DATA PROTECTION OFFICE

Mandatory Registration of Controllers and Processors under the Data Protection Act

Section 14 of the Data Protection Act 2017 (DPA) provides for the mandatory registration of controllers and processors. This requirement applies, amongst others, to:

- ministries, government departments, local authorities and parastatal bodies;
- private companies and businesses of all sizes;
- educational institutions, including schools, colleges, tertiary institutions and training centres;
- healthcare institutions;
- professionals such as lawyers, notaries, architects, engineers, accountants and consultants;
- associations, sociétés, NGOs, religious organisations, charitable institutions and sports clubs; and
- sole traders and self-employed persons processing personal data in the course of their business activities.

The above list is indicative and not exhaustive.

Organisations and persons who have not yet registered as controllers and/or processors are hereby required to submit their registration application within **two (2) weeks** from the date of publication of this communiqué. Applications for registration and renewal must be submitted online through the e-dpo platform available on the Data Protection Office website at: https://dataprotection.govmu.org.

For any queries relating to registration, renewal or the online application process, please contact the Data Protection Office on 460 0251 or by email at registrydpo@govmu.org.

Failure to register/renew registrations 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.

The Data Protection (FEES) Regulations 2020 are currently being revised to consider an increase in the registration and renewal fees and controllers and processors are thus required to act diligently.

The Data Protection Commissioner
Data Protection Office

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