

UNDERSTANDING THE DATA PROTECTION AND THE PRIVACY ACT, 2019

The Data Protection and Privacy Act ,2019 was assented to by the president on 25th February, 2019 and came into effect on 3rd May ,2019.

The Act was put in place to;

- Comprehensively and adequately provide for matters on data protection and privacy that were not addressed in the previous legal regime on data protection
- Give effect to Article 27 of the Constitution by safeguarding the data collected.
- Protect the privacy of the individual and personal data;
- Regulate the collection and processing of personal information;

The Data Protection and Privacy Act 2019;

- ✓ Provides for the rights of the persons whose data is collected;
- ✓ Provides obligations of data collectors data processors and controllers;
- ✓ Regulates the use and disclosure of personal information;

APPLICATION OF THE LAW

The Act applies to

- A person, institution or public body collecting, processing, holding or using personal data within Uganda
- A person, institution or public body outside Uganda who collects, processes, holds, or uses personal data relating to Ugandan citizens

BENEFITS OF COMPLIANCE



PRINCIPLES OF DATA PROTECTION

ACCOUNTABILITY - be accountable to the data subject for data collected, processed held or used

LAWFUL - collect and process data fairly and lawfully

MINIMALITY - collect, process, use or hold adequate, relevant and not excessive or unnecessary data

RETENTION - retain personal data for the period authorized by law or for which the data is required

QUALITY - ensure quality of information collected, processed, used or held

TRANSPARENCY - ensure transparency and participation of the data subject in the collection, processing, use and holding of the personal data

SECURITY - observe security of personal data to prevent. Abuse, loss and other risks