

Attention all Schemes...are you POPIA & PAIA compliant?

The Protection of Personal Information Act No. 4 of 2013 ("POPIA") took effect on 1 July 2020, which began a one-year grace period during which all South African entities were expected to become compliant.

The Information Regulator was established as part of the regulation. It is an independent body empowered to monitor and enforce compliance with POPIA within the public and private sectors.

From 1 January 2022, all public and private bodies must appoint an Information Officer and have both a Protection of Personal Information Manual and an Information Manual in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act No. 2 of 2000 ("PAIA").

The Information Regulator further advised that it is a criminal offence not to comply with the provisions of the Act.

Please ask yourself the following in light of the above:

- Have you appointed an Information Officer for your Community Scheme?
- Have you drafted a POPIA and PAIA manual for your Community Scheme?
- Have you entered into a contract with service providers who process the Community Schemes' personal information, and is the contract POPIA compliant?

If you answered NO to any of the above questions, then your Community Scheme is in breach of POPIA!

VDM Inc. can assist in this regard. We will draft both your PAIA and POPIA manuals for the discounted price of R1800.00. We normally charge R2 500.00 each.

