

MortgageMax

Access to Information Manual



We respect your right of access to information. This document will help you exercise that right as required by section 51 of the Promotion to Access of Information Act 2 of 2000 (PAIA).

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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Introduction

We are MortgageMax, and this is our 'Access to Information Manual'. Its purpose is to help you access our information and any other information that we have. PAIA requires us to make it available to you so that you:

- know what types of information we have; and
- can request access to it.

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

Our Holding Company's details

Our details are as follows:

BetterHome Group Limited	
Registration Number:	1992/000443/06
Date of Incorporation:	3rd of February 1992
Registered Address:	Block 3 Pendoring Office Park 299 Pendoring Road Blackheath
Postal Address:	P.O. Box 3695 Northcliff 2115
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	Botha, Rudi
	Cuba, Amanda
	Fleischhauer, Konrad
	De Abreu, Jose
	Gray, Robyn
	Bruyns, Charl
	Van der Watt, Louis (Alternate Director)

We have appointed one information officer for the BetterHome Group Limited and its subsidiaries.

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Deputy Information Officer	Mr. James Gregory
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Head of the Company (where applicable)	Mr. Rudi Botha (CEO) Mr. Charl Bruyns (Deputy CEO)
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These are all our details, but please rather contact us by email at info@betterhomegroup.co.za or [Sugen. Naidoo@betterhomegroup.co.za](mailto:Sugen.Naidoo@betterhomegroup.co.za) whenever possible.

Our subsidiaries' details

BetterLife Origination Services (Pty) Ltd	
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Physical Address	Block 3 Pendoring Office Park 299 Pendoring Road Blackheath
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A division of Betterlife Origination Services (Pty) Ltd)	
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Physical Address	Block 3 Pendoring Office Park 299 Pendoring Road Blackheath
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Telephone:	+27 11 516-5500
Website:	www.mortgagemax.co.za

Further guidance

If you would like further guidance on how you can get access to information under PAIA, you may contact the Information Regulator to find out more information about PAIA. The Information Regulator is required to compile a guide in each official language of South Africa on how to exercise any right under PAIA. The current guide compiled by the South African Human Rights Commission is available here:

<https://www.sahrc.org.za/home/21/files/SAHRC%20PAIA%20Section%2010%20Guide%202020%20FINAL%20WEB.pdf>. In terms of the Section 110 of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013

the functions of the Human Rights Commission have transferred to the Information Regulator. Their contact details are as follows:

- **Postal address:** P.O Box 3153, Braamfontein, Johannesburg, 2017
- **Physical address:** JD House, 27 Stiemens Street, Braamfontein, Johannesburg, 2001
- **Phone number:** 010 023 5200
- **Website:** <https://www.justice.gov.za/inforeg/index.html> and <http://www.sahrc.org.za/index.php/understanding-paia>
- General e-mail: inforeg@justice.gov.za
- Complaints email: complaints.IR@justice.gov.za

For further guidance on how you can get access to information, please visit:

<http://www.sahrc.org.za/index.php/understanding-paia> or <https://www.justice.gov.za/inforeg/index.html>.

Records we hold

We hold the following subjects and categories of records:

- Company records;
- Business records;
- Financial records;
- Insurance records;
- Personnel records;
- Policies and directives;
- Agreements or contracts;
- Regulatory documents;
- Published information;
- Customer information; and
- Reference materials.

Please note that records that are 'not automatically available,' must be requested using the process outlined in the 'How to request access' section of this manual.

We hold various subjects and categories of records in electronic or physical form that are available automatically or in other ways.

Company records

Company records are all our records related to the incorporation and administration of our company. Some of them are available from the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC).

Memorandum of incorporation	Automatically available from CIPC
Directors' names	Automatically available from CIPC
Documents of incorporation	Automatically available from CIPC
Minutes of board of directors meetings	Not automatically available
Written resolutions	Not automatically available
Records relating to appointment of directors, auditor, secretary, public officer, or other officers	Not automatically available
Share register and other statutory registers	Not automatically available
Other statutory records	Not automatically available

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

Business records

Business records include any documents that have economic value to the business.

Operational records	Not automatically available
Databases	Not automatically available
Published works	Not automatically available
Internal correspondence	Not automatically available
Product records	Not automatically available

Financial records

Financial records are all our records related to our finances.

Financial statements	Not automatically available (NDA required)
Tax returns	Not automatically available
Other documents relating to taxation of the company	Not automatically available
Accounting records	Not automatically available
Auditor reports	Not automatically available
Banking records	Not automatically available
Banking details	Automatically available on request
Bank statements	Not automatically available
Electronic banking records	Not automatically available
Paid cheques	Not automatically available
Asset register	Not automatically available
Invoices	Not automatically available
Financial agreements	Not automatically available

Financial records include our financial statements and banking details.

Insurance records

Insurance records are all our records related to our insurable assets.

Insurance policies held by the company	Not automatically available
Records of insurance claims	Not automatically available
Register of all immovable property owned by the company	Not automatically available

Income tax records

Income tax records are all our records related to our income tax obligations.

PAYE Records	Not automatically available
Corporate tax records	Not automatically available
Customs tax	Not automatically available
Documents issued to employees for income tax purposes	Not automatically available
Records of payments made to SARS on behalf of employees	Not automatically available
VAT records	Not automatically available
Regional Services Levies	Not automatically available
Skills Development Levies	Not automatically available
UIF	Not automatically available
Workmen's Compensation	Not automatically available

Personnel records

Personnel records are all our records about anyone who works for us, provides services to us, or provides services on our behalf and who receives or is entitled to receive remuneration, including our employees, contractors, and other personnel.

List of employees	Not automatically available
Employee personal information	Not automatically available
Employee employment contracts	Not automatically available
Employment applications and appointment letters	Not automatically available
Employment policies and procedures	Not automatically available
Employment Equity Plan	Not automatically available
Health and safety records	Not automatically available
Medical aid records	Not automatically available
Salaries or wages of employees	Not automatically available
Leave records	Not automatically available
Internal evaluations and performance records	Not automatically available
Disciplinary records	Not automatically available
Disciplinary codes	Not automatically available
Training records	Not automatically available
Operating manuals	Not automatically available
Personal records provided by personnel	Not automatically available
Other statutory records	Not automatically available
Related correspondence	Not automatically available

Personnel records include records about our employees and contractors.

Policies and directives

Policies and directives include both internal and external documents.

Internal relating to employees and the company	Not automatically available
External relating to clients and other third parties	Not automatically available
Information technology systems and documents	Not automatically available

Agreements or contracts

Agreements or contracts include the documents themselves and all related documents.

Standard Agreements	Not automatically available
Contracts concluded with customers	Not automatically available
NDA's	Not automatically available
Letters of Intent, MOUs	Not automatically available
Third party contracts (such as JV agreements, VAR Agreements, etc.)	Not automatically available
Office management contracts	Not automatically available
Bond agreements	Not automatically available
Rental agreements	Not automatically available
Supplier or service contracts	Not automatically available

Regulatory documents

Regulatory documents include any documents required to comply with any laws.

Permits	Not automatically available
Licences	Not automatically available
Authorities	Not automatically available

Published information

Published information includes any document that we prepare and produce.

Brochures	Automatically available on request
External newsletters and circulars	Automatically available
Information available on the website	Automatically available
Internal newsletters and circulars	Not automatically available
Information on the company published by third parties	Not automatically available

Customer information

Customer information includes any information about anyone that we provide goods or services to, including our customers, leads, or prospects.

Customer details	Not automatically available
Contact details of individuals within customers	Not automatically available
Communications with customers	Not automatically available
Sales records	Not automatically available
Transactional information	Not automatically available
Marketing records	Not automatically available

Reference materials

Reference materials include any sources of information that we contribute to.

Books	Not automatically available
Newsletters and journals articles	Not automatically available
Magazines	Not automatically available
Newspaper articles	Not automatically available

Information we hold to comply with the law

We hold records for the purposes of PAIA in terms of the following main laws, among others:

- Basic Conditions of Employment Act 75 of 1997;
- Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Act 53 of 2003;
- Companies Act 61 of 1973;
- Companies Act 71 of 2008;
- Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Disease Act 130 of 1993;
- Competition Act 89 of 1998;
- Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008;
- Copyright Act 98 of 1978;
- Electronic Communications Act 36 of 2005
- Electronic Communications and Transactions Act 25 of 2002;
- Employment Equity Act 55 of 1998;
- Financial Intelligence Centre Act 38 of 2001;

- Income Tax Act 58 of 1962;
- Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Act, No 38 of 1997;
- Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Act, No 28 of 2013;
- Labour Relations Act 66 of 1995;
- National Credit Act 34 of 2005;
- Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993;
- Prescription Act 18 of 1943;
- Prevention & Combating of Corrupt Activities Act 12 of 2004;
- Prevention of Constitutional Democracy Against Terrorist & Related Activities Act 33 of 2004;
- Prevention of Organised Crime Act 121 of 1998;
- Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act 4 of 2000;
- Protected Disclosures Act 26 of 2000;
- Promotion of Access to Information Act, No 2 of 2000;
- Protection of Constitutional Democracy against Terrorist and Related Activities Act 33 of 2004;
- Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013;
- Regulation of Interception of Communications and Provision of Communication related Information Act 70 of 2002;
- Skills Development Act 97 of 1998;
- Skills Development Levies Act 9 of 1999;
- Tax Administration Act 28 of 2011;
- Trade Marks Act 194 of 1993;
- Unemployment Contributions Act 4 of 2002;
- Unemployment Insurance Act 63 of 2001;
- Unemployment Insurance Contributions Act 4 of 2002; and
- Value Added Tax Act 89 of 1991.

How to request access

We have authorised and designated our information officer to deal with all matters relating to PAIA in order to comply with our obligations in terms of PAIA. To request access to a record for BetterHome Group Limited, a public company, please complete Form 2 which is available from

- The Information Regulator website at <https://inforegulator.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/InfoRegSA-PAIA-Form02-Reg7.pdf>

Please submit the completed form to our information officer together with the relevant request fee (details here: <http://www.sahrc.org.za/home/21/files/PAIA%20Notice%20on%20fees.pdf>) at our information officer's email address, our physical address, or by fax in terms of our details provided above. Please ensure that the completed form:

- has enough information for the information officer to identify you, the requested records, and which 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.

Grounds for refusal

We may have to refuse you access to certain records in terms of PAIA to protect:

- someone else's privacy;
- another company's commercial information;
- someone else's confidential information;
- the safety of individuals and property;
- records privileged from production in legal proceedings; or
- research information.

We will notify you in writing whether your request has been approved or denied within 30 calendar days after we have received a completed request for access form. If we cannot find any requested record or it does not exist, then we will notify you by way of affidavit that it is not possible to give access to that particular record.

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

How we will give you access

We will evaluate and consider all requests to us in terms of PAIA. If we approve your request for access to our records, then 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.

How much it will cost you

You must pay us a request fee as required by law when submitting a request for access to information. The prescribed fees are as set out in the Fee Schedule which is available here: <http://www.sahrc.org.za/home/21/files/PAIA%20Notice%20on%20fees.pdf>. You must pay us the fees before we will hand over any information. You may have to pay a further access fee if we grant the request for any time that has exceeded the prescribed hours to search and prepare the record for disclosure.

How we process and protect personal information

We process the personal information of various categories of people for various purposes as set out in this clause.

Categories of people

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

- customers or clients;
- prospects or leads;
- employees;
- recruiters and medical practitioners providing services related to employees;
- contractors, vendors, or suppliers;
- children and their guardians;
- debtors and creditors;

- dealers; and
- directors and shareholders.

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 dealer relationships in general;
- manage customers in general;
- manage customer credit in general;
- market to customers in various countries;
- educate children in general;
- 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 and ages;
- demographic details, such as races and age groups;
- health information;
- biometric information;
- account numbers;
- background information;
- contract information;
- credit information;
- market intelligence information;
- learner information; and
- debt and debtor information.

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:

- contractors, vendors, or suppliers;
- agents, distributors, or other resellers;
- operators, other responsible parties, or co-responsible parties; and
- third party vendors (such as software developers) to help us maintain our services.

Cross-border transfers

We send personal information outside of South Africa to various countries. We will only transfer data to other countries who have similar privacy laws to South Africa's, 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 unauthorized 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.

Data subject requests

A data subject has the right to:

- Request what personal information the company holds about them and the purpose for which it is being processed.
- Be informed of how their personal information is being processed, kept and how to keep it up to date

We give effect to data subjects rights.

Remedies

If your request for access is denied, you may:

- apply to a court with appropriate jurisdiction, or
 - lodge a complaint with the Information Regulator,
- for the necessary relief.

Availability of this Manual

This manual is available in English and will be available on our website, and at our company offices. The manual is also electronically available on our website at: @URL_of_manual.

Updates to this Manual

This manual will be updated whenever we make material changes to the current information.