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# An Introduction to the EU General Data Protection Regulation

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## Why is privacy important?

**Technological change – affecting customer experience more and more**

**Individuals requiring more assurance that their personal data is secure**

**Reputational damage**

**Information held considered to be highly sensitive information**

# The European General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”)



Adopted by European Commission in 2016

Dubbed biggest shake up of data protection laws for 20 years

Organisations will have until 25 May 2018 to fully comply with the new GDPR regulations

Non compliance could result in considerable fines being issued

Designed to strengthen and unify data protection for individuals within the EU..

# GDPR considerations



## Increased territorial scope

- Captures organisations processing or handing personal data residing inside the European Union.

## Penalties

- Put simply if an organisation gets this wrong they could be fined up to 4% of their annual global turnover or €20 million – whichever is greater.
- Worst case scenario.

## Data processors

- Data processors will also be liable to fines and will be asked to meet a number of obligations under GDPR.
- Data controllers need to be aware of third party data processors in that process data on their behalf.



## GDPR considerations (continued)

### Consent

- Conditions surrounding consent have been strengthened.
- No longer allowed to use legal jargon – consents must be provided in an accessible form using clear and plain language.
- Consents must be as easy to withdraw as they were to give.

### Breach notification

- Mandatory under GDPR.
- Breaches must be reported to regulatory authority and stakeholders within 72 hours of when the breach was discovered.
- Data processors must report to data controllers without 'undue delay'.



## GDPR considerations (continued)

### Data portability

- Data subjects have right to request data held on them in a commonly used and machine readable format.
- Can now transfer to other “data controllers”.

### Right to access

- Data subjects have right to confirmation from data controller that their personal data is being processed, where and for what purpose.
- Such requests must be provided free of charge.
- New timescales for such requests under GDPR.

### Right to be forgotten

- Data subjects now have the right to be forgotten.
- Third party data processors need to be considered.
- Consent withdrawn or no longer holding data for specific purpose it was collected.



## GDPR considerations (continued)

### Privacy by design

- Data protection must be considered at the design stage of a new system implementation.
- Risks and controls need to be considered.
- Privacy impact assessments.

### Data protection officers ("DPO's")

- Internal record keeping requirement.
- Every organisation must have an individual designated with the responsibility of data.
- A DPO will become mandatory in some cases.



## Conclusion

- Privacy regulation is changing
- It's evolution not revolution
- There's a lot to be done
- There's a lot of support available
- Focus on:
  - Transparency
  - Accountability
  - Culture
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