

AUDIO VISUAL CENTRE (PTY) LTD

ACCESSING OUR INFORMATION

OUR MANUAL IN TERMS OF SECTION 51 OF THE PROMOTION OF
ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT 2000

SECTION 51 MANUAL FOR AUDIO VISUAL CENTRE (PTY) LTD

Registration Number: 2007/028245/07

Preamble

The Promotion of Access to Information Act No 2 of 2000, ("the Act") came into operation on 23 November 2001. Section 51 of the Act requires that we as a private body compile a manual giving information to the public regarding the procedure to be followed in requesting information from us for the purpose of exercising or protecting rights.

We as a private body have compiled this manual, not only to comply with the provisions of the Act, but also to foster a culture of transparency and accountability in our environment and to ensure that members of the public have effective access to information in our possession which will assist them in the exercise and protection of their rights.

In the following pages you will be able to view the categories of information which we possess. You will also be shown the correct procedure to follow should you require access to any of this information.

A copy of the manual is also available on our website ~ www.avc.co.za

SECTION A

Company Overview

Audio Visual Centre was established in 1986 in South Africa with the commitment to providing unmatched service, technical expertise and state of the art audio visual solutions.

Our ever-present drive to stay competitive and at the forefront of AV technology has instilled a culture of service excellence and a genuine understanding of AV integration and allows us to tailor make a solution to suite your needs.

Our customers include the South African Government, blue chip corporate companies as well as numerous tertiary education facilities. We have the expertise to evaluate and fulfil almost any Audio Visual requirement: from a single boardroom to an entire building.

Audio Visual Centre is ideally placed to provide, personal, hands on service, cutting-edge products and experienced advice from its 4 branches nationwide.

We have highly motivated internal and external sales staff that specialise in different fields, in addition to having dedicated, trained technical staff that are responsible for installations of the highest standard, both to end user customers and on behalf of resellers.

We are a complete turn-key Audio Visual supplier and besides having a comprehensive range of available brands at our disposal, we also have highly skilled, friendly staff to ensure that our customers get the best value for money and the right products for their requirements.

Contact Details (section 51(1)(a))

Name of the body: Audio Visual Centre (Pty) Ltd

Registration Number: 2007/028245/07

Subsidiaries: None

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SECTION B

The Section 10 Guide on how to use the Act (section 51(1)(b))

A Guide has been compiled in terms of Section 10 of PAIA by the Human Rights Commission. It contains information required by a person wishing to exercise any right, contemplated by PAIA. It is available in all of the official languages.

The Guide will be available from the South African Human Rights Commission by not later than 31 August 2015.

Any queries should be directed to:

The South African Human Rights Commission

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The Research and Documentation Department

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The Guide will contain the following information:

Part 1 – Why Access to Information (this sets out the objects of the Act)

Part 2 – Access to Information

Part3 – How to Make a Request for Access to Information

Part4 – When Access to a Record may be refused

Part 5 – General Information

Part 6 – Public Bodies from whom you can Access Records

The latest notice in terms of section 52(2) (section 51(1)(c))

All public articles and press releases relating Audio Visual Centre (Pty) Ltd as published in the South African media, are available without a person having to request access.

Records available in terms of any other legislation (section 51(1)(d))

Records are kept in accordance with such other legislation, as is applicable to Audio Visual Centre (Pty) Ltd, which includes but is not limited to the following:

- Basic Conditions of Employment Act 75 of 1997
- Companies Act 71 of 2008
- Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Disease Act 130 of 1993
- Employment Equity Act 55 of 1998
- Income Tax Act 95 of 1967
- Labour Relations Act 66 of 1995
- Pension Funds Act 24 of 1956
- Skills Development Act 9 of 1999
- Unemployment Insurance Act 63 of 2001
- Value Added Tax Act 89 of 1991
- Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013
- Electronic Communications Act, 2005
- Electronic Communications and Transactions Act, 2002
- Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996
- Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000
- Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004
- Prevention of Organised Crime Act, 1998
- Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003
- Businesses Act, 1991
- Competition Act, 1998
- Consumer Affairs (Unfair Business Practices) Act, 1988
- Consumer Protection Act, 2008
- Copyright Act, 1978

- Counterfeit Goods Act, 1997
- Designs Act, 1993
- National Small Business Act, 1996
- Patents Act, 1978
- Protection of Businesses Act, 1978
- Rationalisation of Corporate Laws Act, 1996
- Standards Act, 2008
- Trade Marks Act, 1993
- Unauthorized Use of Emblems Act, 1961
- Usury Act, 1968
- National Road Traffic Act, 1996
- Securities Transfer Tax Act, 2007
- National Credit Act, 2005

The above records are of a public nature and are available automatically without a person having to request access to them in terms of the Act – section 52 *

Access to records held by Audio Visual Centre (Pty) Ltd (section 51(1)(e))

*For the purpose of this manual and the Act, the records held by Audio Visual Centre (Pty) Ltd are categorised by the nature and content thereof as follows:

- Records relating to the commercial, financial and professional interests of Audio Visual Centre (Pty) Ltd, including but not limited to its client data base, fee structures, product ranges, commercial contracts with third parties and its business plans, systems and procedures; and
- Records of personal information of present, past and prospective employees and directors of Audio Visual Centre (Pty) Ltd; and
- Records of clients of Audio Visual Centre (Pty) Ltd containing personal information, commercial and financial information, information pertaining to contemplated, existing and past litigation, information on agreements, proposals and property of such clients; and
- The website address is www.avc.co.za and is accessible to anyone who has access to the internet; and

- The website contains information in various categories relating to the Company, its contact particulars, fields of expertise and its professional staff.

** The requestor may request access to the following types of documents:

Personnel Records / Company Records

These include:

- Any personal records provided to the private body by their personnel; and
- Any records a third party has provided to the private body about any of their personnel; and
- Conditions of employment and other personnel-related contractual and quasi-legal records; and
- Internal evaluation records; and
- Employment Equity Plan (if applicable); and
- Medical Aid Records; and
- Pension Fund Records; and
- Disciplinary Records; and
- Salary Records; and
- SETA Records; and
- Disciplinary Code; and
- Leave Records; and
- Training Records; and
- Training Manuals; and
- Skills Development Plans and Annual Training Reports; and
- Other internal records and correspondence.

Client-Related Records

A client includes any entity who receives services from the private body.

Client-related information includes the following:

- Any records a customer has provided to a third party acting for or on behalf of the private body; and
- Any records a third party has provided to the private body; and
- Records generated by or within the private body pertaining to the client, including transactional records.

Private Body Records

This includes but is not limited to the following:

- Documents of Incorporation; and
- Memorandum of Incorporation; and
- Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings; and
- Share Register; and
- Financial records; and
- Tax Returns; and
- Accounting Records; and
- Bank Statements; and
- Assets Register; and
- Invoices; and
- Operational records; and
- Databases; and
- Information technology; and
- Marketing records; and
- Internal correspondence; and
- Product records; and
- Statutory records; and
- Internal policies and procedures; and
- Records held by officials of the private body; and
- Black Economic Empowerment Ratings.

Other Parties

The private body may possess records pertaining to other parties, including without limitation, contractors, suppliers, holding companies, service providers. Alternatively, such other parties may possess records which can be said to belong to the private body.

The following records fall under this category:

- Personnel, client or private body records which are held by another party as opposed to being held by the private body; and

- Records held by the private body pertaining to other parties, including without limitation financial records, correspondence, contractual records, records provided by the other party, and records third parties have provided about the contractors/suppliers.

***Other records held by Audio Visual Centre (Pty) Ltd are as follows:

- Statutes of the private body; and
- Financial Records; and
- Management Reports.

The Request Procedure

Form of Request

- The requestor must use the prescribed form to make the request for access to a record. This must be made to the head of the designated information officer. This request must be made to the address, fax number or e-mail address of the body concerned (s 53(1))
- The requestor must provide sufficient detail on the request form to enable the head of the private body to identify the record and the requestor. The requestor should also indicate which form of access is required. The requestor should also indicate if any other manner is to be used to inform the requestor and state the necessary particulars to be so informed (s 53(2)(a) & (b) & (c))
- The requestor must identify the right that is sought to be exercised or to be protected and provide an explanation of why the requested record is required for the exercise or protection of that right (s 53(2)(d))
- If a request is made on behalf of another person, the requestor must then submit proof of the capacity in which the requestor is making the request to the satisfaction of the head of the private body (s 53(2)(f))
- It is important to note that access is not automatic
- You will be notified in the manner indicated by you on the request form whether your request has been approved.

Fees

A requestor who seeks access to a record containing personal information about that requestor is not required to pay the request fee. Every other requestor, who is not a personal requestor, must pay the required request fee:

- The head of the private body must notify the requestor (other than a personal requestor) by notice, requiring the requestor to pay the prescribed fee (if any) before further processing the request (s 54(1))
- The fee that the requestor must pay to a private body is R50.00. The requestor may lodge an application to the court against the tender or payment of the request fee (s 54(3)(b))
- After the head of the private body has made a decision on the request, the requestor must be notified in the required form
- If the request is granted than a further access fee must be paid for the search, reproduction, preparation and for any time that has exceeded the prescribed hours to search and prepare the record for disclosure (s 54(6))

Other information as may be prescribed (section 51(1)(f))

The Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development has not made any regulations in this regard.

Availability of the manual (section 51(3))

The manual is available for inspection at the offices of the private body free of charge; and copies are available with the SAHRC, and in the Government Gazette.

The forms and fee structure can be found on either the SAHRC'S website (www.sahrc.org.za) or the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (www.doj.gov.za) under '*regulations*'.

In the preparation of this manual regard was had to the guideline provided by the South African Human Rights Commission.