# **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

## What is the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA)?

PAIA is the Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000 ("PAIA"). Access to information is a human right that is protected by Section 32 of the Constitution of South Africa. PAIA protects and upholds the rights of people to access information.

### What is the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA)?

POPIA is the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. The University processes personal information lawfully and in a reasonable manner that does not infringe on the right to privacy or any other right of a person.

## What is a POPI update request?

This request pertains to the update of biographical information about an individual by the same individual. (E.g. change of a maiden surname to a married surname, change of contact details etc.)

#### What is a POPI enquiry?

This pertains to a request for information that is in the possession of the University of Johannesburg from an individual about himself/herself.

#### What is a PAIA request?

This is a request for access to information of a public body. In this case, the information requested is data housed by the University of Johannesburg.

### What is a PAIA Appeal?

Should the request for access to information be rejected, the appeal process can be applied. *Refer to the PAIA manual for more information*.

### How do I submit a request using the online platform?

You are required to register on the platform before a request can be submitted.

## **Information Officer and Deputy Information Officers**

## Who is the Information Officer of the University of Johannesburg?

The Vice-Chancellor and Principal is the Information Officer for the University of Johannesburg.

### Who are the Deputy Information Officers?

- 1. The Registrar
- 2. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Academic
- 3. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Internationalisation
- 4. The Chief Financial Officer
- 5. The Chief Operating Officer
- 6. The UJ General Counsel
- 7. The Senior Executive Director

### Queries that are not related to PAIA or POPIA

Please note the information listed below is not regarded as a PAIA/POPIA request. Use the contact details listed below to obtain information from the relevant Division.

- **1.** Requesting a Transcript Supplement or an Academic Transcript/Record Email the Qualification Verification Unit on <a href="mailto:transcripts@uj.ac.za">transcripts@uj.ac.za</a>
- 2. For queries pertaining to UJ certificates Email the Certification Office on certificates@uj.ac.za
- 3. All application-related enquiries Email mylife@uj.ac.za
- **4.** For queries related to UJ login credentials (e.g. pin, password etc.) Contact the UJ Call Center on 011 559 4555 or email <a href="mailto:mylife@uj.ac.za">mylife@uj.ac.za</a>
- 5. All registration-related enquiries Email registration@uj.ac.za
- 6. All graduation-related enquiries Email graduation@uj.ac.za
- **7.** All finance-related queries (fees, bursaries, NSFAS, refunds) Click on the following link Student Finance Contact Details

For any further information, please visit the UJ website on www.uj.ac.za