

PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION (POPIA) POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that EQUA Underwriting Managers (EQUA) adheres to the requirements as set out in the Protection Of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 (POPI Act), which relates to the handling, use, processing and protection of a Data Subjects Personal Information.

EQUA is committed to ensuring that all our operations relating to the processing of Personal Information complies with the POPI Act in the interest of protecting our Clients, Broker partners and the Insurer.

This policy provides guidelines on the management and processing of Personal Information within EQUA, as well as the rights of our clients to the protection of their Personal Information.

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure that it continues to meet its purpose.

APPLICATION

Personal information may be obtained from the data subject either directly or via an alternative source, should the data subject consent, if it's not practical to request directly from the data subject, or an alternative law requests such method.

The information must be obtained for a particular purpose and related to the core processing functions of the Responsible Party.

Personal information which is obtained must be deleted/de-identified as soon as it is no longer required, however whilst under the control of EQUA all reasonable measures should be taken to ensure this information is safe from unauthorised access/theft/destruction.

DEFINITIONS

'Data Subject' means the person to whom the Personal Information relates to.

'Consent' means any voluntary, specific, and informed expression of will in terms of which permission is given for the processing of Personal Information

'Personal Information' means information relating to an identifiable, living, natural person, and where it is applicable, an identifiable, existing juristic person and defined in the POPI Act.

'Responsible Party' means a private or public body or any other person which, alone or in conjunction with others, determines the purpose of and means for processing Personal Information.

'Operator' means a person who processes Personal Information for a Responsible Party in terms of a mandate or

contract.

'Processing' means any operation or activity or any set of operations, whether by automatic means, concerning Personal Information.

CONDITIONS FOR THE LAWFUL PROCESSING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Condition 1: Accountability

EQUA undertakes to comply with the requirements of the POPI Act in the processing of Personal Information. We will take reasonable steps to ensure the adequate storage and protection of all Personal Information that we have access to, in the daily operation of business.

Condition 2: Processing Limitation

Every effort is made to ensure that the processing of Personal Information is done in a lawful manner and does not infringe on the privacy of the Data Subject.

All Personal Information in our possession will only be processed for its intended purpose.

Due to the nature of our business, all Personal Information is obtained by our broker partners directly from the Data Subject and is then sent to us to assist with their short term insurance requirements. Alternatively, we obtain information from service providers i.e. assessors, investigators etc. The Personal Information is necessary for our operation and as such we rely on our business partners to obtain consent in a lawful manner before sharing this information with Equa.

We collect data directly from a Data Subject only when necessary to perform our functions, for an alternative purpose which is linked to short term insurance business. This data would be required for our standard business processes and is saved and protected in the same manner as Personal Information acquired from our business partners.

Condition 3: Purpose specification

All Personal Information collected from a Data Subject is for the purpose of providing the potential policyholder with an insurance solution which best fits their circumstances.

All data is retained on our servers and within our policy administration system. in line with the relevant laws regarding the retention and destruction of Personal Information.

All Personal Information that is no longer required but has already complied with the record keeping requirement of the short term insurance industry will be discarded or kept in an encrypted or de-identified format.

Condition 4: Further Processing Limitation

As EQUA does not obtain the Personal Information from the Data Subject directly. The Further Processing of Personal Information will be conducted in compliance with the POPI Act. We may obtain further information from other sources as indicated in the ACT as it may be required in terms of an alternative Law. All Personal Information EQUA collects is required to assess a client and provide a suitable short term solution to the broker to present to the Data Subject.

Condition 5: Information Quality

We have agreements in place with all our Broker partners to provide us with updated Personal Information on a regular basis and to ensure that all Personal Information is accurate and complete. Any information not required for our operations is deleted.

Where possible, we also verify Personal Information with the Data Subject to ensure that all Personal Information is kept updated as often as possible.

Condition 6: Openness/Transparency

EQUA does rely on our business partners to inform Data Subjects that their Personal Information is being shared with EQUA, the purpose thereof, safeguards that are in place, and when required deleted.

EQUA is also committed to being transparent to a Data Subject regarding the type of Personal Information that we have as well as what it may be used for.



Condition 7: Security Safeguards

EQUA makes use of various security measures to ensure the protection of Personal Information.

All required Personal Information is uploaded and stored on our servers, this information is protected from unauthorized access and all confidentiality protocols are observed in terms of segregation of duties and access control afforded to our broker partners.

We make use of virus protection and other IT security measures to combat any potential cyber threats to our systems.

Condition 8: Data Subject Participation

All Data Subjects are entitled to know what Personal Information EQUA has in their possession as well as what this information is used for. Each Data Subject is also entitled to know who has access to their Personal Information.

Each Data Subject is encouraged to correct any incorrect information that we have, or to request EQUA to delete any Personal Information held which is outdated or no longer required.

Should a Data Subject who does not have a current policy with us request what Personal information we may have, it will be necessary for them to provide verified identification before any information is supplied.

OPERATIONAL CONTROLS

Monitoring

The EQUA Management team is responsible for the oversight and compliance with this policy.

EQUA's IT company, as well as the underwriting platform and management company have put appropriate security controls in place to ensure that the Personal Information held by EQUA is protected as far as possible.

EQUA's Compliance will include monitoring of the provisions of this ACT in file audits undertaken.

All EQUA staff will be trained at least annually on the provisions of the POPI Act and strict adherence to the provisions are encouraged

Security Controls

EQUA employs various security controls to ensure the protection of Personal Information:

- We use various anti-virus protection software; it protects us from ransomware and other virus threats.
- All remote access is controlled through a VPN and a user needs to enter their domain credentials to gain access to the network
- Firewalls are in place controlling all incoming and outgoing connections including VPN.

PURPOSE FOR PROCESSING

EQUA will only process personal information from data subjects to enable such clients to enter into an agreement with Yardrisk for Insurance product and for the renewal of such agreements on an annual basis:

Non-Compliance

Any breach of the POPI Act may result in disciplinary action.

Signoff

This policy has been signed off and accepted by the management of Equa Underwriting Managers (Pty) Ltd and is applicable to all subsidiary companies.

