



Press Release

REGISTRATION OF DATA CONTROLLERS AND DATA PROCESSORS

Accra, 5th May 2015 - The Data Protection Commission of Ghana commenced registration of all existing Data Controllers and Data Processors in accordance with the Data Protection Act, 2012 (Act 843) on 1st May 2015.

The Commission is mandated under Act 843 to register all institutions and individuals who process (collect, hold, use, etc) personal information of persons living in Ghana whether they are in Ghana or outside Ghana. These institutions and individuals have up to the **31st of July, 2015** to register with the Commission.

As part of the measures to ensure openness and transparency, the registered data controllers' and processors' basic information will be made available on the Commission's online public register for public viewing. **ALL INDIVIDUALS GIVING OUT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK IF THE INFORMATION IS GIVEN TO AN INSTITUTION OR INDIVIDUAL THAT HAS NOT REGISTERED WITH THE COMMISSION.**

A PERSON WHO FAILS TO REGISTER AS A DATA CONTROLLER BUT PROCESSES PERSONAL INFORMATION COMMITS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE DATA PROTECTION ACT, 2012 (ACT 843) AND WILL BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION BY THE COMMISSION.

The Commission's key functions include the following:

- Implement and monitor compliance with the provisions of Act 843;
- Investigate any complaints under Act 843 and make determinations;
- Keep and maintain the Data Protection Register.

Application for registration can be done through the Data Protection Commission Registration Portal: <https://registration.dataprotection.org.gh>

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