

GDPR certification: What is in it for your organisation?



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Show customers, partners and regulators you take data protection seriously

GDPR certification helps your organisation demonstrate that personal data is handled responsibly, securely and in line with GDPR requirements. It provides independent verification that your processes and safeguards are working effectively.



Why consider GDPR certification?

Build trust and credibility	Show structured, independently verified proof that your processing meets GDPR expectations
Make compliance easier	Certification gives your team a recognised benchmark and clear framework to follow consistently
Stronger risk management	If there is a complaint, data breach or investigation, certification helps demonstrate your organisation has taken all the appropriate steps and has exercised due diligence
Demonstrate Privacy by Design	Certification helps you show that data protection is built into your processes from the start, not as an afterthought

What is GDPR certification?

GDPR Certification is a key compliance mechanism under the GDPR. It provides reliable and independently verified assurance that an organisation has implemented appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect personal data.

Certification is granted by a certification body. The certification criteria are either approved by a national Data Protection Authority (for national certification), or by the EDPB (for European Data Protection Seal). GDPR certification can also be used as a tool for international transfers of data to certified data importers.

It can cover areas such as:

- Governance of personal data (for example: Privacy by Design, role of the DPO...)
- Compliance with fundamental data protection principles (such as lawfulness, minimisation, purpose limitation...)
- Data subject rights (including right to access, rectification, erasure...)

What can certification cover?

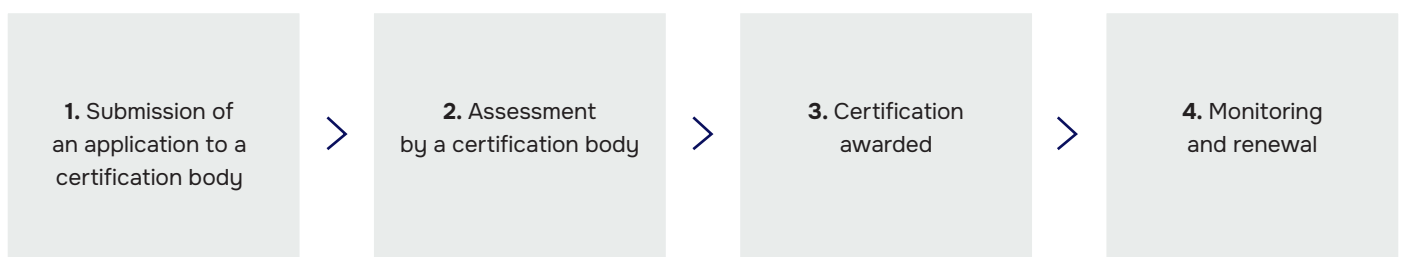
Certification can apply at different levels and for different activities, including:

- Territorial: on national or European level
- Generic or specific (for instance processing activities in relation to human resources, cloud computing, new technologies)
- For controllers, for processors or for both



How do you obtain certification?

Applying for certification is voluntary. Certification can be issued by an accredited certification body.



What does it cost?

Costs are determined by the certification body and depend on:

- The size of your organisation
- The complexity of the processing activities you carry out
- The scope of certification

Typically, costs include:

- The initial assessment
- The issuance of the certificate
- The audits



Want to learn more?

You can find additional information here:

Guidelines on certification
and identifying certification criteria



Guidelines on certification
as a tool for transfers



Procedure to prepare EDPB
opinions on Certification criteria
produced by scheme owners



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