

Why a Data Protection Officer Might Be Essential for Your Company

Contrary to popular belief, the DPDP does NOT require all companies to appoint a Data Protection Officer. Let's determine if your organization needs one.

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Does DPDP Apply to You?

EU-Based Companies

You process personal information of EU citizens and residents

Non-EU Companies

You offer products/services to EU residents or monitor their behavior

If you fall into either category, you must comply with DPDP - but that doesn't automatically mean you need a DPO.

3 Questions to Determine DPO Requirement

Answer YES to any of these, and you must appoint a DPO:

1 **Public Institution?**

Are you a public authority, public body, or public institution?

2 **Large-Scale Monitoring?**

Do your core activities involve regular, systematic, and extensive monitoring of individuals on a large scale?

3 **Sensitive Data Processing?**

Do your core activities consist of large-scale processing of special categories of personal data or criminal records?

Understanding Core Activities

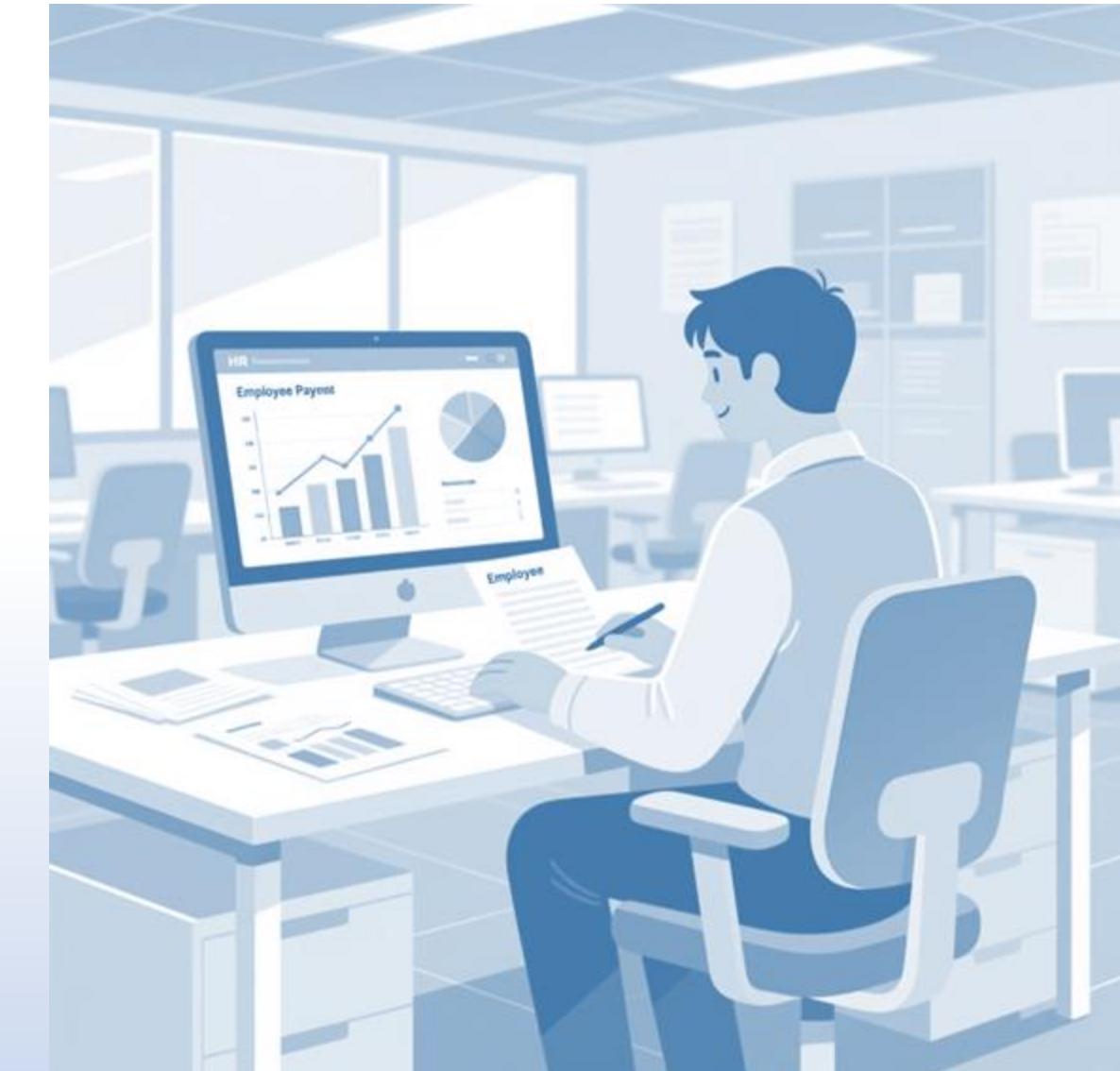
Core Activity

Processing personal data to achieve your company's key objectives



Secondary Activity

Processing employee data for payroll - not a core activity



Special Categories of Personal Data



Medical Records

Health information and medical history



Criminal Records

Data relating to criminal convictions and offenses



Beliefs

Religious or philosophical beliefs



Union Membership

Trade-union membership information



Political Stands

Political opinions and affiliations

Voluntary DPO Appointment

Many companies appoint voluntary DPOs to align with DPDP and demonstrate commitment to customers and supervisory authorities.

Same Requirements Apply

Voluntary DPOs must meet the same criteria as mandatory appointments per Articles 37-39

Registration Required

You must register your voluntary DPO with the supervisory authority

Proper Resources

Provide adequate training, resources, and organizational positioning

Document your internal analysis of whether you need a DPO as demonstration of compliance considera



Lower Total Operating Cost, Lower Risk, Continuous Trust. GRC³ is LIVE!

One Platform – Five Integrated, AI-Enabled and Proven to Scale.

5 Integrated Products



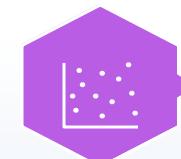
Compliance / Frameworks

Unified engine supporting 350+ global frameworks. Offers real-time auto-mapping and change tracking.



Data Privacy

Pre-configured for 100+ global privacy laws. Provides centralized consent and rights management.



Third Party Risk (TPRM)

Real-time vendor risk visibility with automated assessments and prioritization.



+ IT Operations

Cross-module linkage between breach, response, and control management



Internal Audit

End-to-end audit automation and prioritization that shortens cycles.

GRC3 Unique Feature

+ AI Advantage

Maps controls, builds smart workflows, and generates live policies.

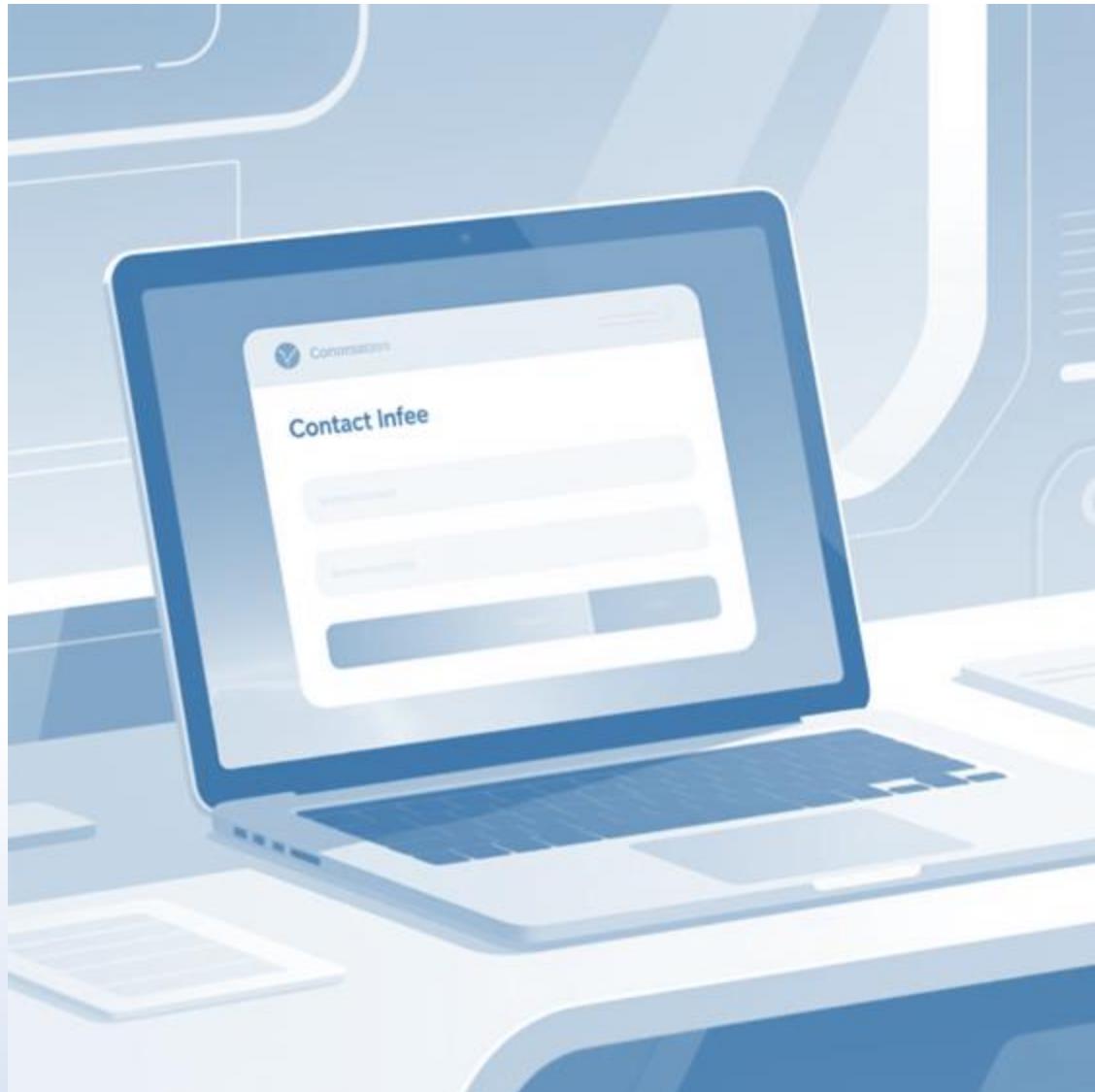
Accelerates compliance, consent tracking, and reporting.

Closes gaps faster, auto-prioritizes risk, improves collaboration.

Connects incidents to controls, triages tasks, and forecasts risk.

Automates evidence, optimizes scope, maintains continuous audit readiness.

Publishing DPO Contact Information



Required Information

You must communicate DPO contact details to the supervisory authority. Best practice: make it publicly available.



Email Address



Phone Number



Physical Address



DPO Name

Outsourcing Your DPO

DPOs are in high demand, making it difficult to hire internally. Outsourcing is permitted and often practi

✓ Benefits

- Less time and resource investment
- Reduced conflict of interest risk
- Already certified and knowledgeable
- Clean slate for departmental relationships
- Cost-effective for part-time needs

✗ Drawbacks

- Learning curve for your operations
- May lack industry-specific experience
- Potentially expensive additional costs
- Risk of delayed involvement in issues
- Less familiarity with internal processes

Group Appointments

Single DPO for Multiple Companies

If your organization is part of a group, you can appoint one DPO for all entities - as long as they're accessible to everyone.

Article 37 Provision

This flexibility is outlined in Article 37 "Designation of the data protection officer" of the DPDP.



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Small Companies

Part-time DPO with tighter budget. Provide access to legal counsel and training opportunities.

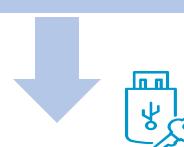
Enterprise Companies

Full-time DPO with substantial resources: budget, staff, automation solutions, and compliance tools.

- ❑ **Key Takeaway:** DPO needs vary by company size and reach. Ensure your DPO has adequate resources to perform their duties effectively, whether full-time or part-time.



Products – Integrated Platform



All In One Solution

Compliance/Security

TPRM

Data Privacy

Internal Audit

IT Ops/Budgeting

Seamless Integration, Unmatched Efficiency

- 350+ Frameworks
- Algorithm-based mapping
- One-click delta visibility and task creation
- Global and ready to go

Real Time Review & Response AI

- Real-time review and unmatched speed
- Dashboard provides real-time visibility
- No more alert fatigue

107 Privacy Laws Ready to Go

- 107 Laws Ready Info Security and Consent/Rights Mgt out of box
- Ready reporting – DPIA

Ease of Use and Saving on Time

- Integrates with other Modules
- Able to use test results and validations from other modules

Event, Incident, Breach Mgt , Change Mgt - out of box

- Ease in integration with IT Ops
- Only tool with ready out of the box Breach, Findings Mgt,...

Competitors



Vendors - Provide a Maximum of 2 products

Compliance/Security

- Couple of Vendors

TPRM

- Couple of Vendors

Data Privacy

- One Mainly

Internal Audit

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IT Ops/Budgeting

- None for midsize

← Multiple providers, limited frameworks, duplication of work, lack of integration, risks falling through the gaps, adoption challenges, costs, inadequate reporting, no centralized dashboard, inadequate service management and findings documentation →



Benefits of GRC³ Platform

Accelerate Compliance

Build Trust

Scale with Confidence

As risk and regulatory demands surge, businesses need more than spreadsheets. GRC3 is a platform designed and developed by practitioners to **eliminate silos** between compliance, cybersecurity, internal audit, privacy, and vendor risk - enabling enterprises to **scale securely, accelerate revenue, and prove trust** enterprise-wide.

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