

## THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA'S PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT



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It's commonly known as the POPI Act, or POPIA.

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It was signed into law by President Jacob Zuma on November 19, 2013.

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It was published in the Government Gazette on November 26, 2013.

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It's designed to safeguard the personal information of individuals and legal entities.

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Certain sections became effective on April 11, 2014.

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SA's government has yet to announce the date of commencement.

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The grace period lasts 12 months from the date of commencement.

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All organisations that process personal information must abide by this law.

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You can expect fines and/or imprisonment for non-compliance.

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Accountability and transparency are core elements of this legislation.