

Dear Student

In 2013 a new act (the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013, or POPI as everyone calls it) was enacted to protect everyone's personal information against misuse, exploitation and to protect your privacy.

This personal information includes all information that you provide to the North-West University during your application and registration, as well as all information concerning yourself and your affairs at the NWU during your studies such as your financial status and accounts, bursary information, academic information (your marks, your progress), your health and wellness, your residence matters, etc.

The NWU must protect this information of yours and keep it confidential as well as respect your privacy, and according to the Act we not provide this information to any third party without your consent.

In order for us to know what your preference is regarding the disclosure of your personal information, we are going to request you to make an informed decision about this during registration in 2016.

You will have to indicate whether you want your information kept confidential (if you do this NONE of you information will be made available to ANY THIRD PARTY/ORGANISATION) and if we may share your information with third parties WHO HAVE VESTED INTEREST (your parents, bursary providers, potential employers, researchers etc). If you indicate that we may share your information, we will still do this within the guidelines provided by the Act and not use it indiscriminately.

You must think your choice through clearly, as your choice may cause personal consequences for you. You can at any stage during the year also change the choice you made by completing a student request.

If you have previously registered at the NWU, you can check your choice as currently captured on our systems by going to:

https://v-bipoc-win1.adt.nwu.ac.za/Student_POPI/webForms/frmStudentPopiSelect.aspx

Click on the link, provide the student number and click on retrieve:

YES indicates that the information is private, and MAY NOT BE SHARED.

NO indicates that the information is NOT private, and may be shared.

For more information about POPI and what it entails, please read the brochure available at http://www.nwu.ac.za/sites/www.nwu.ac.za/files/files/i-governance-management/PAIA/Infographic_e.pdf

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