



COMMUNIQUÉ TO THE PUBLIC

DATA PROTECTION OFFICE

(Registration of controllers/processors)

1. All public and private organisations, sociétés, partnerships, professionals such as doctors, lawyers, engineers, architects, notaries and sole traders such as jewellers, bookmakers and any other entity processing and collecting personal data of living individuals, are required to register themselves as a controller with the Data Protection Office. The list is non-exhaustive and includes all categories of professionals and businesses.
2. A processor is a person who, or an organisation which, processes personal data on behalf of a controller. An example of processor is an organisation which prepares the payroll of employees of other organisations as defined in the contract between the processor and the controller.
3. Section 14 of the Data Protection Act 2017 (DPA) makes it mandatory for controllers/processors to register with the Data Protection Office.
4. Under Section 22(2)(e) of the DPA, a controller must designate an officer responsible for data protection compliance.
5. The application form for registration or renewal of registration a controller/processor may be downloaded on the website <http://dataprotection.govmu.org>. **Only** online applications are accepted.
6. Please consult the user manual on our website to assist controllers/processors and citizens on registration, complaints and eforms processes.
7. The Data Protection (Fees) Regulations 2020, which came into force on 01 August 2020, provides for the registration of controllers and processors and related fees payable. Failure to register, to renew and to designate a data protection officer are offences which are, on conviction, liable to a fine not exceeding Rs 200,000 and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years under Section 43 of the DPA.
8. Should you have any queries related to registration, complaints and eforms, please contact us by phone (4600251) or email (registrydpo@govmu.org).

The Data Protection Commissioner
Data Protection Office
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