

Global Table of Data Privacy Laws (2nd Ed, February 2012)

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This Table is sorted alphabetically by Jurisdiction, but can be sorted by any column (in Word).

Jurisdiction	Key Act	From ¹	Latest	Region ²	Sec ³	EU ⁴	CoE ⁵	Other Int. ⁶
Albania	Act on the Protection of Personal Data	1999	1999	Europe (O)	Both	[I]	R; P	
Andorra	Law on the protection of personal data	2003	2003	Europe (O)	Both	A	R; P	
Angola	Lei da Protecção de Dados Pessoais	2011	2011	Africa	Both			
Argentina	Personal Data Protection Act	2000	2000	Latin Am	Both	A		
Armenia	Law on Personal Data	2002		Europe (O)	Both		NS; SP	
Australia	Privacy Act 1988	1988	2001	Australasia	Both			APEC; OECD
Austria	Datenschutzgesetz	1978	2009	Europe	Both	M	R; P	OECD

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¹ **Date columns:** 'From' = date original law enacted; 'Latest' = year of last significant amendment known; 'NYIF' = not yet in force; 'NIFU' = not in force until date stated, where bringing into force is delayed over one year

² **Region column:** 'Europe (EU)' = current European member states; 'Europe (O)' = other European states (including EEA)

³ **Sector column:** 'Pri' = covers private sector only; 'Pub' = covers public sector only; blank = covers both sectors

⁴ **European Union column:** M = country is an EU member state; A = country's protection of personal data has been held 'adequate' by the EU; [A] = Favourable Article 29 Working Party opinion on adequacy, but no final decision announced; EEA = country is a member of the European Economic Area; [I] = Adequacy finding is in practice irrelevant due to country acceding to both Council of Europe Convention 108 and Additional Protocol

⁵ **Council of Europe column:** ('Member' means Member State of the Council of Europe) R = Member and has ratified the Convention; R* = United Kingdom has ratified Convention on behalf of sub-jurisdiction; S = Member and has signed but not ratified Convention; P = has also ratified the optional protocol; NS = Member but has not signed Convention; [I] = not a Member but has been invited to accede to the Convention; A = not a Member but has acceded to the Convention

⁶ **Other international commitments column:** APEC = 'economy' is a member of APEC (Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation); OECD = country is a member of OECD; ASEAN = county is a member of Association of South East Asian Nations; ECOWAS = country is a member of Economic Community of West African States; EAC = county is a member of the East African Community

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Azerbaijan	Law on data, data processing and data protection	1998	1998	Europe (O)	Both		R	
Bahamas	Data Protection Act	2003	2003	Caribbean	Both			
Belgium	Law on Privacy Protection in relation to the Processing of Personal Data	1992	1998	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R	OECD
Benin	Loi Portant Protection des données à Caractère Personnel	2009	2009	Africa	Both			ECOWAS
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Law on the protection of personal data	2001	2001	Europe (O)	Both	[I]	R; P	
Bulgaria	Law for Protection of Personal Data	2002	2007	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	
Burkina Faso	Loi Portant Protection des Données à Caractère Personnel	2004	2004	Africa	Both			ECOWAS
Canada	Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act	1983 (prior Act)	2002	North Am	Both	A		APEC; OECD
Cape Verde	Regime Jurídico Geral de Protecção de Dados Pessoais a Pessoas Singulares Janeiro	2001	2001	Africa	Both			ECOWAS
Chile	Privacy Law	1999	1999	Latin Am	Both			APEC; OECD
Colombia	Data Protection Law	2008	2008	Latin Am	Both			
Costa Rica	Protección de la Persona frente al tratamiento de sus datos personales	2011	2011	Latin Am	Both			
Croatia	Act on Personal Data Protection	2003	2003	Europe (O)	Both	[I]	R; P	
Cyprus	The Processing of Personal Data (Protection of the Individual) Law	2001	2003	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	
Czech Republic	Personal Data Protection Act	1992	2000	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	OECD
Denmark	Act on Processing of Personal Data	1978	2000	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R	OECD
Dubai IFC	Data Protection Law ('IFC' = International Financial Centre)	2007		N.Af/M.East	Pri			
Estonia	Data Protection Act	2003	2003	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	OECD
Faroe Islands	Act on processing of personal data	2010	2010	Europe (O)	Both	A		
Finland	Personal Data Act	1987	1999	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R	OECD
France	Law relating to the protection of individuals against the processing of personal data	1978	2004	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	OECD
FYROM (Macedonia)	Law on Personal Data Protection	2005	2005	Europe (O)	Both	[I]	R; P	
Gabon	Law related to personal data	2011	2011	Africa	Both			
Germany	Federal Data Protection Act	1977	2001	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	OECD
Gibraltar	Data Protection Act	2004	2004	Europe (O)	Both			
Greece	Law on the Protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data	1997	1997	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R	OECD
Guernsey	Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law	1986	2001	Europe (O)	Both	A	R*	
Hong Kong SAR	Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance	1995	1995	Asia	Both			APEC
Hungary	Law on the protection of personal data etc	1992	1992	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	OECD
Iceland	Law on the Protection and Processing of Personal Data	1989	2000	Europe (O)	Both	EEA	R	OECD
India	Rules under s43A (2008 Amendt), Information Technology Act 2000	2011	2011	Asia	Pri			

Ireland	Data Protection Act	1988	2003	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	OECD
Isle of Man	Data Protection Act	1986	2002	Europe (O)	Both	A	R*	
Israel	Privacy Protection Act 1981	1981	1981	N.Af/M.East	Both	A		OECD
Italy	Consolidation Act regarding the Protection of Personal Data	1996	2003	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R	OECD
Japan	Act on the Protection of Personal Information	2003	2003	Asia	Both			APEC; OECD
Jersey	Data Protection (Jersey) Law	1987	2005	Europe (O)	Both	A	R*	
Kyrgyz Republic	Law on Personal Data	2008	2008	Central Asia	Both			
Latvia	Law on Protection of Personal Data of Natural Persons	2000	2002	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	
Liechtenstein	Gesetz über die Abänderung des Datenschutzgesetzes (2002)	2002	2008	Europe (O)	Both	EEA	R; P	
Lithuania	Law on Legal Protection of Personal Data	1996	2003	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	
Luxembourg	Data Protection Law	1979	2002	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	OECD
Macao SAR	Personal Data Protection Act	2007	2007	Asia	Both			
Malaysia	Personal Data Protection Act	2010	NYIF	Asia	Pri			APEC; ASEAN
Malta	Data Protection Act	2001	2001	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R	
Mauritius	Data Protection Act	2004	2004	Africa	Both			
Mexico	Federal Law on the Protection of Personal Data Held by Private Parties	2010	2010	Latin Am	Both			APEC; OECD
Moldova	Law on Personal Data Protection	2007	2007	Europe (O)	Both	[I]	R; P	
Monaco	Act controlling personal data processing	1993	2001	Europe (O)	Both	[I]	R; P	
Montenegro	Law on Personal Data Protection	2008	2008	Europe (O)	Both			
Morocco	Loi relative à la protection des personnes physiques à l'égard du traitement des données à caractère personnel	2009	2009	N.Af/M.East	Both			
Netherlands	Personal Data Protection Act	1988	2000	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	OECD
New Zealand	Privacy Act 1993	1993	2010	Australasia	Both	[A]		APEC; OECD
Norway	Personal Data Act	1978	2000	Europe (O)	Both	EEA	R	OECD
Paraguay	Law 1682 on Information of a Private Nature	2002		Latin Am	Both			
Peru	Law on Protection of Personal Data	2011	2011	Latin Am	Both			APEC; US FTA
Poland	Act on the Protection of Personal Data	1997	2004	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	OECD
Portugal	Lei da protecção de dados pessoais	1991	1998	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	OECD
Qatar Financial Centre	Data Protection Regulations	2005	2005	N.Af/M.East	Pri			
Romania	Law on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data etc	2001	2005	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	
Russia	Federal Law Regarding Personal Data	2006	NIFU 2011	Europe (O)	Both	S	S	APEC
San Marino	Law regulating the Computerized Collection of Personal Data	1983	1995	Europe (O)	Both		NS	
Senegal	Loi sur la Protection des données à Caractère Personnel	2008	2008	Africa	Both			ECOWAS
Serbia	Law on Personal Data Protection	2008	2008	Europe (O)	Both	[I]	R; P	
Seychelles	Data Protection Act	2003	2003	Africa	Both			

Slovakia	Act on the Protection of Personal Data	1992	2005	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	OECD
Slovenia	Personal Data Protection Act	1999	2004	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R	OECD
South Korea	Data Protection Act	2001	2011	Asia	Both			APEC; OECD
Spain	Ley Orgánica de Protección de Datos de Carácter Personal	1992	1999	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	OECD
St Lucia	Data Protection Act 2011	2011	NYIF	Caribbean	Both			
St Vincent & Grenadines	Privacy Act of 2003	2003		Caribbean	Both			
Sweden	Personal Data Act	1973	1998	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R; P	OECD
Switzerland	Data Protection Act	1992	1992	Europe (O)	Both	A	R; P	OECD
Taiwan	Personal Data Protection Act	1995	2010	Asia	Both			APEC
Thailand	Official Information Act 1997	1997	1997	Asia	Pub			APEC; ASEAN
Trinidad & Tobago	Data Protection Act	2011	2011	Caribbean	Both			
Tunisia	Loi portant sur la protection des données à caractère personnel.	2004	2004	N.Af/M.East	Both			
Ukraine	Law on Personal Data Protection	2011	2011	Europe (O)	Both	[I]	R; P	
United Kingdom	Data Protection Act 1998	1984	1998	Europe (EU)	Both	M	R	OECD
United States	Privacy Act of 1974	1974		North Am	Pub			OECD; APEC
Uruguay	Law on the Protection of Personal Data	2008	2008	Latin Am	Both	[A]	[I]	
Vietnam	Law on Protection of Consumers' Rights	2010	2010	Asia	Pri			APEC; ASEAN

Global Table of Data Privacy Bills

Table of Bills for new Acts (or new coverage of public/private sector), and official draft Bills

Jurisdiction	Title of Bill/Draft	From⁷	Current?⁸	Region	Sec	CoE	Other Int.
Georgia	Law on Personal Data Protection	2011	Current	Europe		R	
Philippines	Data Privacy Bill	2011	Current	Asia	Both		APEC; ASEAN
Ghana	Protection of Personal Data Bill	2010	Current; 2nd reading 10/ 2011	Africa	Both		ECOWAS
South Africa	Protection of Personal Information Bill	2009	Current; Before Committee; Being redrafted	Africa	Both		
Cayman Island	Data Protection Bill	2011	Draft	Caribbean	Both		
Madagascar	Data Protection Bill	2008	Draft	Africa	Both		
Mali	Data Protection Bill	2011	Draft	Africa	Both		ECOWAS
Niger	Data Protection Bill	2009	Draft	Africa	Both		
Brazil	Protection of Personal Data Bill	2011	Draft; in consultations	Latin Am.	Both		
Kenya	Data Protection Bill	2012	Draft; in consultations	Africa	Both		EAC
Barbados	Data Protection Bill	2005	Lapsed	Caribbean	Both		
Lebanon	Data Protection Bill	2005	Lapsed	N.Af/M.East	Both		
Thailand	Personal Data Protection Bill	2011	Lapsed	Asia	Both		APEC; ASEAN
Turkey	Law on the Protection of Personal Data	2003	Lapsed	Europe	Both	S	OECD

⁷ 'From': Date of latest known Bill or official draft Bill

⁸ 'Current?': 'Current' = before current session of legislature; 'Draft' = official draft known, but not yet introduced to legislature; 'Lapsed' = Bill was introduced in previous session of legislature but did not proceed