

POPI Act - (Protection of Personal Information Act)

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^ Overview

POPI Act designed to help students understand the importance of protecting personal information and how to correctly give informed consent in line with the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA). Though the POPI Act is a South African law, it is highly relevant for students engaging with South African educational institutions, research projects, or online platforms that collect personal data.

What you'll learn in this course:

- Introduction to Protection of Personal Information Act
- Scope and application of protection of personal Information
- Key principle of protection of personal Act
- Individual rights under protection of personal Act
- Consent and processing of processing information
- Security measures and breach management
- Compliance and enforcement
- Practical Information of protection of personal information

Who Must Enroll in the POPI Act Consent Course?

- South African Students
- International Students Studying in South Africa

- Any Student Wanting to Know Their Rights
- Students Participating in Research
- Students Completing Administrative Forms

By the End of the Course, You Will Be Able To:

- Clearly understand how your personal data is protected under the POPI Act.
- Confidently give or withhold consent when appropriate.
- Draft or respond to POPIA consent

^ Description

The Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) is a comprehensive legal framework designed to safeguard individuals' personal information and regulate how organisations collect, store, process, and share this data. The Act aims to ensure that personal information is handled with care, respecting privacy and confidentiality. It sets out principles for the lawful processing of personal data, including obtaining consent, ensuring data accuracy, and implementing adequate security measures. Organisations are required to establish and maintain policies and practices that comply with these principles, providing individuals with greater control over their personal information and holding organisations accountable for data protection. POPIA is crucial for promoting transparency, trust, and security in the handling of personal data.

Course Content

^ Unit 1: Introduction to Protection of Personal Information Act

- Overview of Protection of Personal Information Act
- Purpose and objectives of POPIA

^ Unit 2: Scope and application of Protection of Personal Information Act

- Entities and individuals covered by POPIA
- Types of personal information protected
- Exemptions and exclusions under POPIA

^ Unit 3: Key Principles of Protection of Personal Information Act

- Lawfulness, fairness, and transparency
- Consent and purpose specification

- Disclosure and access rights
- Ensuring data accuracy, minimisation and correctness
- Accountability and responsible party obligations

^ **Unit 4: Individual rights under Protection of Personal Information Act**

- Right to be informed
- Right to access personal information
- Right to rectify and update personal information
- Right to erasure or destruction of personal information
- Right to object to processing of personal information

^ **Unit 5: Consent and processing of personal information**

- Understanding consent requirements under POPIA
- Processing of special personal information categories

^ **Unit 6: Security measures and breach management**

- Importance of data security and protection
- Technical, physical, and administrative controls
- Data breaches and incident management

^ **Unit 7: Compliance and enforcement**

- Responsibilities of the responsible party and operator
- Legal responsibilities and duties
- Ensuring ongoing compliance and data protection

^ **Unit 8: Practical implementation of protection of personal information**

- Developing POPIA compliance framework
- Employee training and awareness

^ **Accreditation**

- Non-accredited: Short course only
- Duration: 02h 50m
- Delivery: Classroom/Online/Blended
- Access Period: 12 Months

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