



DPC/P1.1

ACROSS GOVERNMENT POLICY

Governance – compliant authorities (ICT Policy Statement 1)

Purpose

This policy outlines the fundamental responsibilities of South Australian Government Public Sector agencies and agency suppliers in conforming to all statutory, legal, regulatory, industry and internal compliance obligations and requirements in relation to the use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for conducting South Australian Government business.

Scope

This policy shall apply, unless otherwise advised, to all bodies that are Public Sector Agencies and agency Suppliers.

Compliant Authorities are obliged to adhere to across-government ICT contract, policy, standard, notification or equivalent instruction, which outline the compliance responsibilities of the South Australian Government. Authority.

This policy is issued under the authority of the Chief Information Officer/Executive Director, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

Policy Details

The South Australian Government upholds its responsibility to comply with the obligations under the [Public Sector Act 2009 \(SA\)](#) related to dealing with agency information in accordance with law and agency requirements with respect to the use of ICT for conducting SA Government business (see Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment '[Code of Ethics](#)' *Ethical behaviour and professional integrity*).

It is intended to facilitate:

- the highest standards of ethics and corporate governance in meeting all applicable statutory, legal, regulatory, industry and internal compliance obligations, requirements and uniform approach with respect to the use of ICT
- identifying all relevant compliance obligations and assessment thereof in accordance with relevant risk management policies and practices, including Treasurer's Instructions
- promoting responsibility for compliance as a foundation for a culture that encourages behaviours in support of ongoing compliance, and discourages behaviours that may adversely impact or have the potential to compromise compliance
- effectively managing continued conformance to compliance obligations and requirements by fostering a culture conducive to promptly addressing any noncompliance opportunities

- demonstrating compliance through adequate documentation and practice
- continually improving the government's compliance posture through compliance monitoring, assurance and review.

Aboriginal Impact Statement

The needs and interests of Aboriginal people have been considered in the development of this policy. There is no specific impact on Aboriginal people.

Roles and responsibilities

Position title or unit/team	Listed responsibilities
Compliant Authorities	Compliant Authorities must adhere to the requirements contained herein with respect to their obligations under the <i>Public Sector Act 2009 (SA)</i> that relate to dealing with agency information and associated technology and infrastructure.
Chief Executive	Responsible for the effective implementation of, and compliance, with this policy within their agency.
Senior Executives, Directors and Managers	Responsible for ensuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that this policy and any other across-government ICT contract, policy, standard, notification or equivalent instruction is observed by their employees (including contractors, consultants, service providers, and other personnel) • staff are fully informed of their obligations and responsibilities with respect to this policy and other authoritative instruments that require (or contractually bind) the organisation to comply under the designation or other requirement using the term 'Compliant Authority' • contracts and agreements with service providers require adherence to DPC policies whilst conducting DPC business • any reporting requirements are met.
Team leaders and Supervisors	Responsible for ensuring that the policy is observed by staff and that business processes support the policy requirements.

Position title or unit/team	Listed responsibilities
All staff	Required to comply with the policy and any related procedures, and to play an active role in ensuring the compliance of others.
Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of the Premier and Cabinet	Oversees the policy, standards and guidance with respect to this document, and is responsible for ongoing reviews.

Reporting

Not relevant.

Related documents

- [Public Sector Act 2009 \(SA\)](#)
- [ICT Ruling 1, Governance – Exemptions](#), South Australian Government
- [Code of Ethics for the South Australian public sector](#)

Definitions

Term	Definition
Compliant Authorities	Includes South Australian Public Sector agencies and suppliers.
Public Sector Agency	An internal to government entity, including administrative units, bodies corporate, statutory authorities, and instrumentalities of the Crown, as defined in the Public Sector Act 2009 (SA) (see <i>Interpretation</i> , page 6).
Supplier	External to government entities with responsibility for meeting compliance obligations and requirements with respect to the supply and use of ICT for South Australian Government agencies by means of contractual conditions conferred by the procuring agency or instrumentality of the Crown in the State of South Australia.

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