

Legal Frame Work

The Data Protection Act

The **Data Protection Authority (DPA)** was established in **2023** under **Law No. 005** as an **independent national regulatory body** mandated to uphold and protect the right to privacy for all individuals in Somalia.

Created in response to the growing need for responsible data governance, the DPA is tasked with implementing and enforcing the **Somalia Data Protection Act**, ensuring that personal information is collected, processed, and stored in a lawful, fair, and transparent manner.

Rooted in **international data protection standards** and best practices, the Act provides a comprehensive legal framework for:

- The protection of personal and sensitive data
- The rights of individuals (data subjects)
- The obligations of public and private organizations (data controllers and processors)
- The establishment of secure and ethical data practices in both digital and physical environments

The DPA's mission is to promote **privacy by design**, ensure **accountability in data handling**, and foster **public trust** in the evolving digital landscape of Somalia.