

UK GDPR Data Protection Practitioner Certification

Self-Paced Online Training Programme:
Comprehensive Course Framework & Delivery Plan



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Who Are We?

Datalaw is the UK's number one training provider for accessible government-funded legal & data protection training, supporting career progression nationwide.



Approved Training Provider

Datalaw is approved by the Department for Education, Ofsted 'Good', Solicitors Regulation Authority, CLC, and CILEx Regulation.



30+ Years Experience

We have been dedicated to training industry professionals for over 30 years, catering to all levels.



Chosen Provider for UK Organisations

Datalaw are trusted by over 700+ businesses in the UK for government funded apprenticeships and industry training.



Training Professionals

Datalaw has trained over 33,000 professionals through their online training platform.

Helping Build Accessible Training to Evolving Businesses

UK GDPR Data Protection Officer (DPO) Practitioner Course

Develop the confidence and skills to operate effectively as Data Protection Officers.

This comprehensive self-paced DPO certification has been built around UK GDPR, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the new DUAA 2025, delivered through 8 hours of expert-led video covering every core practitioner topic. The course carefully balances legal grounding with real-world application through workbook walkthroughs, departmental scenarios and integrated assessments, ensuring participants develop the confidence and skills to operate effectively as Data Protection Officers.



Format: Self-paced, flexible online training (8 hours video + 3+ hours assessment)

Assessment: Day-end quizzes + final certification assessment

Outcome: Competent, operationally confident Data Protection Officer

Price: £1,250 + VAT (one-off fee)

Pass Mark: 80% on the final certification assessment

This course creates a practical DPO, not just theoretical knowledge.

Unlike many GDPR courses that focus only on legislation, this programme:

- Covers all core competency modules across 11 sessions
- 8 hours of expert-led video recorded by Simon Hinks (PMA Ltd)
- Uses real departmental scenarios (Marketing, HR, Sales, Finance, Customer Service)
- Includes a Subject Access Request deep dive with worked exemptions
- Covers FOIA 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004
- Three day-end quizzes plus a final assessment that requires an 80% pass mark
- Detailed feedback report after every quiz showing your strengths and weaknesses by topic
- 12 months of access with free updates as the law evolves
- Ensures operational confidence under DUAA 2025

Modules & Time Allocation

The course is structured around the UK data protection framework, UK GDPR, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the new Data Use and Access Act 2025, delivered as eleven self-paced practitioner sessions. The breakdown below shows how the 11 hours (8 hours of expert-led video plus 3 hours of integrated assessment) are distributed across the programme:

Modules	Hours
• Module 1: UK Data Protection Regime	1.0
• Module 2: The Seven Principles in Practice	1.0
• Module 3: Lawful Bases for Processing	0.75
• Module 4: Individual Rights & Transparency	0.75
• Module 5: SAR Deep Dive & Exemptions	0.75
• Module 6: Individual Rights & Records Management	0.5
• Module 7: Data Protection Impact Assessments	0.75
• Module 8: Accountability Framework & RoPA	0.75
• Module 9: Data Security (Article 32)	0.5
• Module 10: Data Breach Management (Articles 33–34)	0.75
• Module 11: FOIA 2000 & EIR 2004	0.5
• Assessment & Review	3.0

What Makes This Course Different?

Department-Based Practical Model

Participants work through real challenges across organisational departments, so every legal principle is applied to a recognisable workplace scenario.

That means:

- They learn how UK GDPR and DUAA 2025 apply in real organisational settings
- They leave able to implement compliance changes immediately
- They understand consent, and the new DUAA Recognised Legitimate Interests
- They can manage Article 9 special category and Article 10 criminal offence data
- They can navigate the reformed Article 22 framework for automated decision-making

Schedule

Day 1: Foundations & Legal Framework

- Welcome & Course Introduction
- UK Data Protection Regime
- The Seven Principles in Practice
- Lawful Bases for Processing
- Individual Rights & Transparency

Day 2: Accountability & Operational Excellence

- Subject Access Requests Deep Dive & Exemptions
- Other Individual Rights & Records Management
- Data Protection Impact Assessments
- Accountability Framework & Records of Processing Activities (RoPA)

Day 3: Security, Transparency & Public Rights

- Data Security (Article 32)
- Data Breach Management (Articles 33–34)
- Freedom of Information Act 2000 & Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Assessment Structure

Per-day knowledge checks

- Multiple-choice questions per session, grouped into one quiz at the end of each day
- Three day-end quizzes in total
- Feedback report showing your modules of strength and weakness

End-of-course final assessment

- 50 multiple-choice questions across the four super-sections of the programme
- Pass mark: 80%
- Time guide: 60 minutes

Data Protection Officer Apprenticeship

Building data protection capability from foundational understanding to nationally recognised Information Governance practitioner level.



This government-funded Data Protection Apprenticeship includes best practice training on UK GDPR, cybersecurity for data professionals, AI governance, DPIA and risk management, data obligations, and so much more. Ensuring your organisation's data is secure.

Duration:	16 months training + up to 4 months available to take final assessment.
Funding:	Funding of up to £10,000 available. Co-funded employers pay no more than £500; levy-paying employers use their levy funds.*
Progression:	Develop onto Senior Data Protection roles.
Qualification:	Foundation Degree Equivalent.
Education Criteria:	We advise a GCSE English & maths at Level C/4 or higher.
Experience Requirements:	To be in an appropriate role to where you can gain access to policies.

Why Learners Choose the Data Protection Route

- The only government recognised qualification for data protection and information governance practitioners.
- Built around practical implementation within your organisation.
- Learn how to avoid any risks of data breaches including AI risks.



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Data Protection Curriculum

Modules

- Regulation and Legislation
- Working with Stakeholders
- Training Strategies
- UK GDPR
- Organisational Policies and Procedures
- DPIA and Risk Management
- Data Obligations
- AI Governance
- Continuous Improvement and Regulatory Toolkits
- Regulatory Correspondence
- Internal and External Auditing
- Role of the Data Protection Officer
- Managing Data Breaches
- Self-Reporting Data Breaches
- Management & Assessment
- Cybersecurity

Qualification Benefits

- Every organisation requires a Data Protection Officer to provide trusted oversight of data protection, security, breach management, and the development of robust policies and procedures.
- Demonstrates verified expertise in data protection law, governance, and risk management, strengthening career progression and employability.
- A formal Data Protection Officer qualification provides the knowledge and confidence to challenge poor practice, advise senior stakeholders, and influence organisational decision-making.

Organisations Who Chose This Programme





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