

Data Protection Definitions

Definition	Data Protection Act 1998	The General Data Protection Regulations
Personal Data	Data which relate to a living individual who can be identified either from those data or other information which is in the possession of or is likely to come into the possession of the data controller and includes any expression of opinion about the individual and any indication of the intentions of the data controller or any other person in respect of the individual	Any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ("data subject"); an identifiable person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data , online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic , mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that person
Sensitive Personal Data	Relates to information related to race or ethnic origin, religious beliefs or philosophical beliefs, membership of any trade union, physical/mental health conditions, data concerning sex life and orientation and data regarding the commission, alleged commission and proceedings related to any offence	Personal data, revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade-union membership; data concerning health or sex life and sexual orientation; genetic data or biometric data
Processing	In relation to information or data, means obtaining, recording or holding the information or data or carrying out any operation or set of operations on the information or data. Including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - organisation, adaptation or alteration of the information or data - retrieval, consultation or use of the information or data - disclosure of the information or data by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available or - alignment, combination, blocking, erasure or destruction of the information or data 	Any operation or set of operations performed upon personal data or sets of personal data, whether or not by automated means, such as collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction
Controller	A person who either alone or jointly or in common with other persons determines the purposes for which and the manner in which any personal data are, or are to be, processed	The natural or legal person, public authority, agency or any other body which alone or jointly with others determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data; where the purposes and means of processing are determined by EU or Member State laws, the controller (or the criteria for nominating the controller) may be designated by those laws

Processor	In relation to personal data means any person other than an employee of the data controller who processes the data on behalf of the data controller	A natural or legal person, public authority, agency or any other body which processes personal data on behalf of the controller
Consent	Not defined	Any freely given, specific, informed and unambiguous indication of a data subjects wishes by which the data subject, either by a statement or by a clear affirmative action , signifies agreement to personal data relating to them being processed
Data Breach	Not defined	A breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data transmitted, stored or otherwise processed

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