



# Data Protection Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 29

### PART I

#### PRELIMINARY

#### **4 The data protection principles.**

- (1) References in this Act to the data protection principles are to the principles set out in Part I of Schedule 1.
- (2) Those principles are to be interpreted in accordance with Part II of Schedule 1.
- (3) Schedule 2 (which applies to all personal data) and Schedule 3 (which applies only to sensitive personal data) set out conditions applying for the purposes of the first principle; and Schedule 4 sets out cases in which the eighth principle does not apply.
- (4) Subject to section 27(1), it shall be the duty of a data controller to comply with the data protection principles in relation to all personal data with respect to which he is the data controller.

**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)