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DocAuthority helps Information Officers achieve and assure POPIA compliancy

By contrast to POPIA, GDPR regulatory enforcement commenced in May 2018. Like POPIA, GDPR mandates the appointment of accountable individuals who will have responsibility for ensuring the overall compliance of their business. Under POPIA, Information Officers face the threat of financial penalties as well as custodial sentences. DocAuthority have been working with Data Protection Officers (DPOs) to assist them in achieving and sustaining effective compliance with GDPR since 2016. DocAuthority are already assisting customers in South Africa with their POPIA compliance.

DocAuthority have helped businesses around the world to achieve regulatory compliance with a range of privacy regulations.

Leveraging experience

While there are some practical difference in the implementation, much of POPIA aligns closely with privacy legislation elsewhere - for instance, GDPR. Tools, practices and learning from elsewhere can be usefully applied to businesses adopting POPIA

DocAuthority have been working with DPOs in the EU since 2017. We continue to work with DPOs to share experience and learning. It's been a busy time for those in privacy based compliance roles. What have we learned?

Compliance Debt, all organisations have varying degrees of 'compliance debt'. That is to say, areas of the new legislation to which they may already be in substantial breach. In order to achieve compliance, you need to establish (and prioritise) gaps in your existing arrangements.

Undue focus on structured data, while 80% of a business's data is typically unstructured, often there has been a focus on structured data at the expense ofunstructured data.

Business engagement is essential and often overlooked. This is business data, and business stakeholders with whom compliance stakeholders can engage need to be identified so they can contribute.

Complexity and workload can constrain progress if you don't know what data you have, where it is or who has access to it. Not knowing the purpose for which data is being processed is another obstacle. You're going to need a solution to ensure the workloadsare manageable.

Significant benefits await those organisations who identify and seize opportunities. Identifying obsolete data, reducing risk, reducing cost, improving business insight and productivity as well as differentiating yourself positively relative to your competition are all realisable benefits.

Scope and prioritisation
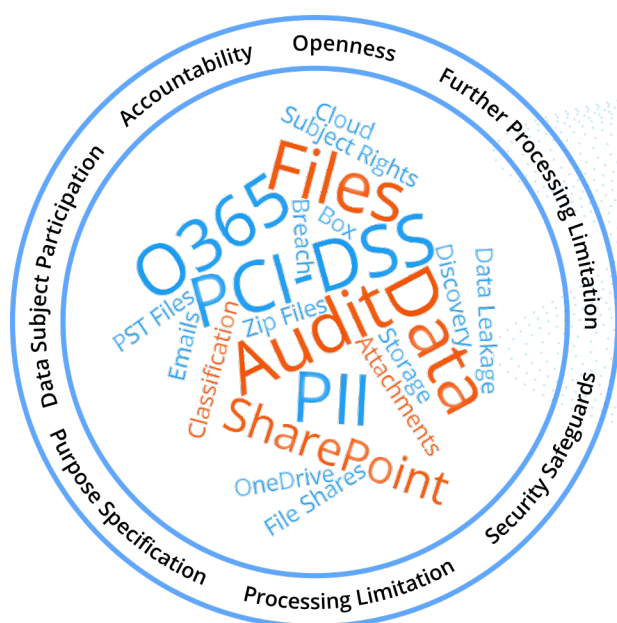
Start with discovery

It isn't going to be possible to define and prioritise a scope of work unless you know the following.

(?) What data do you hold and where?

(?) What is important in terms of POPIA?

(?) How old is this data?

(?) Which business unit owns the data?

(?) What is the purpose of any processing?

(?) Which data presents the greatest privacy or compliance risk to your business?

DocAuthority has been helping a range of global customers answer these questions.

Try before you buy

Not quite sure how to take the first steps in your POPIA journey? DocAuthority run end-to-end try before you buy engagements. We'll scan 500K of your files and write you an assessment report based on what you're trying to achieve. We'll show you the benefits described here with your own data. We don't typically charge for these engagements and we can usually work with you to complete any assessment activity in around 2 weeks.

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DocAuthority solves this by automatically discovering and accurately identifying unprotected sensitive documents, thus enabling a broad yet business friendly security policy.