



Privacy Policy

The Protection of Personal Information Act, 4 of 2013 (POPIA) gives effect to the constitutional right to data privacy in terms of Section 14 of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution.

This Policy sets out the responsibilities and obligations of all persons who make use of, access or receive Desco's Information and Communications via its electronic communication facilities and resources including its website, email and social media platforms and how all users of these facilities and resources are to ensure that when using these resources that they respect and process another's Personal Information lawfully and in accordance with the provisions of POPIA and the 8 general conditions and 3 extra conditions.

Please take some time to read through this document in its entirety before you make the use of Desco's electronic facility or provide Desco with any personal information. Upon provision of your personal information to Desco, you are consenting to Desco holding or processing your personal information, which will be processed strictly in accordance with this privacy policy

1. Definitions

In this Policy (as defined below), unless the context requires otherwise, the following words and expressions bear the meanings assigned to them and cognate expressions bear corresponding meanings—

1.1 **"Child"** means any natural person under the age of 18 (eighteen) years;

1.2 **"Data Breach"** means a breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, Personal Information under the control of or in the possession of Desco;

1.3 **"Data Subject"** has the meaning ascribed thereto under POPIA;

1.4 **"Direct Marketing"** means to approach a person, by electronic communication, for the purpose of promoting or offering to supply, in the ordinary course of business, any goods or services to the data subject;

1.5 **"Direct Marketer"** means a supplier who employs Direct Marketing as an advertising mechanism;

1.6 **"Employees"** means any employee of Desco;

1.7 **"Government"** means the Government of the Republic of South Africa;

1.8 **"Desco"** means Desco Electronic Recyclers CC, registration number 1988/034572/23, with its registered address at Corner West and Elgin Roads, Pomona Ext. 159, Kempton Park, 1619;



1.9 **"Operator"** means a person or entity who Processes Personal Information for a Responsible Party in terms of a contract or mandate, without coming under the direct authority of that Responsible Party;

1.10 **"PAIA"** means the Promotion of Access to Information Act, No 2 of 2000;

1.11 **"Personal Information"** has the meaning ascribed thereto under POPIA and specifically includes any form of information that can be used to identify a Data Subject;

1.12 **"Policy"** means this Privacy Policy;

1.13 **"POPIA"** means the Protection of Personal Information Act No. 4 of 2013;

1.14 **"Processing"** has the meaning ascribed thereto under POPIA. "Process" has a corresponding meaning;

1.15 **"Regulator"** means the Information Regulator established in terms of POPIA;

1.16 **"Responsible Party"** means a public or private body or any other person which alone or in conjunction with others, determines the purpose of and means for Processing Personal Information;

1.17 **"Special Personal Information"** means Personal Information concerning a Data Subject's religious or philosophical beliefs, race or ethnic origin, trade union membership, political opinions, health, sexual life, biometric information or criminal behaviour; and

1.18 **"Third Party"** means any independent contractor, agent, consultant, sub-contractor or other representative of Desco.

2. Purpose of this policy

2.1 The purpose of this Policy is to inform Data Subjects about how Desco Processes their Personal Information which includes but is not limited to:

2.1.1 Your biographical information: including name, gender, date of birth, language, nationality

2.1.2 Your contact information: telephone number(s), address, email address, country of residence, contact information of next of kin or emergency contact person



2.1.3 Your identification information: national identity details, passport information (where applicable), company registration number, collection references (manifest and transaction numbers), death, marriage, or birth certificates

2.1.4 Your preferences: including your waste management requirements

2.1.5 Financial, legal and qualification information: bank account information, VAT number, financial; and qualification background checks when applying for employment

2.1.6 Client onboarding information: including Black economic empowerment certificates, tender information, references

2.1.7 Communications: including all correspondence

2.1.8 Website information: any information provided to us when using our website

2.1.9 Special personal information: including Health/medical information, biometric information, religious beliefs, criminal behaviour, photographs, and CCTV footage

2.1.10 In addition, we may collect any other information relating to you which we lawfully receive, and which may be relevant to your business with Desco. If the information that Desco collects, personally identifies you, or you are reasonably identifiable, Desco will treat it as personal information

2.2 Desco, in its capacity as Responsible Party (and/or Operator, where applicable), shall strive to observe, and comply with its obligations under POPIA as well as accepted information protection principles, practices and guidelines when it Processes Personal Information from or in respect of a Data Subject.

2.3 This Policy applies to Personal Information collected by Desco in connection with the services which Desco provides. This includes information collected directly from you as a Data Subject, as well as information we collect indirectly through our service providers who collect your information on our behalf.

2.4 This Privacy Policy does not apply to the information practices of Third Party companies who we may engage with in relation to our business operations (including, without limitation, their websites, platforms and/or applications) which we do not own or control; or individuals that Desco does not manage or employ. These Third Party sites may have their own privacy policies and terms and conditions and we encourage you to read them before using them.

3. Process of collecting personal information

3.1 Desco collects Personal Information directly from Data Subjects as and when required for a defined purpose, unless an exception is applicable (such as, for example, where the Data Subject has made the Personal Information public or the Personal Information is contained in or derived from a public record).



3.2 Desco will always collect Personal Information in a fair, lawful and reasonable manner to ensure that it protects the Data Subject's privacy and will Process the Personal Information based on legitimate grounds in a manner that does not adversely affect the Data Subject in question.

3.3 Desco often collects Personal Information directly from the Data Subject and/or in some cases, from Third Parties. Where Desco obtains Personal Information from Third Parties, Desco will ensure that it obtains the consent of the Data Subject to do so or will only Process the Personal Information without the Data Subject's consent where Desco is permitted to do so in terms of clause 3.1 above or the applicable law.

3.4 An example of such Third Parties includes: (i) recruitment agencies; (ii) other companies providing services to Desco; and (iii) where Desco makes use of publicly available sources of information (e.g. the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission, an agency of the Department of Trade and Industry in South Africa (CIPC)).

3.5 Personal information is collected directly from you in the following ways, but not limited to:

3.5.1 Access to and use of the Website or any other mobile platforms (such as social media) or applications

3.5.2 Visiting Desco's offices or other premises

3.5.3 Booking a collection with us

3.5.4 Address a query to us

3.5.5 interact with us on social media, or through direct messaging systems

3.5.6 Apply to Desco for employment

3.5.7 Communicate with Desco in any way, and

3.5.8 Have a business relationship with Desco

4. Lawful processing of personal information

4.1 Where Desco is the Responsible Party, it will only Process a Data Subject's Personal Information (other than for Special Personal Information) where –

4.1.1 consent of the Data Subject (or a competent person, where the Data Subject is a Child) is obtained;

4.1.2 Processing is necessary to carry out the actions for conclusion of a contract to which a Data Subject is party;

4.1.3 Processing complies with an obligation imposed by law on Desco;



4.1.4 Processing protects a legitimate interest of the Data Subject; and/or

4.1.5 Processing is necessary for pursuing the legitimate interests of Desco or of a third party to whom the information is supplied.

4.2 Desco will only Process Personal Information where one of the legal bases referred to in paragraph 4.1 above are present.

4.3 Desco will make the manner and reason for which the Personal Information will be Processed clear to the Data Subject.

4.4 Where Desco is relying on a Data Subject's consent as the legal basis for Processing Personal Information, the Data Subject may withdraw his/her/its consent or may object to Desco's Processing of the Personal Information at any time. However, this will not affect the lawfulness of any Processing carried out prior to the withdrawal of consent or any Processing justified by any other legal ground provided under POPIA.

4.5 If the consent is withdrawn or if there is otherwise a justified objection against the use or the Processing of such Personal Information, Desco will ensure that the Personal Information is no longer Processed.

5. Special personal information and personal information of children

5.1 Special Personal Information is sensitive Personal Information of a Data Subject and Desco acknowledges that it will generally not Process Special Personal Information unless –

5.1.1 Processing is carried out in accordance with the Data Subject's consent;

5.1.2 Processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of a right or obligation in law;

5.1.3 Processing is for historical, statistical or research purposes, subject to stipulated safeguards;

5.1.4 information has deliberately been made public by the Data Subject; or

5.1.5 specific authorisation applies in terms of POPIA.



5.2 Desco acknowledges that it may not Process any Personal Information concerning a Child and will only do so where it has obtained the consent of the parent or guardian of that Child or where it is permitted to do so in accordance with applicable laws.

6. Purpose for processing personal information

6.1 Desco understands its obligation to make Data Subjects aware of the fact that it is Processing their Personal Information and inform them of the purpose for which Desco Processes such Personal Information.

6.2 Desco will only Process a Data Subject's Personal Information for a specific, lawful and clear purpose (or for specific, lawful and clear purposes) and will ensure that it makes the Data Subject aware of such purpose(s) as far as possible.

6.3 It will ensure that there is a legal basis for the Processing of any Personal Information. Further, Desco will ensure that Processing will relate only to the purpose for and of which the Data Subject has been made aware (and where relevant, consented to) and will not Process any Personal Information for any other purpose(s).

6.4 Desco will generally use Personal Information for purposes required to operate and manage its normal operations, which include but are not limited to:

6.4.1 To manage our relationship with you: to ensure compliance with laws and to be able to conduct our business with you, engage with you or market and provide our services to you, authenticate your identity, enable us to communicate with you and provide information to you and keep records (Broad Based Economic Empowerment Act 2003; Occupational Health and Safety Act 1993; Value Added Tax Act 1991; Consumer Protection Act 2008; Electronic Communications and Transactions Act 2002), to conclude or perform in terms of a contract with you

6.4.2 To manage recruitment: including eligibility for work, processing job applications, vetting, hires

6.4.3 To comply with policies and procedures, including monitoring: the legal processing or requirements and conducting investigations and incident responses.

6.4.4 For security purposes: providing IT support, security and authentication and enabling access to our premises.

6.4.5 To maintain a safe working environment: we may collect and use personal information to provide a safe and healthy working environment whilst on our premises. Where appropriate, we may share this information with government and law enforcement agencies; which may include details such as: (a) health information and (b) details about criminal offenses.



6.4.6 To comply with our legal obligations and to change our business structure: we collect personal information to enable us to comply with legal obligations or legitimate interest

6.4.7 To monitor equal opportunities for prospective employees and clients: managing race, gender and disability information as part of the equal opportunities monitoring

7. Keeping personal information accurate

7.1 Desco will take reasonable steps to ensure that all Personal Information is kept as accurate, complete and up to date as reasonably possible depending on the purpose for which Personal Information is collected or further processed.

7.2 Desco may not always expressly request the Data Subject to verify and update his/her/its Personal Information unless this process is specifically necessary.

7.3 Desco, however, expects that the Data Subject will notify Desco from time to time in writing of any updates required in respect of his/her/its Personal Information.

8. Storage and processing of personal information by Desco and third party service providers

8.1 Desco may store your Personal Information in hardcopy format and/or in electronic format using Desco's own secure on-site servers or other internally hosted technology. Your Personal Information may also be stored by Third Parties, via cloud services or other technology, with whom Desco has contracted with, to support Desco's operations as an electronic waste recycler.

8.2 Desco's Third Party service providers, including data storage and processing providers, may from time to time also have access to a Data Subject's Personal Information in connection with purposes for which the Personal Information was initially collected to be Processed.

8.3 Desco will ensure that such Third Party service providers will Process the Personal Information in accordance with the provisions of this Policy, all other relevant internal policies and procedures and POPIA.

8.4 These Third Parties do not use or have access to the Data Subject's Personal Information other than for purposes specified by Desco, and Desco requires such parties to employ at least the same level of security that Desco uses to protect the Data Subject's personal data.



8.5 Your Personal Information may be Processed in South Africa or another country where Desco, its affiliates and their Third Party service providers maintain servers and facilities and Desco will take steps, including by way of contracts, to ensure that it continues to be protected, regardless of its location, in a manner consistent with the standards of protection required under applicable law, including POPIA

9. Personal information for direct marketing purposes

9.1 To the extent that Desco acts in its capacity as a Direct Marketer, it shall strive to observe, and comply with its obligations under POPIA when implementing principles and practices in relation to Direct Marketing.

9.2 Desco acknowledges that it may only use Personal Information to contact the Data Subject for purposes of Direct Marketing from time to time where it is permissible to do so.

9.3 It may use Personal Information to contact any Data Subject and/or market Desco's services directly to the Data Subject(s) if the Data Subject is one of Desco's existing clients, the Data Subject has requested to receive marketing material from Desco or Desco has the Data Subject's consent to market its services directly to the Data Subject.

9.4 If the Data Subject is an existing client, Desco will only use his/her/its Personal Information if it has obtained the Personal Information through the provision of a service to the Data Subject and only in relation to similar services to the ones Desco previously provided to the Data Subject.

9.5 Desco will ensure that a reasonable opportunity is given to the Data Subject to object to the use of their Personal Information for Desco's marketing purposes when collecting the Personal Information and on the occasion of each communication to the Data Subject for purposes of Direct Marketing.

9.6 Desco will not use your Personal Information to send you marketing materials if you have requested not to receive them. If you request that we stop Processing your Personal Information for marketing purposes, Desco shall do so. We encourage that such requests to opt-out of marketing be made via forms and links provided for that purpose in the marketing materials sent to you.

10. Retention of personal information

10.1 Desco may keep records of the Personal Information, correspondence, or comments it has collected in an electronic or hardcopy file format.



10.2 In terms of POPIA, Desco may not retain Personal Information for a period longer than is necessary to achieve the purpose for which it was collected or processed and is required to delete, destroy (in such a way that it cannot be reconstructed) or de-identify the information as soon as is reasonably practicable once the purpose has been achieved. This prohibition will not apply in the following circumstances –

10.2.1 where the retention of the record is required or authorised by law or by any Government authority;

10.2.2 Desco requires the record to fulfil its lawful functions or activities;

10.2.3 retention of the record is required by a contract between the parties thereto;

10.2.4 the Data Subject (or competent person, where the Data Subject is a Child) has consented to such longer retention; or

10.2.5 the record is retained for historical, research, archival or statistical purposes provided safeguards are put in place to prevent use for any other purpose. Accordingly, Desco will, subject to the exceptions noted in this Policy, retain Personal Information for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes for which that Personal Information was collected and/or as permitted or required by applicable law.

10.3 Where Desco retains Personal Information for longer periods for statistical, historical, archival or research purposes, Desco will ensure that appropriate safeguards have been put in place to ensure that all recorded Personal Information will continue to be Processed in accordance with this Policy and applicable laws.

10.4 Once the purpose for which the Personal Information was initially collected and Processed no longer applies or becomes obsolete, Desco will ensure that the Personal Information is deleted, destroyed or de-identified sufficiently so that a person cannot re-identify such Personal Information. In instances where we de-identify your Personal Information, Desco may use such de-identified information indefinitely.

11. Failure to provide personal information

11.1 Should Desco need to collect Personal Information by law or under its obligations as an employer or service provider, and you fail to provide the Personal Information when requested, we



may be unable to perform our duties as an employer, in terms of the applicable law or in terms of providing the service to you.

11.2 Should Desco need to collect Personal Information for any of the purposes set out in clause and you fail to provide the Personal Information when requested, your failure to provide such Personal Information may have negative consequences, including that Desco may not be able to effectively perform its obligations as an employer (where Desco needs to Process your Personal Information in order to perform its obligations as an employer) or product or service provider (where Desco needs to Process your Personal Information in order to provide you with its products or services), have to decline to receive the relevant services from you as a supplier, and you will be notified where this is the case.

12. Safe-keeping of personal information

12.1 Desco shall preserve the security of Personal Information and, in particular, prevent its alteration, loss and damage, or access by non-authorised third parties.

12.2 Desco will ensure the security and integrity of Personal Information in its possession or under its control with appropriate, reasonable technical and organisational measures to prevent loss, unlawful access and unauthorised destruction of Personal Information.

12.3 Desco has implemented physical, organisational, contractual and technological security measures (having regard to generally accepted information security practices or industry specific requirements or professional rules) to keep all Personal Information secure, including measures protecting any Personal Information from loss or theft, and unauthorised access, disclosure, copying, use or modification. Further, Desco maintains and regularly verifies that the security measures are effective and regularly updates same in response to new risks.

13. Breaches of personal information

13.1 A Data Breach refers to any incident in terms of which reasonable grounds exist to believe that the Personal Information of a Data Subject has been accessed or acquired by any unauthorised person.

13.2 A Data Breach can happen for many reasons, which include: (a) loss or theft of data or equipment on which Personal Information is stored; (b) inappropriate access controls allowing unauthorised use; (c) equipment failure; (d) human error; (e) unforeseen circumstances, such as a fire or flood; (f) deliberate attacks on systems, such as hacking, viruses or phishing scams; and/or (g)



alteration of Personal Information without permission and loss of availability of Personal Information.

13.3 Desco will address any Data Breach in accordance with the terms of POPIA.

13.4 Desco will notify the Regulator and the affected Data Subject (unless the applicable law or a Government authority requires that we delay notification to the Data Subject) in writing in the event of a Data Breach (or a reasonable belief of a Data Breach) in respect of that Data Subject's Personal Information.

13.5 Desco will provide such notification as soon as reasonably possible after it has become aware of any Data Breach in respect of such Data Subject's Personal Information.

13.6 Where Desco acts as an 'Operator' for purposes of POPIA and should any Data Breach affect the data of Data Subjects whose information Desco Processes as an Operator, Desco shall (in terms of POPIA) notify the relevant Responsible Party immediately where there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Personal Information of relevant Data Subjects has been accessed or acquired by any unauthorised person.

14. Provision of personal information to third party service providers

14.1 Desco may disclose Personal Information to Third Parties and will enter into written agreements with such Third Parties to ensure that they Process any Personal Information in accordance with the provisions of this Policy, and POPIA.

14.2 Desco notes that such Third Parties may assist Desco with the purposes listed in paragraph 6.3 above – for example, service providers may be used, inter alia,

14.2.1 for data storage;

14.2.2 to assist Desco with auditing processes (external auditors);

14.2.3 for providing outsourced services to Desco, including in respect of its (i) legal, (ii) data storage requirements and (iii) upskilling of its Employees; and/or

14.2.4 to notify the Data Subjects of any pertinent information concerning Desco.

14.3 Desco will disclose Personal Information with the consent of the Data Subject or if Desco is permitted to do so without such consent in accordance with applicable laws.



14.4 Further, Desco may also send Personal Information to a foreign jurisdiction outside of the Republic of South Africa, including for Processing and storage by Third Parties.

14.5 When Personal Information is transferred to a jurisdiction outside of the Republic of South Africa including to any cloud, data centre or server located outside of the South Africa, Desco will obtain the necessary consent to transfer the Personal Information to such foreign jurisdiction or may transfer the Personal Information where Desco is permitted to do so in accordance with the provisions applicable to cross-border flows of Personal Information under POPIA.

14.6 The Data Subject should also take note that the Processing of Personal Information in a foreign jurisdiction, if and to the extent such Processing does occur, may be subject to the laws of the country in which the Personal Information is held, and may be subject to disclosure to the governments, courts of law, enforcement or regulatory agencies of such other country, pursuant to the laws of such country.

15. Access to personal information

15.1 POPIA read with the relevant provisions of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, No. 2 of 2000 ("PAIA") confers certain access rights on Data Subjects. Desco's PAIA Manual can be found www.desco.co.za ("PAIA Manual"). These rights include -

15.1.1 **a right of access:** a Data Subject having provided adequate proof of identity has the right to: (i) request a Responsible Party to confirm whether any Personal Information is held about the Data Subject; and/or (ii) request from a Responsible Party a description of the Personal Information held by the Responsible Party including information about Third Parties who have or have had access to the Personal Information. A Data Subject may request:

15.1.1.1 Desco to confirm, free of charge, whether it holds any Personal Information about him/her/it; and

15.1.1.2 to obtain from Desco the record or description of Personal Information concerning him/her/it and any information regarding the recipients or categories of recipients who have or had access to the Personal Information. Such record or description is to be provided: (a) within a reasonable time; and (b) in a reasonable manner and format and in a form that is generally understandable.

15.1.2 **a right to request correction or deletion:** a Data Subject may also request Desco to –

15.1.2.1 correct or delete Personal Information about the Data Subject in its possession or under its



control that is inaccurate, irrelevant, excessive, out of date, incomplete, misleading or obtained unlawfully; or

15.1.2.2 destroy or delete a record of Personal Information about the Data Subject that Desco is no longer authorised to retain records in terms of POPIA's retention and restriction of records provisions.

On receipt of such a request, Desco is required to, as soon as is reasonably practicable –

15.1.2.2.1 correct the information;

15.1.2.2.2 delete or destroy the information;

15.1.2.2.3 provide the Data Subject with evidence in support of the information; or

15.1.2.2.4 where the Data Subject and Responsible Party cannot reach agreement on the request and if the Data Subject requests this, Desco will take reasonable steps to attach to the information an indication that correction has been requested but has not been made;

15.1.3 **a right to withdraw consent and to object to processing:** a Data Subject that has previously consented to the Processing of his/her/its Personal Information has the right to withdraw such consent and may do so by providing Desco with notice to such effect at the address set out in paragraph 20. Further, a Data Subject may object, on reasonable grounds, to the Processing of Personal Information relating to him/her/it.

15.2 Accordingly, Desco may request the Data Subject to provide sufficient identification to permit access to, or provide information regarding the existence, use or disclosure of the Data Subject's Personal Information. Any such identifying information shall only be used for the purpose of facilitating access to or information regarding the Personal Information.

15.3 The Data Subject can request in writing to review any Personal Information about the Data Subject that Desco holds including Personal Information that Desco has collected, utilised or disclosed.

15.4 Desco shall respond to these requests in accordance with POPIA and PAIA and provide the Data Subject with any such Personal Information to the extent required by law and any of Desco's policies and procedures which apply in terms of the PAIA.

15.5 The Data Subject can challenge the accuracy or completeness of his/her/its Personal Information in Desco's records at any time in accordance with the process set out in the PAIA Manual for accessing information.



15.6 If a Data Subject successfully demonstrates that their Personal Information in Desco's records is inaccurate or incomplete, Desco will ensure that such Personal Information is amended or deleted as required (including by any Third Parties).

16. Time periods

16.1 Desco will respond to each written request of a Data Subject not later than 30 (thirty) days after receipt of such requests. Under certain circumstances, Desco may, however, extend the original period of 30 days once for a further period of not more than 30 (thirty) days.

16.2 A Data Subject has the right to make a complaint to Desco in respect of this time limit by contacting Desco using the contact details provided in paragraph 20 below.

17. Costs to access to personal information

The prescribed fees to be paid for copies of the Data Subject's Personal Information are listed the PAIA Manual.

18. Changes to this policy

18.1 Desco reserves the right to make amendments to this Policy from time to time and will use reasonable efforts to notify Data Subjects of such amendments.

18.2 The current version of this Policy will govern the respective rights and obligations between the Data Subject and Desco each time that the Data Subject access and use Desco's site.

19. Contacting us

19.1 All comments, questions, concerns or complaints regarding your Personal Information or this Policy, should be forwarded to us as follows:

Contact Number: 0119793017

Email: popi@desco.co.za

Website: www.desco.co.za

Address: Corner West and Elgin Roads, Pomona Ext. 159, Kempton Park, 1619



Information Officer: Aimee Beth Airaga

19.2 If a Data Subject is unsatisfied with the manner in which Desco addresses any complaint with regard to Desco's Processing of Personal Information, the Data Subject can contact the office of the Regulator, the details of which are set out below – Website: <http://justice.gov.za/infoereg/> Tel: 012 406 4818 Fax: 086 500 3351 Email: infoereg@justice.gov.za

Signed at Kempton Park on 30 June 2021

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Airaga", written over a horizontal line.

Costantino Airaga

Chief Executive Officer

20. Table of Amendments

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Revision Number	Description of revision	Authorised by
30/06/2021	1	Incorporation of document into the EMS	C.Airaga
27/07/2021	2	Change of management	A.Airaga

