

Global Tables of Data Privacy Laws and Bills (5th Ed, January 2017)

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Global Table of Countries with Data Privacy Laws

(as known at 31 January 2017)

Jurisdiction	Key Act	From ¹	Latest ²	Region ³	Member. ⁴	Sec ⁵	Agreements ⁶	DPA ⁷	DPA Assocs ⁸
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¹ **From column:** Year = date original data privacy law enacted, for either private or public sector; might not be date of current law

² **Latest column:** Year = date of last significant amendment known; 'NYIF' = not yet in force; 'NIFU' = not in force until year stated, where bringing into force is delayed over one year.

³ **Region column:** 'Europe (EU)' = current European Union member states; 'Europe (O)' = other European states (including EEA); others are self-explanatory

⁴ **Member column:** listing means country is a member of regional grouping relevant to data privacy (plus '(A)' for Associate members) – **APEC** = Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation; **OECD** = Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development; **ASEAN** = Association of South East Asian Nations; **AU** = African Union; **ECOWAS** = Economic Community of West African States; **EAC** = East African Community; **SADC** = Southern African Development Community; **ECCAS** = Economic Community of Central African States ; **CEMAC** = Communauté économique et monétaire de l'Afrique centrale ; **CARICOM** = Caribbean Community; **Mercosur** = trade bloc of five S American states; **OECS** = Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States

⁵ **Sector column:** 'Pri' = covers private sector only; 'Pub' = covers public sector only; both = covers both sectors

⁶ **International Agreements column** covers the following agreements between countries, each of which involves legal obligations (for APEC Framework and OECD Guidelines, see Member column, as all Members have same obligations):

(i) European Union Directive = EU, plus one of: M = country is an EU member state; AQ = 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; OCT = Overseas countries and territories status; EUT = part of the territory of an EU country.

(ii) Council of Europe Convention 108 = CoE + one of: RC = Member State of the Council of Europe and has ratified Convention 108; RC* = United Kingdom has ratified Convention on behalf of sub-jurisdiction; SC = Member and has signed but not ratified Convention; RP = has also ratified the Additional Protocol; SP = Member and has signed but not ratified Additional Protocol; IA = not a Member but has been invited to accede to the Convention; AC = not a Member but has acceded to the Convention; **Obs** = Accredited as Observer to Convention

(iii) African Union Convention = AUConv plus either (S) = signed or (R) = ratified.

(iv) ECOWAS Act = country is required to comply with the additional data protection Act to the ECOWAS Treaty, 2010.

(v) APEC-CBPRs (Cross-Border Privacy Rules system) = APEC-CBPR, + either (S)= has agreed to participate (but no AA appointed), or (M) = is participating (AA appointed)

(vi) UN International Convention on Civil & Political Rights = ICCPR = ratified Convention; +OP = ratified 1st Optional Protocol; [Not-UN] = not a UN member, cannot ratify

⁷ **DPA column:** DPAs with comprehensive scope are named; None = no specialised data protection authority (plus name of authority if enacted but not yet appointed one year after enactment)

⁸ **DPA Assocs column:** inclusion means 'DPA is a member of' the named association of DPAs/PEAs; except O = Observer status only): **ICDPPC** = International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners; **A29WP** = EU Article 29 Working Party; **GPEN** = Global Privacy Enforcement Network; **AFAPDP** = Association of Francophone Data Protection Authorities; **APPA** = Asia-Pacific Privacy Authorities; **RedIPD** = RED Iberoamericana de Preteccion de Datos; **CEEDPA** = Central and Eastern Europe Data Protection Authorities; **NDPA** = Nordic Data Protection Authorities; **EDPA** = European Data Protection Authorities; **BIIDPA** = British, Irish and Islands Data Protection Authorities; **APEC CPEA** = APEC Cross-border Privacy Enforcement Arrangement; **CommTN** = Common Thread Network (anglophone Commonwealth of Nations); **RAPDP** = Réseau Africain sur la Protection des Données Personnelles (African Personal Data Protection Network); **GCBECA** = Global Cross Border Enforcement Cooperation Arrangement; **GPEN-A** = GPEN Alert member ; **RNDPAEPC** = Regional Network of Data Protection authorities in Eastern Partnership Countries

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Abu Dhabi Global Market	ADGM Data Protection Regs (under Abu Dhabi Law 4/2013)	2015	2015	Mid East	–	Pri	Non-UN	Registrar	–
Albania	Act on the Protection of Personal Data	1999	2012	Europe (O)	CoE	Both	ICCPR+OP; CoE(RC;RP)	Commissioner for Personal Data Protection (Komisionerin per Mbrojtjen e te Dhenave Personale)	ICDPPC; EDPA; AFAPDP; GPEN
Andorra	Law on the protection of personal data	2003	2003	Europe (O)	CoE	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(Adq); CoE(RC;RP)	Data Protection Agency (Agència Andorrana de Protecció de Dades)	ICDPPC; EDPA; RedIPD; AFAPDP
Angola	Lei da Protecção de Dados Pessoais	2011	2011	Africa	AU; SADC; ECCAS	Both	ICCPR+OP;	Not yet appointed (Agência da Protecção de Dados)	–
Antigua & Barbuda	Data Protection Act 2013	2013	NYIF	Caribbean	CARICOM; OECS	Both	ICCPR+OP	Information Commissioner	–
Argentina	Personal Data Protection Act	2000	2000	Latin Am	MERCOSUR	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(Adq);	National Direction for Personal Data Protection (Director Nacional de Protección de Datos Personales)	ICDPPC; RedIPD; GPEN
Armenia	Law on Personal Data	2002	2015	Europe (O)		Both	ICCPR+OP; CoE(RC; RP)	Personal Data Protection Agency (part of MOJ)	ICDPPC; EDPA ; CEEDPA; GPEN; AFAPDP; RNDPAEPC
Aruba	Afkondigingsblad van Aruba 2011 no. 37	2011	2011	Caribbean	–		Not-UN	Not yet appointed (Data Protection Commissioner)	–
Australia	Privacy Act 1988	1988	2012	Australasia	APEC; OECD;	Both	ICCPR+OP;	Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	ICDPPC; APPA; GPEN; APEC CPEA; GCBCEA; CommTN; GPEN-A
Austria	Datenschutzgesetz	1978	2013	Europe (EU)	OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	Data Protection Commission (Datenschutzkommission)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP
Azerbaijan	Law on personal data 2010 (replaces 1998 Act)	1998	2010	Europe (O)	–	Both	ICCPR+OP; CoE(RC)	None (Ministry administers Register)	RNDPAEPC
Bahamas	Data Protection (Privacy of Information) Act	2003	2003	Caribbean	CARICOM	Both	ICCPR;	Data Protection Commissioner	CommTN
Belgium	Law on Privacy Protection in relation to the Processing of Personal Data	1992	2011	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; CoE(M); CoE(RC; SP)	Privacy Commission (Commission de la vie privée)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN; AFAPDP
Benin	Loi Portant Protection des données à Caractère Personnel	2009	2009	Africa	AU; ECOWAS	Both	ICCPR+OP; AUCov(S)	National Commission for Technology and Freedoms (Commission nationale de l'informatique et des libertés)	ICDPPC; AFAPDP; RAPDP

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Bermuda	Personal Information Protection Act	2016	2016	Caribbean	CARICOM (Assoc.)	Both	[Not-UN]	Not yet appointed [Privacy Commissioner]	BIDPA
BES Islands	Privacy Act	2010	2010	Caribbean	–	Both	EU(OCT)	Commission for Supervision of Personal Data	–
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Law on the protection of personal data	2001	2001	Europe (O)	CoE;	Both	ICCPR+OP; CoE(RC; RP)	Personal Data Protection Agency in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Agencija za zaštitu ličnih podataka u Bosni I Hercegovini)	ICDPPC; EDPA; CEEDPA; AFAPDP
Bulgaria	Law for Protection of Personal Data	2002	2011	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE;	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	Commission for Personal Data Protection (Комисия за защита на личните данни)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA; GPEN
Burkina Faso	Loi Portant Protection des Données à Caractère Personnel	2004	2004	Africa	AU; ECOWAS	Both	ICCPR+OP; ECOWAS Act	Data Processing and Liberties Commission	ICDPPC; AFAPDP; RAPDP
Canada	Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (private sector); Privacy Act (public sector)	1983	2002	North Am	APEC; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(Adq); APEC-CBPR(I)	Privacy Commissioner of Canada (Commissariat à la protection de la vie privée du Canada)	ICDPPC; APPA; GPEN; APEC CPEA; AFAPDP; CommTN; GCBECA; GPEN-A
Cape Verde	Regime Jurídico Geral de Protecção de Dados Pessoais a Pessoas Singulares	2001	2001	Africa	AU; ECOWAS	Both	ICCPR+OP; CoE(IA); ECOWAS Act	National Commission of Data Protection	ICDPPC; RAPDP; RedIPD
Chad	Law No. 007/PR/ 2015 on the Protection of Personal Data	20015	2015	Africa	AU; ECCAS		ICCPR+OP; AUConv(S)	Not yet appointed) (National Agency for Information Security and Electronic Certification)	–
Chile	Privacy Law	1999	2012	Latin Am	APEC; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP;	Servicio de Registro Civil (govt databased reg only),	–
Colombia	Data Protection Law	2008	2012	Latin Am		Both	ICCPR+OP;	Superintendence of Industry and Commerce	ICDPPC; RedIPD; APPA; GPEN
Costa Rica	Protección de la Persona frente al tratamiento de sus datos personales	2011	2013	Latin Am		Both	ICCPR+OP;	Agency for the Protection of Personal Data of Inhabitants	ICDPPC; RedIPD
Cote d'Ivoire	Loi relative à la protection des données à caractère personnel du 19 juin 2013	2013	2013	Africa	AU; ECOWAS	Both	ICCPR+OP;	Telecommunications / ICT Regulatory Body of Côte d' Ivoire (ARTCI)	ICDPPC; AFAPDP; RAPDP
Croatia	Act on Personal Data Protection	2003	2011	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE;	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	Data Protection Agency	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA
Curaçao	Privacy Act	2010	2010	Caribbean	–	Both	Not-UN; EU(EUT)	Not yet appointed (Data Protection Commissioner)	–

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Cyprus	The Processing of Personal Data (Protection of the Individual) Law	2001	2012	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE;	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	Personal Data Protection Commissioner	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; BIIDPA
Czech Republic	Personal Data Protection Act	1992	2000	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE;; OECD; GPEN	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	Office for Personal Data Protection (Urad Pro Ochranu Osobnich Udaju)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA; AFAPDP; GPEN
Denmark	Act on Processing of Personal Data	1978	2000	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP;; EU(M); CoE(RC; SP)	Data Protection Agency (Datatilsynet)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP, NDPA
Dominican Republic	Law concerning Personal Data Protection No. 172-13	2013	2013	Latin Am		Both	ICCPR+OP;	Superintendency of Banks (for credit reporting agencies)	RedIPD(O)
Dubai IFC	Data Protection Law ('IFC' = International Financial Centre)	2007		Mid.East	–	Pri	–	Commissioner of Data Protection	–
Equatorial Guinea	Law 1/2016, in force 11/8/2016	2016		Africa		Both	ICCPR+OP;	Organo Rector de Proteccion de Datos Personales	
Estonia	Data Protection Act	2003	2003	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	Data Protection Inspectorate (Andmekaitse Inspektsioon)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN; GCBECA
Faroe Islands	Act on processing of personal data	2010	2010	Europe (O)		Both	Not-UN; EU(Adq)	Data Protection Agency	
Finland	Personal Data Act	1987	2000	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	Data Protection Ombudsman (Tietosuojavaltuutetun Toimisto)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP, NDPA
France	Law relating to the protection of individuals against the processing of personal data	1978	2014	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD;	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	Data Protection Commission (Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Libertés)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN; AFAPDP
Gabon	Law related to personal data	2011	2011	Africa	AU; ECCAS; CEMAC	Both	ICCPR;	Commissariat à la protection des données personnelles	AFAPDP; RAPDP
Georgia	Law on Personal Data Protection	2012	2012	Europe (O)	CoE	Both	ICCPR+OP; CoE(RC; RP)	Data Protection Commissioner	ICDPPC; EDPA; CEEDPA; GPEN; RNDPAEPC
Germany	Federal Data Protection Act	1977	2015	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	Federal Data Protection Commissioner (Bundesbeauftragten für den Datenschutz)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN
Ghana	Data Protection Act	2012	2012	Africa	AU; ECOWAS	Both	ICCPR+OP;	Data Protection Commission	ICDPPC; CommTN; RAPDP; GPEN
Gibraltar	Data Protection Act	2004	2004	Europe (O)		Both	Not-UN; CoE(RC*)	Data Protection Commissioner	ICDPPC; EDPA ; BIIDPA; GPEN;

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Greece	Law on the Protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data	1997	2011	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; SP)	Hellenic Data Protection Authority (APXH ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΔΕΔΟΜΕΝΩΝ ΠΡΟΣΩΠΙΚΟΥ ΧΑΡΑΚΤΗΡΑ)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP
Greenland	(Danish) Public and Private Registers Acts	1979	1979	Europe (O)		Both	Not-UN; –	(Danish) Data Protection Agency (Registertilsynet)	
Guernsey	Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law	1986	2010	Europe (O)		Both	Not-UN; EU(Adq); CoE(RC*)	Data Protection Office of the Channel Islands (Data Protection Commissioner)	ICDPPC; BIIDPA; EDPA; GPEN; CommTN
Hong Kong SAR	Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance	1995	2012	Asia	APEC	Both	Not-UN	Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data	ICDPPC; APPA; GPEN; APECCPEA; GCBCECA; GPEN-A
Hungary	Act on Informational Self-Determination and Freedom of Information	1992	2011	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA; GPEN; GCBCECA
Iceland	Law on the Protection and Processing of Personal Data	1989	2010	Europe (O)	EEA; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(EEA); CoE(RC; SP)	Data Protection Authority	ICDPPC; EDPA
India	Rules under s43A (2008 Amendt), Information Technology Act 2000	2011	2011	Asia	SAARC	Pri	ICCPR;	None	–
Indonesia	Personal Data Protection in Electronic Systems Regulation 2016	2016	2016	Asia	ASEAN; APEC	Both	ICCPR+OP	None	–
Ireland	Data Protection Act	1988	2003	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	Data Protection Commissioner (An Coimisinéir Cosanta Sonraí)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN; BIIDPA; GCBCECA; GPEN-A
Isle of Man	Data Protection Act	1986	2002	Europe (O)		Both	Not-UN; EU(Adq); CoE(RC*)	Data Protection Registrar (Oik Recortysser Codey Fysseree Ellan Vannin)	ICDPPC; BIIDPA; EDPA; GPEN; GCBCECA; CommTN
Israel	Privacy Protection Act 1981	1981	1981	Mid.East	OECD;	Both	ICCPR; EU(Adq)	Law, Information and Technology Authority	ICDPPC; GPEN
Italy	Consolidation Act regarding the Protection of Personal Data	1996	2013	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD;	Both	ICCPR; EU(M); CoE(RC; SP)	Data Protection Commission (Garante per la protezione dei dati personali)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN
Japan	Act on the Protection of Personal Information	2003	2015	Asia	APEC; OECD	Both	ICCPR; APEC-CBPR(M)	Personal Information Protection Commission	APPA; GPEN; APEC-CPEA
Jersey	Data Protection (Jersey) Law	1987	2005	Europe (O)		Both	Not-UN; EU(Adq); CoE(RC*)	Data Protection Registrar	ICDPPC; EDPA; BIIDPA; CommTN; GPEN

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Kazakhstan	Law on Personal Data	2013	2015	Central.Asia		Both	ICCPR+OP;	Committee on Communication, Informatisation and Information (Ministry on Investments and Development)	–
Korea, South	Personal Information Protection Act 2011 (expanding older Acts)	1994	2015	Asia	APEC; OECD;	Both	ICCPR+OP;	Personal Information Protection Commission; Korea Information Security Agency; Korea Communications Commission	ICDPPC; APPA; GPEN; APEC CPEA
Kosovo	Law on the Protection of Personal Data	2010	2010	Europe (O)		Both	Not-UN	National Agency for Personal Data Protection, AMDP (Agjencia Shtetërore për Mbrojtjen e të Dhënave Personale)	ICDPPC; EDPA (O); GPEN; CEEDPA; AFAPDP
Kyrgyz Republic	Law on Personal Data	2008	2008	Central Asia		Both	ICCPR+OP;	None	–
Latvia	Law on Protection of Personal Data of Natural Persons	2000	2014	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	State Data Inspectorate (Datu Valsts Inspekcija)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA
Lesotho	Data Protection Act 2011	2011		Africa	AU; SADC	Both	ICCPR+OP;	Data Protection Commission	–
Liechtenstein	Gesetz über die Abänderung des Datenschutzgesetzes (2002)	2002	2014	Europe (O)	EEA; CoE;	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(EEA); CoE(RC; RP)	Data Protection Commissioner	ICDPPC; EDPA
Lithuania	Law on Legal Protection of Personal Data	1996	2011	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	State Data Inspectorate (Valstybine Duomenu Apsaugos Inspekcija)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA; GPEN
Luxembourg	Data Protection Law	1979	2007	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	National Data Protection Commission (Commission nationale pour la protection des données)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; AFAPDP; GPEN
Macao SAR	Personal Data Protection Act	2006	2006	Asia		Both	Not-UN	Office for Personal Data Protection	APPA; GPEN
Macedonia (FYROM)	Law on Personal Data Protection	1994	2005	Europe (O)	CoE;	Both	ICCPR; CoE(RC; RP)	Directorate of Personal Data Protection	ICDPPC; EDPA; CEEDPA; GPEN
Madagascar	LOI N° 2014–038 Sur la protection des données à caractère personnel	2015	2015	Africa	AU	Both	ICCPR+OP	Not yet appointed (Commission Malagasy sur l'informatique et les Libertés (CMIL))	–
Malawi	Electronic Transactions and Cyber Security Act, 2016	2016	2016	Africa	AU; SADC	Both	ICCPR+OP	Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority	–

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Malaysia	Personal Data Protection Act	2010	2013	Asia	APEC; ASEAN	Pri	–	Personal Data Protection Commissioner	–
Mali	Loi no 2013/015 du 21 mai 2013 portant protection des données à caractère personnel	2013		Africa	AU; ECOWAS	Both	ICCPR+OP; ECOWAS Act	Personal Data Protection Authority (Autorité de Protection de Données à Caractère Personnel)	ICDPPC; RAPDP; AFAPDP
Malta	Data Protection Act	2001	2001	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC)	Data Protection Commissioner	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; BIIDPA; CommTN; GPEN
Mauritius	Data Protection Act	2004	2004	Africa	AU; SADC	Both	ICCPR+OP; CoE(RC;RP)	Data Protection Office of Mauritius (Commissariat à la protection des données personnelles)	ICDPPC; AFAPDP; GPEN; CommTN; RAPDP
Mexico	Ley General de Protección de Datos Personales en Posesión de Sujetos Obligados; and Ley Federal de Protección de Datos Personales en Posesión de los Particulares (Federal Law on the Protection of Personal Data Possessed by Private Persons)	2010	2016	Latin Am	APEC; OECD; NAFTA	Both	ICCPR+OP; APEC- CBPR(S)	National Institute for Transparency, Access to Information and Personal Data Protection (Instituto Nacional de Transparencia, Acceso a la Información y Protección de Datos Personales) INAI)	ICDPPC; APPA; GPEN; APEC CPEA; RedIPD
Moldova	Law on Personal Data Protection	2007	2007	Europe (O)	CoE	Both	ICCPR; CoE(RC;RP)	National Center for Personal Data Protection (Centrului Național pentru Protecția Datelor cu Caracter Personal)	ICDPPC; EDPA; CEEDPA; GPEN; RNDPAEPC
Monaco	Act controlling personal data processing	1993	2015	Europe (O)	CoE	Both	ICCPR+OP; CoE(RC;RP)	Supervisory Commission for Personal Information (Commission de Contrôle des Informations Nominatives)	ICDPPC; AFAPDP; EDPA; GPEN
Montenegro	Law on Personal Data Protection	1998	2008	Europe (O)	CoE	Both	ICCPR+OP; CoE(RC;RP)	Agencija za zaštitu ličnih podataka i slobodan pristup informacija	EDPA; CEEDPA
Morocco	Loi relative à la protection des personnes physiques à l'égard du traitement des données à caractère personnel	2009	2009	Africa	AU	Both	ICCPR; CoE(IA)	National Commission for the Control and the Protection of Personal Data (CNDP) (Commission nationale de contrôle et de protection des données personnelles)	ICDPPC; AFAPDP; RAPDP; GPEN
Nepal	Right to Information Act	2007	2007	Asia	SAARC	Pub	ICCPR+OP;	National Information Commission	–
Netherlands	Personal Data Protection Act	1988	2015	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M);	Data Protection Authority (Autoriteit)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN

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New Zealand	Privacy Act 1993	1993	2010	Australasia	APEC; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(Adq)	Privacy Commissioner (Te Mana Matapono Matatapu)	ICDPPC; GPEN; APPA; APEC CPEA; CommTN; GPEN-A
Nicaragua	Law on Protection of Personal Data	2012	2012	Latin Am.	–	Both	ICCPR+OP;	Not yet established [Directorate for the Protection of Personal Information]	–
Norway	Personal Data Act	1978	2010	Europe (O)	EEA; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(EEA); CoE(RC; SP)	Data Inspectorate (Datatilsynet)	ICDPPC; EDPA; GPEN, NPDA; GPEN-A
Paraguay	Law 1682 on Information of a Private Nature	2002	2002	Latin Am	MERCOSUR	Both	ICCPR+OP;	None	RedIPD(O)
Peru	Law on Protection of Personal Data	2011	2011	Latin Am	APEC; US FTA	Both	ICCPR+OP;	National Authority for Data Protection	ICDPPC; RedIPD; APPA
Philippines	Data Privacy Act	2012	2012	Asia	APEC; ASEAN	Both	ICCPR+OP	National Privacy Commission	ICDPPC;
Poland	Act on the Protection of Personal Data	1997	2016	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC;RP)	Inspector General for Personal Data Protection (Generalny Inspektor Ochrony Danych Osobowych)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA; GPEN;
Portugal	Lei da proteçao de dados pessoais	1991	1998	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC;RP)	National Data Protection Commission (Comissão Nacional de Protecção de Dados)	ICDPPC; A29WP; EDPA; RedIPD
Qatar	Personal Information Privacy Protection Law	2016	2016	Mid East	–	Pri	–	(Name uncertain)	–
Qatar FC	Data Protection Regulations (‘FC’ = Financial Centre)	2005	2005	Mid East	–	Pri	[Not-UN]	QFC Authority	–
Romania	Law on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data etc	2001	2005	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC;RP)	National Supervisory Authority for Personal Data Protection (Autorităţii Naţionale de Supraveghere a Prelucrării Datelor cu Caracter Personal)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA
Russia	Federal Law Regarding Personal Data	2006	NIFU 2011 2014	Europe (O)	CoE; APEC	Both	ICCPR+OP; CoE(RC; SP)	Federal Service for Supervision of Communications, Information Technologies and Mass Media (Roskomnadzor)	CEEDPA
San Marino	Law regulating the Computerized Collection of Personal Data	1983	1995	Europe (O)	CoE	Both	ICCPR+OP; CoE(NS)	Guarantor for the Protection of Confidential and Personal Data	–
São Tomé	Data Protection Law	2016		Africa	AU;	Both	CoE(IA); AUCov(S)	Agência Nacional de Protecção de Dados Pessoais	–

Jurisdiction and Principe	Key Act	From ¹	Latest ²	Region ³	Member. ⁴	Sec ⁵	Agreements ⁶	DPA ⁷	DPA Assocs ⁸
Senegal	Loi sur la Protection des données à Caractère Personnel	2008	2008	Africa	AU; ECOWAS;	Both	ICCPR+OP; CoE(IA); ECOWAS Act; AUConv(R)	Commission of Personal Data Protection, CDP (La Commission de Protection de Données Personnelles)	ICDPPC; AFAPDP; RAPDP
Serbia	Law on Personal Data Protection	2008	2008	Europe (O)	CoE	Both	ICCPR+OP; CoE(RC; RP)	Commissioner for Information of Public Importance and Personal Data Protection	ICDPPC; EDPA; CEEDPA
Seychelles	Data Protection Act	2003	NYIF	Africa	Au; SADC	Both	ICCPR+OP;	Not yet appointed (Data Commissioner)	–
Singapore	Personal Data Protection Act	2012		Asia	APEC; ASEAN	Pri	–	Personal Data Protection Commission	APPA; APEC CPEA; GPEN; [No longer CommTN]
Slovakia	Act on the Protection of Personal Data	1992	2013	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	Inspection Unit for the Protection of Personal Data	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA
Slovenia	Personal Data Protection Act	1990	2004	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD;	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	Human Rights Ombudsman (Varuh Ālovekovih Pravic); Information Commissioner of the Republic of Slovenia	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA; GPEN;
South Africa	Protection of Personal Information Act	2013		Africa	AU; SADC	Both	ICCPR+OP;	Information Regulator	–
Spain	Ley Orgánica de Protección de Datos de Carácter Personal	1992	1999	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	Data Protection Commissioner (Agencia de Protección de Datos)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN; RedIPD
St Lucia	Data Protection Act 2011	2011	NYIF	Caribbean	CARICOM; OECS	Both	–;	Data Protection Commissioner	–
St Maartens	Privacy Act	2010	2010	Caribbean	–	Both	Not-UN; EU(EUT)	Not yet appointed [Commission]	–
St Vincent & Grenadines	Privacy Act	2003	NYIF	Caribbean	CARICOM	Pub	ICCPR+OP;	None	–
Sweden	Personal Data Act	1973	1998	Europe (EU)	EU; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(M); CoE(RC; RP)	Data Inspection Board (Datainspektionen)	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP, NDPA
Switzerland	Data Protection Act	1992	2006	Europe (O)	EEA; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR; EU(Adq); EU (EEA); CoE(RC; RP)	Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner	ICDPPC; EDPA; GPEN; AFAPDP
Taiwan	Personal Data Protection Act	1995	2010	Asia	APEC	Both	Not-UN	None	–
Thailand	Official Information Act 1997	1997	1997	Asia	APEC	Pub	ICCPR;	Official Information	–

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					ASEAN			Commission	
Trinidad & Tobago	Data Protection Act,	2011	NYIF fully	Caribbean	CARICOM	Both	ICCPR+OP;	Data Protection Commissioner	–
Tunisia	Loi portant sur la protection des données à caractère personnel.	2004	2004	Africa	AU	Both	ICCPR+OP;	National Personal Data Authority	ICDPPC; AFAPDP; RAPDP
Turkey	Law 6698 on the Protection of Personal Data			Europe (O)	CoE	Both	ICCPR+OP; CoE(RC; RP)	Data Protection Authority	–
Ukraine	Law on Personal Data Protection	2011	2015	Europe (O)		Both	ICCPR+OP; CoE(RC; RP)	Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights	ICDPPC; CEEDPA; GPEN; RNDPAEPC
United Kingdom	Data Protection Act 1998	1984	2000	Europe (EU)	EEA; CoE; OECD	Both	ICCPR; EU(M); CoE(RC; SP)	Information Commissioner	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN; BIIDPA; CommTN; GCBECA; GPEN-A
United States	Privacy Act of 1974	1974		North Am	OECD; APEC	Pub	ICCPR; APEC-CBPR(M)	Federal Trade Commission (FTC); Federal Communications Commission (FCC)	ICDPPC; GPEN; APPA; APEC CPEA; GPEN-A
Uruguay	Law on the Protection of Personal Data	2008	2008	Latin Am	MERCOSUR	Both	ICCPR+OP; EU(Adq); CoE(RC; RP)	Regulatory and Control Unit of Personal Data (Unidad Reguladora y de Control de Datos Personales)	ICDPPC; RedIPD
Vietnam	Law on Protection of Consumers' Rights	2010	2010	Asia	APEC; ASEAN	Pri	ICCPR;	None	–
Yemen	Law of the Right of Access to Information	2012		Mid East		Pub	ICCPR;	Commissioner-General of the Information	–
Zimbabwe	Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act	2002	2002	Africa	AU; SADC	Pub	ICCPR;	Media and Information Commission	–

Global Table of Official Data Privacy Bills

Table of Bills (and official draft Bills) for new Acts (as known at 30 January 2017)

Jurisdiction	Title of Bill/Draft	From ⁹	Current status	Region	Sec	Other Int.
Barbados	Data Protection Bill	2012	Draft law 2005; Redrafted 2012; No current progress known.	Caribbean	Both	CARICOM
Belarus	Law on Personal Data Protection		Draft law, enactment expected in 2017; Not a CoE member state	Europe	Both	
Brazil	Data Protection Bill	2015	Bill before Parliament 2016. No progress due to political stalemate.	Latin Am	Both	RedIPD(O)
Brunei	Draft law (title uncertain)		National Data Protection Policy 2013; Bill status uncertain.	Asia	Pri	ASEAN; APEC
Cayman Islands	Data Protection Bill	2012	Data Protection Bill 2016 published	Caribbean	Both	CARICOM (Assoc)
Dominica	Privacy and Data Protection Bill	2007	Draft law; No current progress known	Caribbean	Both	CARICOM; OECS
Ecuador	Data Protection Bill	2015	Protection of Privacy and Personal Data Bill introduced by government to National Assembly, 21 July 2016, debated December 2016.	Latin Am	Both	RedIPD(O)
El Salvador	Draft law (title uncertain)		Law provides limited public sector rights. New private sector law under discussion.	Latin Am	Pri	RedIPD(O)
Ethiopia	Data Protection Bill	2009	Draft Proclamation on data protection in 2014. No progress known.	Africa	Pri	AU
Falkland Islands	Data Protection Ordinance	2012	Assembly resolved 2012 to replace Data Protection Ordinance 1995 (never brought into force); government agreed; no progress known.	Latin Am	Both	–
Grenada	Privacy and Data Protection Bill	2012	Government statement of intent to legislate 2012, as part of ICT reforms	Caribbean	Both	CARICOM; OECS
Guatemala	Ley de Protección de Datos Personales	2016	Congressional Committee in 2016 drafting Bill to extend Law on Free Access to Public Information to the private sector.	Latin Am	Pri	RedIPD(O)
Honduras	Draft Law on Protection of Personal Data and Habeas Data	2014	Introduced in National Congress of Honduras, but not progressing.	Latin Am.	Both	RediPD(O)
Indonesia	Draft Bill on the Protection of Private Data	2016	Prepared by Ministry of Communication and Informatics, for 2017 or later government legislative program; includes creation of DPA; covers manual data.	Asia	Both	ASEAN; APEC
Jamaica	Data Protection Bill	2012	Government announcement of intent August 2012	Caribbean	Both	CARICOM
Jordan	Draft Law on Data Protection	2016	Ministry of ICT consultation on draft Bill October 2016	Mid-East		
Kenya	Data Protection Bill	2012	Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) forwarded draft Bill to Attorney General. No further progress known.	Africa	Both	AU; EAC
Mauritania	Draft data protection Bill	2015	Prepared by Ministry of Modernisation; no progress known.	Africa	Both	AU
Montserrat	Data Protection Bill	2012	Included in National ICT plan 2012	Caribbean	Both	CARICOM; OECS
Niger	Law to establish a DPA	2017	Draft law adopted by Govt. Jan 2017 (to complement ECOWAS	Africa	Both	AU; ECOWAS;

⁹ 'From': Date of latest known Bill before legislature or official draft Bill or announced government plans to draft Bill.

			treaty)			RAPDP
Nigeria	Data Protection Bill	2010	Bill tabled in Parliament 2010; no recent progress	Africa	Both	AU; ECOWAS
Panama	Personal Data Protection Bill	2016	Draft Data Protection Bill published by National Authority of Transparency and Access to Information (ANTAI) in Sept 2016.	Latin Am	Both	–
Saint Helena, Ascension & Tristan de Cunha	Data Protection Act (not final title)	2016	Executive Council agreed to start work on DP/FOI bill Sept 2016; stated in Dec 2016 it will be based on UK legislation	Africa	Both	–
Saint Kitts & Nevis	Privacy and Data Protection Bill	2012	Government draft Bill under review by stakeholders, April 2013	Caribbean	Both	CARICOM; OECS
Saudi Arabia	Draft Freedom of information and protection of private data law		Reported under consideration by Shura Council, Jan 2017; referred to it 2014.	Mid-East	Pri	–
Swaziland	Data protection Bill	2013	Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs is consulting other Ministries; no progress known.	Africa	Both	AU; SADC
Tanzania	Data Protection Bill	2013	Draft law is before Cabinet, Jan. 2017; Bill expected by mid-2017.	Africa	Both	AU; EAC; SADC
Thailand	Personal Information Protection Act (Draft)	2015	Approved by Thai junta Cabinet in January 2015; private sector coverage; current law public sector only; Committee to oversee.	Asia	Pri	ASEAN; APEC
Uganda	The Data Protection and Privacy Bill 2014	2014	First reading in Parliament 20.04.2016; the Bill was passed to the Committee on Information and Communication Technology	Africa	Both	AU; EAC
Virgin Islands, Br	Data Protection Bill	2016	Draft. Bill, scheduled in Sept 2016 to be submitted to Assembly	Caribbean	Both	CARICOM (Assoc.); OECS
Zimbabwe	Data Protection Bill	2013	Extends 2010 public sector only Act; current progress not known	Africa	Both	AU; SADC