

Free Democrats Privacy Policy

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1. Introduction

The Free Democrats of South Africa ("we", "our", or "us") is committed to protecting your personal information in compliance with the **Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), Act No. 4 of 2013**.

This Privacy Policy explains how we collect, use, store, and disclose your personal information when you interact with us via our website, forms, or any affiliated platforms.

2. What Information We Collect

We may collect and process the following types of personal information:

- **Full name**
 - **South African ID number**
 - **Contact details** (email address, phone number – optional)
 - **Digital signature** (if provided)
 - **Your consent** to the use of this data
 - **Any other information you voluntarily provide**
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3. Purpose of Collection

We collect your personal information for the **sole purpose** of fulfilling legal and regulatory requirements set by the **Independent Electoral Commission (IEC)** to verify your support for the registration of the Free Democrats of South Africa as a political party.

Specifically, your data will be used to:

- Submit required documentation to the IEC;
- Verify your identity as a registered South African voter;
- Comply with the Electoral Act and related regulations.

4. Legal Basis for Processing

Your personal information is processed:

- **With your explicit consent** (as required under POPIA);
- **To comply with a legal obligation** under South African electoral law.

5. How We Store and Protect Your Data

We take the security of your personal information seriously. Your data is:

- Stored on **encrypted servers** or secured third-party platforms (e.g., Google Sheets, secure CRMs);
- Transmitted using **SSL encryption (HTTPS)**;
- Accessed only by authorized personnel involved in the verification process.

We implement and maintain **appropriate technical and organizational measures** to protect your data from accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorized disclosure, or access.

6. Disclosure to Third Parties

We will only share your personal information with:

- The **Independent Electoral Commission (IEC)** or its agents for verification of party support;
- Our internal verification and data management teams;
- Government or regulatory authorities **when legally required**.

We do **not sell or trade** your personal data to third parties.

7. Your Rights Under POPIA

You have the right to:

- **Access** the personal information we hold about you;
- **Request correction** of inaccurate or outdated data;

- **Withdraw your consent** at any time (note this may invalidate your support declaration);
- **Request deletion** of your data unless required by law;
- **Lodge a complaint** with the Information Regulator.

You may exercise these rights by contacting us at [Insert Contact Email].

8. Data Retention

We retain personal information only for as long as necessary to:

- Fulfill our obligations to the IEC;
- Comply with applicable laws and regulations;
- Ensure the security and integrity of the data.

Once the data is no longer needed, it will be **safely and securely deleted** or anonymized.

9. Use of Cookies and Analytics

Our website may use cookies and analytical tools (such as Google Analytics) to improve user experience. These do not collect sensitive personal information unless explicitly submitted.

10. Changes to This Privacy Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy from time to time. Any changes will be posted on this page, and, where appropriate, notified to you via the website.

11. Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this Privacy Policy or your data, you may contact:

Privacy Officer

Free Democrats of South Africa

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