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Taiwan Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA)

Taiwan's Personal Data Protection Act is a law governing collection, use, security, and cross-border transfer of personal data.

What it is

The Taiwan Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) is a national data protection law that helps organizations safeguard personal information and ensure the privacy rights of individuals. The PDPA establishes legal requirements for the collection, processing, use, and security of personal data by both public agencies and private sector organizations operating in Taiwan.

Enacted and enforced by Taiwan's Ministry of Justice, the PDPA applies to all entities handling personal data within Taiwan and, in some cases, to foreign organizations processing data of Taiwanese citizens. The law covers key areas such as data subject consent, notification obligations, data breach reporting, data security controls, and cross-border data transfers, forming a core component of regulatory compliance and data protection governance in Taiwan.

At a glance

PUBLISHER Ministry of Justice, Republic of China (Taiwan)	TYPE Framework	VERSION Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA)
EFFECTIVE 1995	DOMAIN Privacy	FAMILY Global Privacy Regulations
REGION Taiwan	ADOPTION MODEL Regulatory Compliance	IMPLEMENTATION COMPLEXITY Moderate

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Why it matters

- **Strengthen data protection practices** Implement structured controls for collecting, processing, and storing personal data to reduce the risk of unauthorized access and misuse.
- **Enhance regulatory alignment** Ensure organizational practices comply with national privacy requirements and demonstrate accountability to Taiwan's supervisory authorities.
- **Improve incident response readiness** Mandate notification and response measures to minimize harm and operational disruption in case of data breaches.
- **Increase stakeholder trust** Demonstrate commitment to individual privacy rights, building confidence among customers, partners, and regulatory bodies.

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How SmartSuite supports Taiwan PDPA

Personal Data Inventory and Classification

Track personal data assets, data flows, and classifications across systems and business processes.

Consent and Data Processing Governance

Manage consent records, processing purposes, and compliance documentation.

Data Subject Rights Management

Automate access, correction, and deletion requests with deadlines and audit trails.

Privacy Risk and Impact Assessments

Evaluate privacy risks, track mitigation actions, and maintain compliance evidence.

Vendor and Service Provider Monitoring

Monitor vendors and service providers that process personal data.

Data Breach and Incident Management

Detect, report, and remediate personal data breaches with workflows, notifications, and regulatory reporting support.

Common framework mappings

PIPL | GDPR | ISO 27701 | APPI | NIST Privacy Framework v1.0 | Singapore PDPA | PIPA (South Korea)

Official resources

Taiwan Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) Official Website

Provides full text of Taiwan's PDPA law and related legislative history.

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Frequently asked questions

What is the Taiwan Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) used for?

The PDPA is designed to safeguard the privacy rights of individuals by regulating the collection, processing, and use of personal data in Taiwan. It aims to ensure organizations implement effective measures to protect personal information and establish accountability for data handling practices.

Is compliance with the PDPA mandatory for organizations?

Yes, compliance with the PDPA is legally required for both public agencies and private sector organizations operating in Taiwan, as well as some foreign entities handling personal data of Taiwanese citizens. Non-compliance may result in regulatory penalties, administrative sanctions, or civil liabilities.

Who does the PDPA apply to?

The PDPA applies to all private organizations that collect, use, or disclose personal data in Singapore. This includes local businesses, multinational corporations operating in Singapore, and organizations handling data from individuals in Singapore, with limited exceptions such as government agencies.

What are the key requirements and artifacts under the PDPA?

Key requirements include obtaining data subject consent, providing privacy notifications, implementing security controls, maintaining data processing records, and enabling data subject rights (such as access or correction). Organizations must document their privacy policies and procedures as part of compliance evidence.

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How do organizations implement the PDPA in practice?

Implementation typically involves developing and updating privacy policies, conducting data inventory and risk assessments, training staff on data protection, and establishing internal controls for handling personal data. Regular monitoring and updates are necessary to keep policies and procedures effective and aligned with legal obligations.

How does the PDPA relate to other privacy and security frameworks?

The PDPA can be integrated with international frameworks such as ISO 27701 or the APEC Cross-Border Privacy Rules for a comprehensive data protection approach. Alignment helps organizations manage overlapping regulatory requirements and streamline privacy governance.

What are the ongoing compliance requirements under the PDPA?

Ongoing compliance involves continuous risk assessment, maintaining records of processing activities, responding promptly to data subject requests, and reporting data breaches as required by law. Regular internal reviews and audits help ensure sustained alignment with the PDPA.

How would SmartSuite support Taiwan Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA)?

SmartSuite supports PDPA compliance by enabling organizations to centrally manage privacy controls, track data protection risks, and document compliance evidence. Its tools support policy updates, risk and control management, and facilitate audit readiness through evidence collection and workflow management. SmartSuite's reporting dashboards help monitor PDPA compliance status in real time.

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Full framework page and mappings: smartsuite.com/frameworks/taiwan-personal-data-protection-act-pdpa