

Solution spotlight | Bahrain's personal data protection law

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Bahrain's Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL) – which came into effect on 1 August 2019 – has revolutionised the way individuals and organisations collect, use and process personal data. In March 2022, the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf released 10 executive directives (EDs) designed to help businesses comply with the PDPL. Our team of experienced data protection professionals can help you understand your business' data protection requirements and recommend how to optimally comply with the law and the executive orders.

Data protection solutions we offer in Bahrain include:

Assessing the impact of the PDPL:

- Assessments of current frameworks and documented processes
- Data privacy requirements for IT systems and employees
- Privacy by design

Developing PDPL compliance frameworks:

- Data protection policies and procedures
- Data protection impact assessments

Seconding data protection officers:

- Coordination with internal and external stakeholders
- Compliance with PDPL policies
- Maintenance of data protection frameworks

Designing and delivering online and on-site awareness sessions:

- Customised, flexible and up-to-date awareness programmes

Auditing data privacy frameworks:

- Internal audits of frameworks against relevant privacy standards
- Internal audit reports

Who does the PDPL apply to?

The PDPL applies to:

- Every natural person residing or maintaining a place of business in Bahrain
- Every legal person with a place of business in Bahrain
- Every natural or legal person who processes data by using means situated in Bahrain

Why KeyPoint?

KeyPoint's data privacy team has significant data privacy and protection experience, having been engaged by a wide range of clients on projects related to data classification, end-to-end data process reviews and data life cycles, as well as implementing various information security-related controls.

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