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How an AEO Article Drove 120+ Organic Ebook Downloads for a Financial Services Firm

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South African financial services and business outsourcing firm	Financial services and business outsourcing, B2B	AEO article in front of a gated ebook, organic promotion	June to September 2026

A South African financial services and business outsourcing firm wanted business leaders to have an in-depth ebook on a major proposed regulatory change. LadyBugz wrote and designed the full ebook. In June 2026 we also wrote the article that leads readers to it, built for AEO (Answer Engine Optimisation, the practice of making content easy for AI answer engines such as ChatGPT, Perplexity and Google's AI Overviews to find and cite), with the download offered at several points along the way. No money was spent on promotion, only a handful of posts and one newsletter edition on the firm's own LinkedIn company page. From June to September 2026 the ebook was downloaded more than 120 times, by readers who found it through organic search and AI answer tools.

120+
Ebook downloads
June to September 2026, as reported by the firm from its download form results

R0
Spent on promotion
No sponsored posts, ads or email campaigns behind the article or the ebook

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Company page newsletter edition
On the firm's own LinkedIn company page, alongside a handful of posts

Source: download figure as reported to LadyBugz by the firm, from its download form results. Promotion details from LadyBugz's project records.

The challenge

The firm had real expertise on a change that would affect many of the businesses it serves, but expertise alone does not earn a download:

- **A form is not a reason.** A download form on its own asks for details before it has shown any value, so most people never reach it.
- **Readers arrive with questions.** The leaders who needed the guidance had specific questions about what the change meant for them, and more and more of them put those questions to search engines and AI tools first.
- **No paid push.** There was no money behind the ebook's promotion, so the content itself had to be found and do the persuading.
- **A subject still taking shape.** The change was still a proposal, so the content had to explain what was proposed clearly and accurately, without overstating it.

What we did

LadyBugz wrote and designed the ebook, and wrote the article and the posts around it. These are the principles behind it, and why each one mattered.

1 An ebook written by us, checked by the firm's experts

We wrote and designed the full ebook, working on the outline with the firm, and its own specialists reviewed the content before it went out.

2 An article that answers first

Its headings are the questions readers ask, each answered directly in the opening lines, with the key points up front, a clear summary of what the ebook covers and who it is for, and an FAQ (frequently asked questions) section at the end.

3 The download offered where the reader is ready

The download button appears at several points in the article, not only at the end.

4 Organic reach in the firm's own voice

We wrote LinkedIn posts for the firm's company page that pointed readers to the article, and a handful of them ran. One edition of the company page's LinkedIn newsletter also led with the ebook. AI answer tools cannot read a LinkedIn company page newsletter, so the work of being found by AI fell to the article on the firm's own website.

5 Every download a contact

The ebook sits behind a download form on the firm's own website, so each download gives the firm a contact who has chosen to engage with its expertise.

The results

Based on the firm's download form results, as reported to LadyBugz by the firm, and LadyBugz's project records:

- **Found through organic search and AI.** Readers found the ebook through organic search and AI answer tools, the firm's download form results show.

Why does an article work as the way into a download?

Because it gives the value first. The article answers the main questions in plain language, shows exactly what the ebook covers and who it is for, and puts the download in front of the reader at the moments they are most likely to want more. Unlike a post, it stays findable: search engines and AI answer engines can keep sending readers to it long after the posts have scrolled out of the feed.

The article earns the attention; the ebook earns the contact.

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