

UAE PDPL readiness checklist

The UAE's federal personal data protection law. It sets duties for handling personal data and rights for the people it concerns.

What UAE PDPL asks

- ☐ Scope and lawful processing: Check that the law applies, and rely on consent or another permitted ground.
- ☐ Processing principles: Fair, specific, limited, accurate, secure and time-limited use of data.
- ☐ Controller and processor duties: Records of processing, processor contracts, security and impact assessments.
- ☐ Data protection officer: Appoint a DPO in higher-risk cases and let them work independently.
- ☐ Individual rights: Information, portability, correction, erasure, restriction, objection and review of automated decisions.
- ☐ Transfers and breaches: Move data abroad only on a permitted basis and report breaches to the Data Office and individuals.

Getting started

- ☐ Check if the law covers you: Confirm whether you are in scope and whether an exclusion or free-zone law applies instead.
 - ☐ Map your personal data: List what you hold, why, where it goes and how long you keep it.
 - ☐ Fix consent and notices: Make consent clear, provable and easy to withdraw, and give clear information to people.
 - ☐ Secure and plan for breaches: Apply security measures, prepare a breach plan and decide whether you need a DPO.
 - ☐ Review transfers and processors: Check contracts and the legal basis for any transfer of data outside the UAE.
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