



Data Protection Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 29

PART IV

EXEMPTIONS

27 Preliminary.

- (1) References in any of the data protection principles or any provision of Parts II and III to personal data or to the processing of personal data do not include references to data or processing which by virtue of this Part are exempt from that principle or other provision.
- (2) In this Part “the subject information provisions” means—
 - (a) the first data protection principle to the extent to which it requires compliance with paragraph 2 of Part II of Schedule 1, and
 - (b) section 7.
- (3) In this Part “the non-disclosure provisions” means the provisions specified in subsection (4) to the extent to which they are inconsistent with the disclosure in question.
- (4) The provisions referred to in subsection (3) are—
 - (a) the first data protection principle, except to the extent to which it requires compliance with the conditions in Schedules 2 and 3,
 - (b) the second, third, fourth and fifth data protection principles, and
 - (c) sections 10 and 14(1) to (3).
- (5) Except as provided by this Part, the subject information provisions shall have effect notwithstanding any enactment or rule of law prohibiting or restricting the disclosure, or authorising the withholding, of information.

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to Data Protection Act 1998. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act, associated Parts and Chapters:

- Blanket amendment text amended by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 3 6](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Data Protection Act 1998:

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2011/601 art. 2](#) commences (1998 c. 29)