of law means the relevant enactment or legislative measure as at the effective date of the agreement and as amended or re-enacted from time to time, as well as any amendments or other act or subordinate legislation in substitution thereof, from time to time.

#### What is a private body?

- (a) a natural person who carries or has carried on any trade, business or profession, but only in such capacity;
- (b) a partnership which carries or has carried on any trade, business or profession; or
- (c) any former or existing juristic person but excludes a public body.

#### About this manual:

To help you access information, this manual sets out the types of records that the fund holds and the process to access these records. This manual is useful to:

- 1.1 check the types of records (documents and information) the fund holds which are available without having to complete the form as set out in PAIA;
- 1.2 check the types of records the fund holds where you must complete the form, as set out in PAIA, and how to submit your request to the fund for processing;
- 1.3 understand the records the fund holds that are available to you in terms of other laws;
- 1.4 access the contact details of the Information Officer (and Deputy Information Officer, if applicable) who will help you request the records you want to access;
- 1.5 know that the Regulator has issued a guide on how to use PAIA and where you can access a copy of this guide;
- 1.6 know if the fund will process personal information and the purpose of processing of personal information (this includes a description of any categories of fund members and the information or categories of information about them):
- 1.7 understand who the fund may share personal information with;
- 1.8 know if the fund has planned to transfer or process personal information outside of South Africa and the recipients or categories of recipients this personal information may be shared with; and
- 1.9 be aware that the fund has the proper security measures to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the personal information which is being processed.

## 2. List of acronyms and abbreviations

2.1	DIO	Deputy Information Officer
2.2	Form 2	The form you need to fill in to request fund records
2.3	Form 3	The form the fund will complete when it responds to your request for records
2.4	Guide	A guide issued by the Information Regulator in terms of section 10(1) of PAIA to inform the public how to exercise their rights in terms of PAIA and POPIA.
2.5	Ю	Information Officer
2.6	PAIA	Promotion of Access to Information Act No. 2 of 2000 (as amended)
2.7	PFA	Pension Funds Act No. 24 of 1956 (as amended)
2.8	POPIA	Protection of Personal Information Act No.4 of 2013
2.9	Regulator	Information Regulator (https://inforegulator.org.za/)

## 3 Important contact details to access the fund's information

## 3.1 Information Officer

Name: Chantell Watkins

Email: <u>AFFundIO@aforbes.com</u>

#### 3.2 General contact

Email: <u>contactus@aforbes.com</u>
Website: <u>www.alexanderforbes.com</u>

## 3.3 Fund's registered address

Postal Address: PO Box 787240

Sandton 2146

Physical Address: 151 West Street

Sandown

Telephone: (011) 269 0000

Email: <u>afrfqueries@aforbes.com</u>

Website: <a href="https://www.alexanderforbes.co.za/umbrella-funds">https://www.alexanderforbes.co.za/umbrella-funds</a>

## 3.4 Information Regulator

The Information Regulator of South Africa is based at:

Postal Address: P O Box 31533

Braamfontein Johannesburg

2017

Physical Address: JD house

27 Stiemens Street Braamfontein Johannesburg

2001

General emails: <a href="mailto:enquiries@inforegulator.org.za">enquiries@inforegulator.org.za</a>

Complaints email: POPIAComplaints@inforegulator.org.za; and

PAIAComplaints@inforegulator.org.za

## 4. The Regulator's guide on how to use PAIA

4.1 The Regulator has issued a guide on how to use PAIA, in an easy-to-understand format, and in all eleven official languages and in braille.

#### 4.2 The guide sets out:

- 4.2.1 the reason and purpose of PAIA and POPIA;
- 4.2.2 the process to follow to ask for a record of either a public body as set out in section 11 of PAIA, or a private body as set out in section 50 of PAIA
- 4.2.3 the help you can expect from the IO and DIO;
- 4.2.4 the help you can expect from the Regulator;

- 4.2.5 if you are not happy with the information you have been given or the reason why you haven't been given the information, you can lodge:
  - 4.2.5.1 an internal appeal (if applicable);
  - 4.2.5.2 a complaint to the Regulator; or
  - 4.2.5.3 an application to a court against a decision by the IO of a public body, a decision on internal appeal or a decision by the Regulator, or a decision of a private body;
- 4.2.6 what the fund must include in its PAIA manual and how members can get a copy of the manual;
- 4.2.7 the possible voluntary disclosure of categories of records by the fund, if applicable;
- 4.2.8 the fees to be paid when requesting records (if any); and
- 4.2.9 any other issues needed to meet the requirements of PAIA.
- 4.3 You can inspect or make copies of the guide at the fund's registered address or at the Regulator's office during normal working hours.
- 4.4 You can also get a copy of the guide from:
  - 4.4.1 The fund's IO; or
  - 4.4.2 The Regulator, go to: <a href="https://inforegulator.org.za/">https://inforegulator.org.za/</a>.
- 4.5 A copy of the guide will be available on the fund's website at <a href="https://www.alexanderforbes.co.za/umbrella-funds/comprehensive">https://www.alexanderforbes.co.za/umbrella-funds/comprehensive</a>
- 4.6 The fund will make the guide will be available in two of the official languages, being English and isiZulu.

What is a public body?

- (a) any department of state or administration in the national or provincial sphere of government or any municipality in the local sphere of government; or
- (b) any other functionary or institution when-
  - (i) exercising a power or performing a duty in terms of the Constitution or a provincial constitution; or
  - (ii) exercising a public power or performing a public function in terms of any legislation;

#### 5. Fund's records you can access without filling in a form 2

If you are a fund member, you can view the following records at the registered address of the fund or on the fund's website:

Description of record	Where to find it
Registered rules and amendments	Fund's website and registered address
Fund's latest annual financial statements	
The last report (if any) by a valuator prepared in	
terms of section 16 of the PFA	
Any scheme which is being carried out by the fund	Fund's registered address
in accordance with the provisions of section 18 of	
the PFA	

If you are not a fund member, then in terms of section 22 of the PFA, any person (subject to payment of prescribed fees) may view any record listed above at the offices of the FSCA or obtain a copy or extract from the FSCA at:

 Contact Centre:
 0800 20 37 22

 Switchboard:
 +27 12 428 8000

 Facsimile:
 +27 12 346 6941

 Postal Address:
 P.O. Box 35655

Menlo Park

0102

Enquiries: <a href="mailto:enquiries@fsca.co.za">enquiries@fsca.co.za</a>
Website: <a href="mailto:http://www.fsca.co.za">http://www.fsca.co.za</a>

## 6. Fund's records that require you to complete a Form 2

Examples of other records the fund holds are set out in Annexure 1.

## 7. How to request a fund record

You can request access to records listed in Annexure 1 "by filling in Form 2 (attached as Annexure 2 of this manual) or for the most recent version at: https://inforegulator.org.za/.

Send your completed Form 2 to the fund's IO. If your form is completed correctly:

- 1. you will receive a completed Form 3, within 30 days of receiving your request, advising you of the outcome of your request. For information purposes, this form is attached as Annexure 3.
- 2. If your request for access is granted, you may need to pay a fee in order to arrange access.
- 3. There may be reasons why the IO is unable to approve your request. The reasons will be detailed in Form 3. Examples are given below.

If the form is not completed correctly, the IO will contact you to help you to complete the form correctly.

## 8. Reasons why the IO can refuse access to a record

- 1. There are legal reasons why the IO must refuse to give access to certain records, among others, to protect:
  - someone else's privacy including that of a deceased person;
  - someone else's confidential information;
  - the safety of individuals and property;
  - records that are privileged in legal proceedings;
  - research information.
- 2. If the fund cannot find a requested record or it does not exist, then the IO will notify you, in the form of an affidavit or affirmation, that it is not possible to give access to the record.

If you are not satisfied with the response provided by the IO, you may lodge a complaint with the Regulator by completing the form "lodging of complaint" that is available on the website: <a href="https://inforegulator.org.za/">https://inforegulator.org.za/</a>

## 9. Processing of personal information

#### 9.1 Purpose of processing personal information

The fund processes members' personal information, as defined in POPIA, for example, to provide you with fund benefits, keep your records updated, make payments, contact you, and comply with the laws of South Africa.

#### 9.2 Categories of data subjects

The fund processes personal information of the following categories of data subjects:

Categories of data subjects	Examples of personal information processed
Members, including	Could include name, surname, contact details,
former members;	salary information, demographic information (e.g.,
pensioners;	age, race), financial information including bank
spouses and former spouses of	account details, tax information, records of claims,
members or former members;	and in some cases, health, or medical information,
children of members and former	including disability status.
members;	
beneficiaries, dependants, and	
nominees of deceased members	
Service providers - for example the	names, registration number, VAT numbers, address,
appointed administrator, appointed	and bank details.
auditors, appointed consultants etc.	
Fund officers – the Board of Trustees,	names, surnames, contact details, demographic
the Principal Officer and Deputy	information (e.g., age, race).
Principal Officer.	
Participating employer/s – your	names, registration number, VAT numbers, address,
employer and the employers of other	and bank details.
fund members (as applicable).	

#### 9.3 Other parties the fund may share your personal information with

To fulfil our responsibilities to members, the fund shares members' personal information that we process in the ordinary course of business, with other responsible parties, or co-responsible parties, or regulators or operators or other appointed service providers (and their agents) so that they can provide services in terms of law or agreed to in terms of formal signed agreements.

In terms of our formal signed agreements, we require all operators and service providers to handle your personal information appropriately and securely, and to comply with all relevant laws.

#### 9.4 Cross-border transfers

The fund makes use of service providers who may store or process your information outside of South Africa. We try to ensure that our service providers only operate in countries with strong data protection laws (for example the United Kingdom or countries within the European Union), or who are contractually required to protect your information in terms of the principles set out in POPIA.

## 9.5 Information security

We take the security of your information very seriously and have implemented reasonable technical and operational measures to protect your information from loss, misuse, unauthorised access, disclosure, alteration, and destruction, and ensure that all our service providers do so too. We also take reasonable steps to keep personal information accurate, current, complete, and reliable for its intended use.

## 10. Where to find a copy of this manual

This manua	l is ava	ıilable	e in	Engl	isł	า:
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- 10.1 on the fund's website;
- 10.2 at the registered address of the fund during normal business hours;
- 10.3 to any person who requests it and makes the prescribed payment (as applicable), and
- 10.4 to the Regulator upon request.

## 11. Keeping this manual up to date

The fund's IO will keep this manual regularly updated as needed.

Issued by

**Chantell Watkins** 

Information Officer of the Alexander Forbes Retirement Fund (Provident Section)

## 12. Adopted by the fund

Adopted by the board on 26 March 2025.

Chair/Trustee	Principal Officer	Trustee
Date	Date	Date

**Annexure 1** 

## Records the fund holds, that are not automatically available

The fund holds the following records that are not automatically available, this list of records is not exhaustive. To access these records, please complete the Form 2 (see Annexure 2) and send it to the Information Officer – the address details are provided under 3 above.

#### Claims records

Claim notification forms

Calculations (where available), or computerised statement of claim value

Tax directive application (where applicable)

Tax directive issued by SARs (where applicable)

IT 88 notifications

Tax certificate (duplicate - where applicable)

Client / broker payment instruction (where applicable)

Section 37D deduction instruction (where applicable)

Copy of any other court order against benefits (including divorce orders and maintenance orders)

Payment letter

Copy of cheque or EFT payment reference

Trustees' resolution - Disposal of benefit (deaths only)

Insurance received – statement by insurer (deaths only)

Copy of death certificate

Statement by employer (disability only)

Statement by employee (disability only)

Acceptance / declination letter (disability only)

General correspondence

#### **Member information**

New entrant data

Contribution records

Member investment choice investment option / switch forms (where applicable)

Installation, acquisition & transfer-in data

Statement of member fund value

Additional benefit / surplus / demutualisation / bulking calculations

Flexible benefit member option forms (where applicable)

#### **Contributions**

Monthly contribution schedules received from employer/s

Monthly contribution reports (section 13A reports) to fund

Interest calculations and letters

#### Section 14 transfers and liquidations

Calculations

Copy of S14(1)(e) certificate (transferee and transferor funds)

Option forms (where applicable)

Tax application forms (where applicable)

Tax directives (where applicable)

Tax certificates (duplicate - where applicable)

Payment letter (liquidations only)

Copy of S14 application lodged (transferor fund)

## **Housing loans**

Application form

Partial settlement as a result of default - claim forms and approval for the payment

Monthly reconciliations/updates

Finalised / settled claims record / calculation

Refund requisitions

#### Funeral benefit claims

Claim form

Copy of death certificate

Payment letter

#### **Pensioners**

Special tax directives, including IT 88's, garnishees, etc.

Commutation of pensions - calculations

Pension increase notification

Certificates of existence (COE)

Confirmation of continued studies beyond age 18 years

Death certificates

Annuity option forms

Trustee resolution regarding payments

## **Disability**

Medical Reviews - correspondence only (where applicable)

COCD (certificate of continued disability)

**Escalator notification** 

Payment / benefit confirmation letter

EFT payment reference

Recovery documentation

Letter of suspension / reinstatement from underwriter

#### **Accounting records**

Deposit slips (where applicable)

EFT files (ACB whilst still applied)

Bank statements for fund bank accounts

Cash books/bank reconciliations

Audit files with working papers

Annual financial statements

**General Ledgers** 

**Journals** 

Trial balances

Levies payable

VAT documents

General correspondence

#### General records

Original signed rules and amendments

Registration certificates

Change of fund name certificates

Certain communication with SARS and FSCA

Copies of Pension Fund Adjudicator complaints lodged

Confirmation of the appointment of Principal Officer and Actuary of fund

Quarterly financial reviews (where the fund is valuation exempt)

Correspondence to members or former members or other categories of members

Correspondence to the trustees in respect of fund matters

Copy of service agreements between the fund and its service providers

Copies of communication sent to members of the fund in respect of specific events e.g., Trustees' reports, Member level Investment Choice, changes to death benefit structure, changes to fund structure, etc.

Minute books

Trustee ballots and elections

Trustee registers

Original or copies of policy documents relating to insurance, GLA, PHI, dread disease, stated benefits, travel, funeral, fidelity cover, etc. (as applicable to the fund membership)

Documentation relating to the review of insurances on an annual basis as well as the quotations obtained from insurers to a market test or "rebroke" exercise

Copies of statements detailing the asset values for a fund

Agendas prepared for meetings held

Investment manager mandates or policies of insurance, depending on the nature of the investment (if applicable where secretarial services are performed

Reports prepared, for example asset and liability matching, transfers in or out, benefit improvements, termination of fund, etc.

Liquidation documents, calculations, and records

Annexure 2

# FORM 2 REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORD

[Regulation 7]

## NOTE:

1. Proof of identity must be attached by the requester.

Cellular

2. If requests made on behalf of another person, proof of such authorisation, must be attached to this form.

TO: The Information Officer of the Alexander Forbes Retirement Fund (Provident Section)

E-mail address: AFFundIO@aforbes.com

Mark with an <b>"X"</b>					
Request is r	made in my	own name	R	equest is ma	ade on behalf of another persor
		PERSONAL INF	ORMATI	ON	
Full Names					
Identity Number					
Capacity in which request is made (when made on behalf of another person)  Postal Address					
Street Address					
E-mail Address					
Contact Numbers	Tel. (B): Cellular:			Facsimile:	
Full names of person on whose behalf request is made (if applicable):					
Identity Number					
Postal Address					
Street Address					
E-mail Address					
Contact Numbers	Tel. (B)			Facsimile	

## PARTICULARS OF RECORD REQUESTED

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.)

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Description of record or relevant part of the record:				
record.				
Reference number, if available				
Any further particulars of record				
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	(Mark the applicable box with an " <b>X</b> ")			
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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)					
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Transcription of soundtrac	k (written or printed document)				
Copy of record on flash dr	ive (including virtual images and soundtracks)				
Copy of record on compac	et disc drive (including virtual images and soundtracks)				
Copy of record saved on o	loud storage server				
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Postal services to street a	ddress				
Courier service to street a	ddress				
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E-mail of information (inclu	uding soundtracks if possible)				
Cloud share/file transfer					
Preferred language					
the language in which the	not available in the language you prefer, access may be granted in record is available)				
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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:					

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Request received by:			
	nd		
Surname of Information Office			
Date received:			
Access fees:			
Deposit (if any):			
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**Annexure 3** 

## 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:		
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	ourier service to street address	
	csimile of information in written or printed format (incl	uding transcriptions)
	mail of information (including soundtracks if possible)	
	oud share/file transfer	
	eferred language:	
•	ote that if the record is not available in the language y	ou prefer, access may be granted in
the	e language in which the record is available)	

Kindly ı	note that your request has	been:				
	Approved					
	Denied, for the following reasons:					
4. Fees payable with regards to your request:						
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	Yes		No			
Hours	s of search	Amou	nt of deposit			
		(calcu	lated on one third of total	amount per		
		st)				

The amount must be paid into the f	following Bank a	ccount:					
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Name of account holder:							
Type of account:							
Account number:							
Branch Code:							
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