



# Privacy Impact Assessments

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# Presentation Objectives

- Describe the purpose, scope and benefits of conducting a Privacy Threshold Analysis/Privacy Impact Assessment (PTA/PIA).
- Review the PTA/PIA template questions.
- Provide tips on implementing the PTA/PIA process.



# Requirement

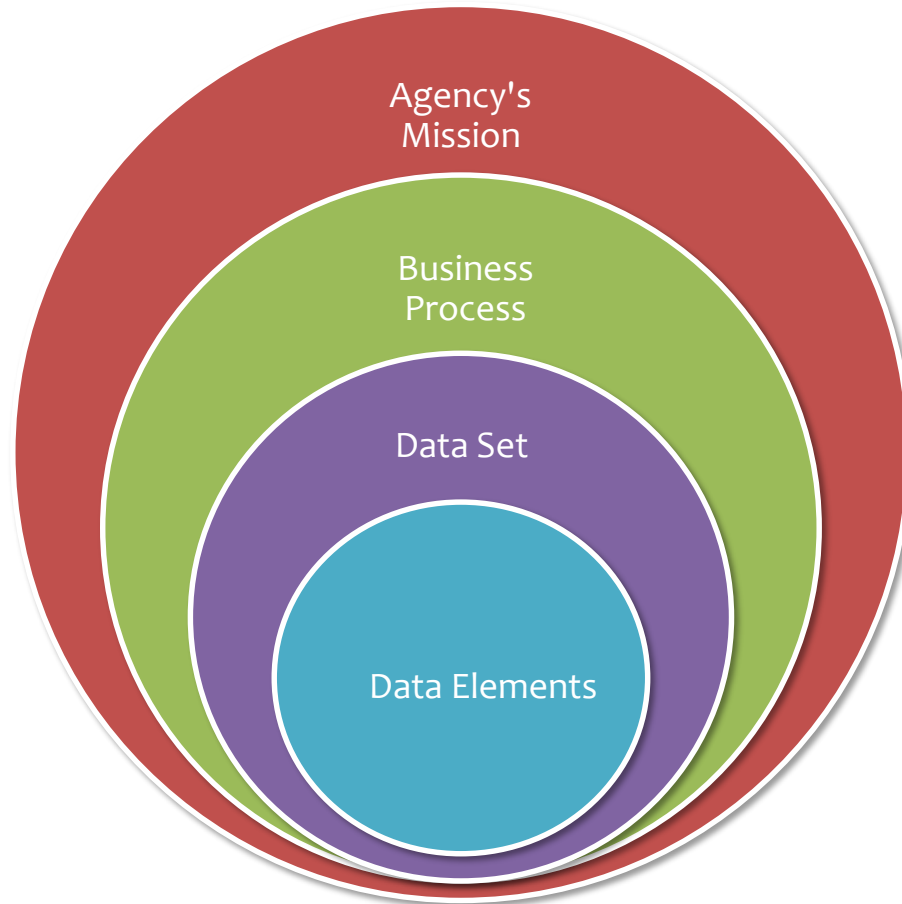
- SCDIS-200 Information Security and Privacy Standard Control 12.400, Data Protection and Privacy

“Each agency must ensure the interests of data subjects are appropriately protected.”

# What is the purpose of the PTA/PIA?

- Provides a comprehensive analysis of privacy risk in the Agency's business process:
  - The business process can include both electronic and paper based records.
  - Completing Data Classification prior to beginning the PTA/PIA process is beneficial.

# Scope of Analyses



# Benefits of the PTA/PIA

- Validates the use of PII in business processes.
- Assesses privacy risks.
- Evaluates current privacy protections and determines mitigation actions.

# What is a PTA?

- Documents whether the business process collects, uses, processes, shares, retains, or disposes of PII:
  - If no PII is identified, no further privacy risk analysis is warranted.
  - If PII is identified, a full Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) is needed.



# What is a PIA?

## ➤ Analyzes how PII is handled:

- Ensures information handling conforms to applicable legal, regulatory, and policy requirements.
- Determines the risks and effects of collecting, maintaining, and disseminating information in identifiable form.
- Examines and evaluates protections and alternative processes for handling information to mitigate potential privacy risks.

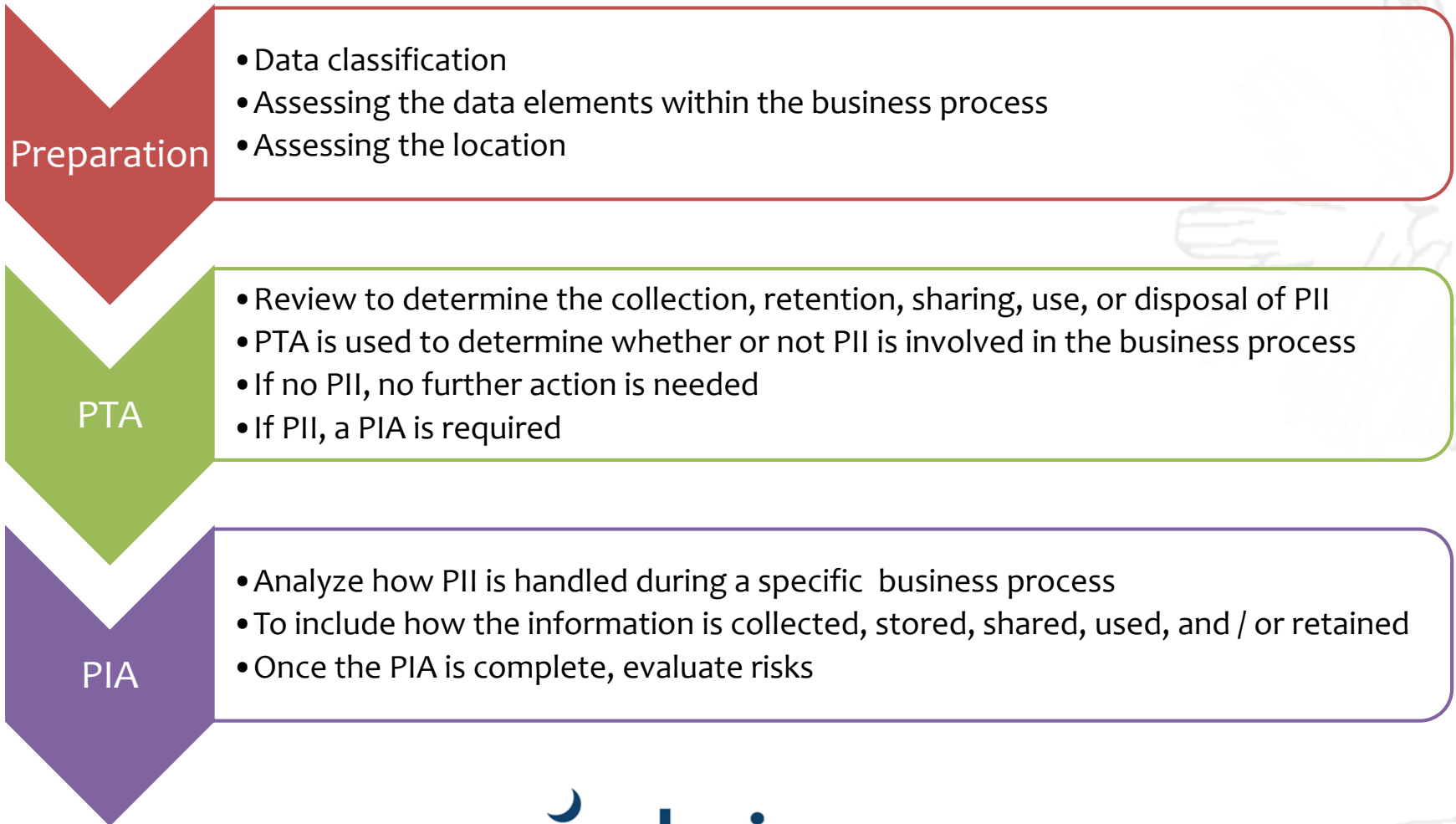
# The PTA/PIA Process



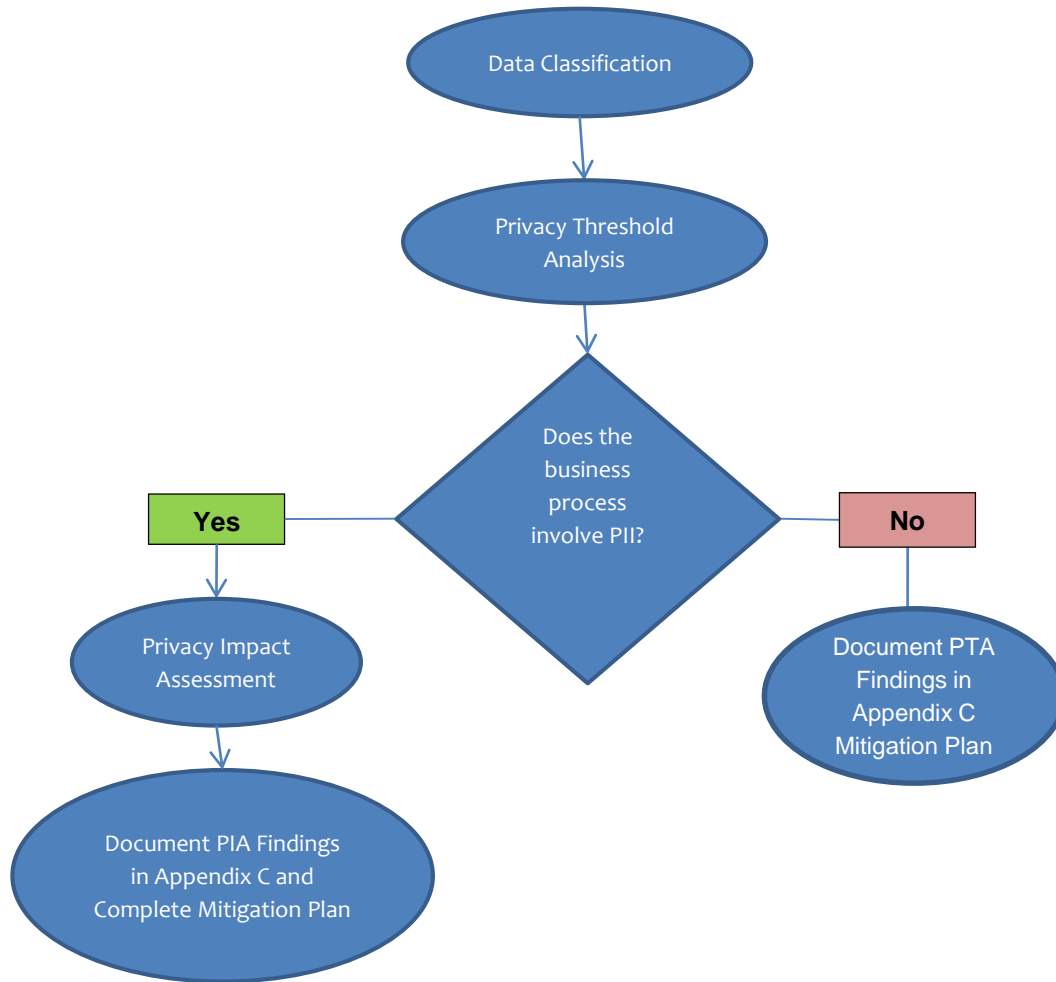
# PTA/PIA Guide

- PTA/PIA Guidance document is used to assist Agencies with completing the PTA/PIA.
- The guide is divided into four sections:
  - Guidance on Completing the PTA/PIA
  - Appendix A: Instructions for Completing
  - Appendix B: PTA/PIA Template
  - Appendix C: Findings and Mitigation Plan

# Phases of the PTA/PIA Process



# PTA/PIA Process



# Privacy Threshold Analysis



# PTA: Section 1.0

## Section 1.0 General Information

|  |   |           |  |
|--|---|-----------|--|
| Business Process:  |   |           |  |
| Agency Name  |   | PTA/PIA # | <Enter PTA/PIA# # assigned by the Agency Privacy Liaison or if this is an update to existing PTA/PIA, enter the original PTA/PIA#> |
| System Owner   |   |           |  |
| Agency Privacy Liaison:  |   |           |  |
| New PTA/PIA?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, update to an existing PTA/PIA |           |  |
| If this is an update to an existing PIA, include the initial PTA/PIA Number and a reason for the update: |   |           |  |

### Section 1.0 General Information:

This section asks for the general information related to the business process. The name of the Agency, System Owner, and Agency Privacy Liaison.

The PIA/PTA Number is assigned by the Agency Privacy Liaison. (See next slide for specific example.) The PTA/PIA# is used to track the PTA/PIA throughout the lifecycle of the business process and should be used if the PTA/PIA is updated.

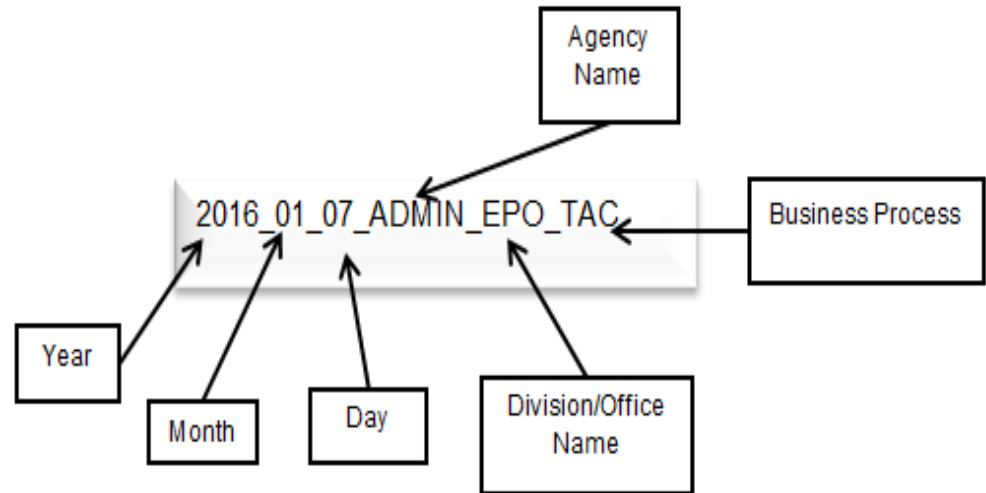
# How to write the PTA/PIA Number

**Year/Month/Day:** Year, month and day the PTA/PIA form was submitted to the Agency Privacy Liaison.

**Agency Name-**Identify the specific Agency abbreviation.

**Division/Office Name-** Identify the specific division/office name responsible for the business process.

**Business Process-** Use only the abbreviation of the business process. For Example Time and Compliance (TAC)





# PTA: Section 2.0

## Section 2.0 Overview

### 2.1 Provide a brief overview of the business purpose:

*Briefly describe the data set, including:*

- *The business purpose of the Agency and how the Agency's data elements support the program and Agency mission;*
- *A general description of the information in the data set's data records,*
- *Whether the data elements are paper-based, electronic or a hybrid.*

## Section 2.0 Overview

Provide a brief description of the business process, provide as much information as possible about the information that is processed to ensure the Agency Privacy Liaison has a clear understanding of the data.

# PTA: Section 3.0

## Section 3.0 Data Characteristics

### 3.1 What Personally Identifiable Information (PII), contained in the Agency data set, is collected, used, retained, or shared? (Check all that apply.)

|   |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number               | <input type="checkbox"/> Name                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Information      | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Cell Phone        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License Number              | <input type="checkbox"/> Date of Birth          | <input type="checkbox"/> Security Clearance      | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Phone Number        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Passport Number                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Place of Birth         | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement         | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Direct Phone Number |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Credit or Debit Card Number | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Address           | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Contact       | <input type="checkbox"/> Work Email Address         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Financial Information       | <input type="checkbox"/> Maiden Name            | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Status/Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Biometrics                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taxpayer ID                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Information  | <input type="checkbox"/> User ID                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employee ID                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Age                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Education Information   | <input type="checkbox"/> IP Address                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance Beneficiary         | <input type="checkbox"/> Race/Ethnicity         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Names Used        | <input type="checkbox"/> MAC Address                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle License Plate                | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Email Address | <input type="checkbox"/> Salary                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupation                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Identification                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion               | <input type="checkbox"/> Work Address            |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Maiden Name                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Information    | <input type="checkbox"/> Job Title               |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                               |   |  |   |

### 3.2 What is the source of the PII collected? (Check all that apply.)

|                                     |  |   |  |                                       |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> SC State Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> County Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other      |  |   |  |                                       |

### 3.3 How is the information collected for this business process? (Check all that apply.)

|                                       |  |                                    |  |                                |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Format | <input type="checkbox"/> In-Person Interview | <input type="checkbox"/> Facsimile | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Interview | <input type="checkbox"/> Email |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website      | <input type="checkbox"/> Interagency Sharing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other     |  |                                |

## Section 3.0 Data Characteristics

Reviews the data characteristics of the business process. Identify the specific type, the sources, and how the PII is collected.

# Agency Privacy Liaison Review

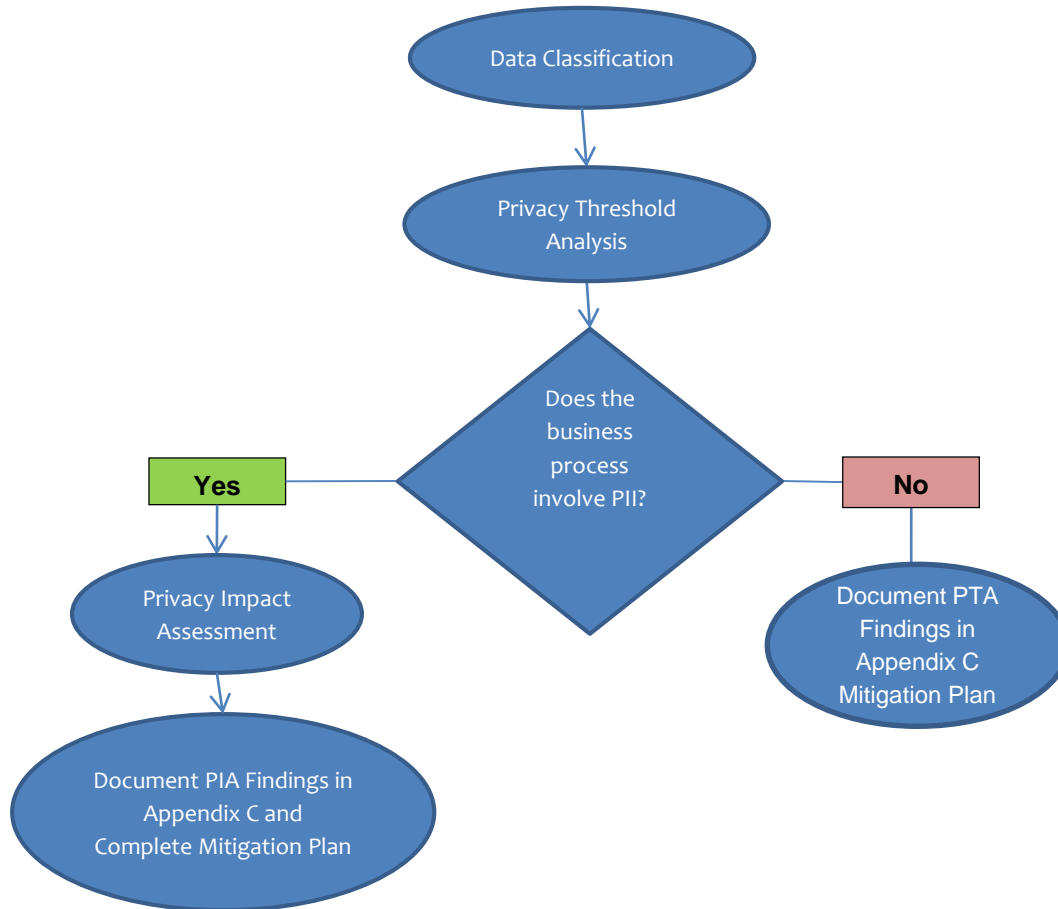
**STOP**

Please stop here, and submit this form to the Agency Privacy Liaison.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Agency Privacy Liaison:                       |  |
| Does the business process/system contain PII? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> (If Yes, complete the PIA)      No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments:                                     |  |

Agency Privacy Liaison will review the PTA and determine whether a full PIA is needed.

# PTA/PIA Process



# Privacy Impact Assessment



# Supporting Documentation

- Supporting documentation will assist Privacy Liaisons with understanding fully the business process.
- Ensure the following documents are available:
  - Data Flow mapping of the business process
  - Data Collection Tools
  - Data Sharing Agreements

# PIA

➤ Questions in the PIA address the seven privacy principles:

- Notice and Transparency
- Use and Disclosure Limitation
- Individual Participation, Access, and Redress
- Data Minimization and Retention
- Data Quality and Integrity
- Security
- Accountability and Auditing

# Notice and Transparency

- Provide notice to the individuals about the personal information collected; how the information will be used and shared.
- Communicate in plain language and is accessible to the individual.

## Reference PIA Section 5.0



# Notice and Transparency

## Section 5.0 Notice to Individuals to Decline/Consent Use

**5.1 How is notice provided to the individual prior to the collection of information? If notice is not provided, explain why. Include the links to any web-based Privacy Policy or Notice.**

*Providing notice is the method by which an individual is informed of how his or her information will be used. Notice is provided prior to the collection of the individual's information. Please refer to the specific federal and/or State law, regulation, and/or Agency policy that applies to the collection of information from individuals.*

Describe the process used to provide individuals with notice prior to the collection of their information. This could be as simple as privacy notice on the top of the information collection or the privacy notice on a website.

# Notice and Transparency

**5.2 Are individuals allowed to decline to provide information?**

- Yes (Complete Question 5.3)
- No (Complete Question 5.4)

**5.3 If individuals ARE allowed to decline to provide information, how are any resulting consequences, e.g., the State's inability to provide the service, explained to the individual?**

**5.4 If individuals are NOT allowed to decline to provide information, is notice of the collection of information provided to the individual? If notice is not provided, please provide detailed justification.**

**5.5 Are individuals informed of their right to consent to particular uses of the information (if applicable)? If so, how does the individual exercise that right?**

# Use and Disclosure Limitation

- Use and disclose the individual's information only as indicated in the notification provided.
- Using an individual's information outside of the notice requires explicit consent, except in certain instances—such as law enforcement.

**Reference PIA Sections 1.0, 2.0, and 4.0**

# Use and Disclosure Limitation

## Section 1.0 Data Collection

| 1.1 What is the source of the PII collected for this business process? (Check all that apply.) <i>This information can be copied from the PTA.</i> |  |   |  |                                       |
|--|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual  | <input type="checkbox"/> SC State Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> County Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |  |   |  |                                       |
| Describe:  |  |   |  |                                       |

|           |   |  |                                    |  |                                |
|-----------|---|--|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Describe: | <b>1.2 How is the information collected by the business process? (Check all that apply.)</b><br><i>This information may be copied from the PTA.</i> |  |                                    |  |                                |
|           | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Form   | <input type="checkbox"/> In-person Interview | <input type="checkbox"/> Facsimile | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Interview | <input type="checkbox"/> Email |
|           | <input type="checkbox"/> Website  | <input type="checkbox"/> Interagency Sharing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:    |  |                                |
| Describe: |   |  |                                    |  |                                |

# Use and Disclosure Limitation

**1.3 What is the purpose for which the PII is being collected, used, shared, or retained?** Describe why the particular PII collected, used, shared, or retained in the business process is necessary to the program or Agency mission.

**1.5 What is the legal authority for the collection of information? Provide the specific citations.** Examples may include federal statutes, State law, and/or regulations.

# Use and Disclosure Limitation

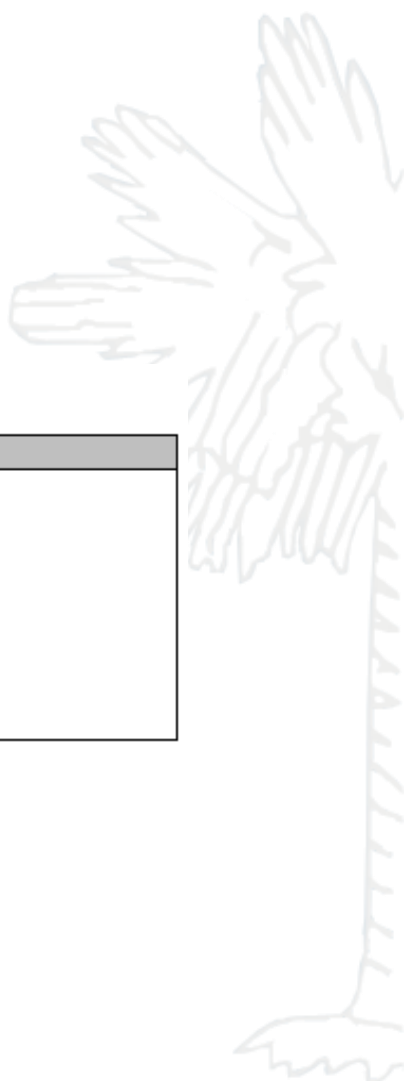


## 1.6 What are the regulatory compliance privacy requirements?

|   |                                |                                  |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIPAA-HITECH   | <input type="checkbox"/> GLBA  | <input type="checkbox"/> CJIS    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IRS Publication 1075                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> FERPA | <input type="checkbox"/> PCI-DSS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Provide the citation and a brief description) |                                |                                  |

## Section 2.0 Data Use

### 2.1 How is the information in the data sets used to support the Agency?



# Use and Disclosure Limitation

## Section 4.0 Data Sharing

| 4.1 Describe data sharing with State of South Carolina Government entities. |   |   |                                      |   |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| State of South Carolina Government Entity                                   | Purpose for which information is shared   | Specific information types that are shared                        | Method of transmittal or disclosure  | Safeguards for data transmittal and disclosure                          |
| EX: MyFellow Entity   | Information is shared with MyFellow Entity A for mandatory reporting under law JKL. | Name, Work Address, Work Telephone Number, and Work Email Address | Weekly Secure File Transfer Protocol | Information shared with the MyFellow Entity is sent via a file transfer |

### 4.3 Describe data sharing with the non-State of South Carolina Government entities.

| Non-State of South Carolina Government Entity | Purpose for which information is shared | Specific information types that are shared     | Method of transmittal or disclosure                            | Safeguards for data transmittal and disclosure                                |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| EX: Company Q                                 | Insurance verification                  | Name, Personal Address, Social Security Number | Data is transferred via a secure file transfer every 3 months. | Data is sent via a secure one way file transfer using File Transfer Protocol. |

### 4.2 What agreements, and other types of documentation, are in place, which establish parameters around the internal data sharing listed above, and how frequently are these documents reviewed?

Examples: Memorandum of Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding (MOA/MOU) between Agency and Entity is reviewed annually. Contract XYZ is reviewed every three years.

# Individual Participation, Access, and Redress

- Provide individuals with the opportunity to consent to the collection, use, or disclosure of personal information.
- Allow individuals the procedures to access information being held about them, make corrections or update that information, and the point of contacts for further questions.

## Reference PIA Section 6.0

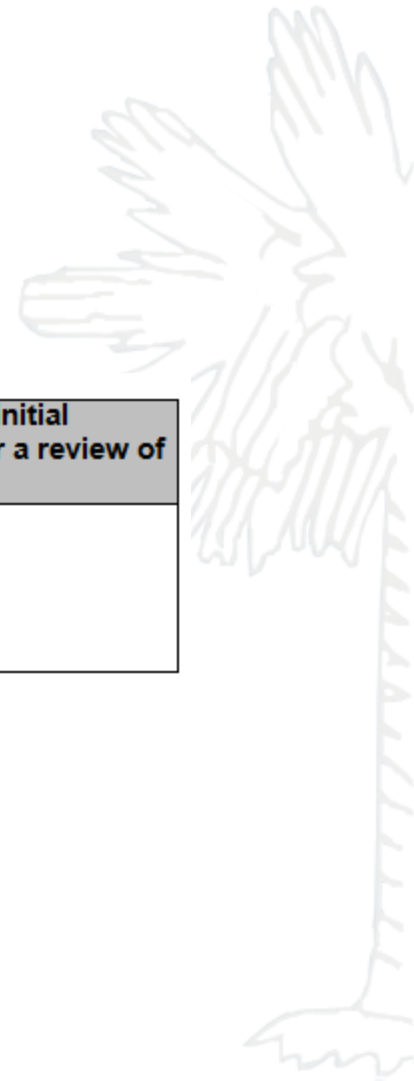


# Individual Participation, Access, and Redress

## **Section 6.0 Individual Requests for Access, Redress, and/or Correction**

**6.1 What are the procedures that allow an individual to request access and/or to correct the information the Agency has collected regarding his or her information? How are individuals informed of this process?**

**6.2 Is there a way for an individual, who is dissatisfied with the Agency's initial response to his or her request for data access or correction, to ask for a review of the decision? If so, describe the process.**



# Data Minimization and Retention

- Ensuring the business process collects only the minimum amount of information necessary perform the official task.
- The retained information is collected and used for as long as necessary to fulfill the purpose for which it was requested.

## Reference PIA Section 3.0

# Data Minimization and Retention

## Section 3.0 Data Retention

**3.1 What information is retained by the Agency?** *This may include any third party organizations contracted to retain information for the Agency.*

**3.2 How long is information retained, and under what retention schedule?** *Describe any exceptions to the retention schedule. Consult your Agency Records Officer or Agency General Counsel for advice regarding information retention schedules.*

# Data Minimization and Retention

## 3.3 What are the Agency's procedures for the disposal of information at the end of the retention period?

*Describe policies and procedures for how PII that is no longer relevant and necessary is purged. This information may be obtained from the Agency Records Officer or Agency General Counsel.*

*Example: Paper records are shredded, in accordance with DIS Information Security and Privacy Standards, by a vendor under contract with the State. The disposal is documented by way of a certificate of destruction.*

## 3.4 Where are the procedures documented? How are disposal procedures audited for compliance?

## 3.5 Where is information maintained or stored?

*Example: XYZ Agency currently has a contract with VendorStore USA, Inc. The data is stored on servers located in a secure facility in Charlotte, NC.*

*Example: XYZ Agency currently has an (ISA/MOU) with the Division of Technology (DT). The servers are located at the Broad River Road Facility.*

# Data Quality and Integrity

- Establish policies and procedures to ensure, to the greatest extent practicable, that data is accurate, complete, and up-to-date.

## Reference PIA Question 1.4

# Data Quality and Integrity



**1.4 How is the information checked for accuracy?** *For example, is the information checked for accuracy through comparison with another source? Are individuals required to revalidate information?*

Checking for accuracy can include reviewing audit logs, error codes in electronic database forms, or comparing information from other sources.

# Security

- Establishing the appropriate levels of administrative, technical, and operational controls,
- Ensuring the safeguards preserve the privacy, confidentiality, integrity, and accessibility of personal information.

## Reference PIA Section 7.0

# Security

## Section 7.0 Access Privileges and Security

**7.1 What criteria are in place to determine which users or roles may access the Agency data records? Where are the procedures for requesting and modifying access privileges documented?**



**7.3 How are persons, who are given access to this data set, made aware of privacy safeguards?**

Tip: Examine the Access Control Policy or User Guide (7.1 & 7.3)

**7.2 Do contractors have access to the Agency data records? If yes, describe privacy-related safeguards and requirements built into the contract language.**

*Examples of privacy safeguards may include: certification of privacy training prior to data access; non-disclosure or confidentiality agreements; background checks; and data breach reporting and notification responsibilities, etc.*

Tip: Ensure the security & privacy requirements have been included in contracts.



# Security

**7.4 Have the appropriate controls been implemented in accordance with the State Information Security Program (SC DIS 200 Standard 1.400)? Has the designated Agency manager documented his/her decision to accept any identified risks (SC DIS Control 4.205)?**

**7.5 What physical, administrative, and technical controls are in place to protect the data from unauthorized access and misuse? Please describe the Physical, Technical, and Administrative Controls currently in place to account for and secure the PII.**

Work with Agency Security Liaisons to document and ensure the appropriate controls have been identified and assess, and ensure the agency has identified a manager to accept any risks.

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# Accountability and Auditing

- Establish policies and procedures that assign information protection roles and responsibilities, and institute processes for evaluating, compliance, effectiveness, and improvement.
- The Accountability and Auditing Privacy principles covers multiple questions.

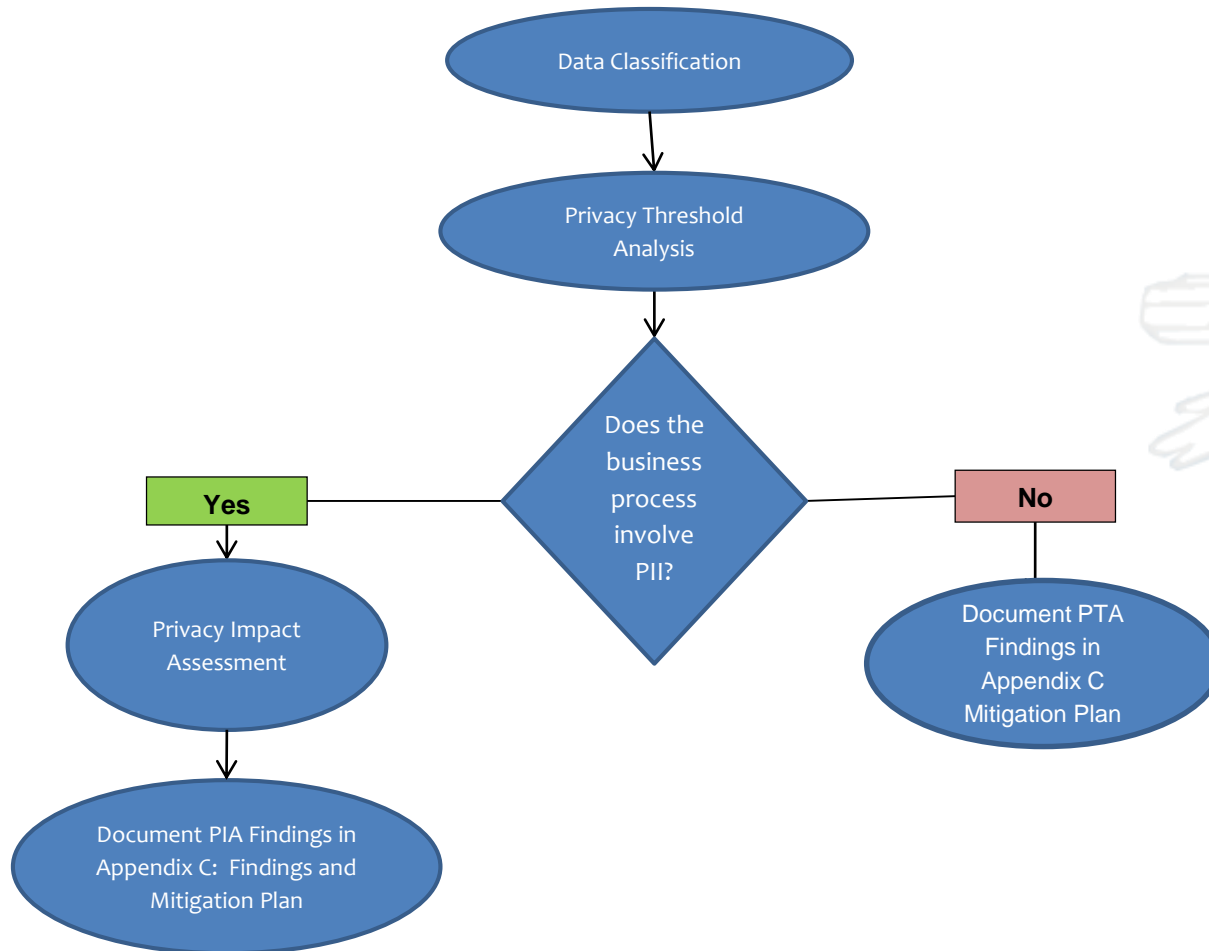
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# PTA/PIA Process



# Findings and Mitigation Plan



# Findings and Mitigation Plan

- PTA/PIA Findings and Mitigation Plan is used to assess privacy risk identified during the PIA.
- If no PII is found, answer the first question “No” and no additional information is needed.

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Privacy Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_

**Findings from Privacy Threshold Analysis (PTA)**

Does this business process involve PII?  Yes  No  
(If yes, complete the Privacy Mitigation Plan below.)

If no PII is found in the business process- check the box “No”. No further information is needed.

# Findings and Mitigation Plan

- If the business process has PII, complete the Privacy Mitigation Plan to document each risk identified during the assessment.
- Provide a brief description of each privacy risk

| Privacy Mitigation Plan |                             |                           |  |                           |         |          |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------|----------|
| Risk #                  | Description of Privacy Risk | Planned Mitigation Action | Person Responsible for Mitigation Action | Projected Completion Date | Status* | Comments |
| 1                       |                             |                           |  |                           |         |          |
| 2                       |                             |                           |  |                           |         |          |
| 3                       |                             |                           |  |                           |         |          |
| 4                       |                             |                           |  |                           |         |          |
| 5                       |                             |                           |  |                           |         |          |

**\*Status:**    **OT = On Target**    **C = Closed**    **D = Delayed**

# Findings and Mitigation Plan

| Privacy Mitigation Plan |  |   |  |                           |         |  |
|-------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------------|---------|--|
| Risk #                  | Description of Privacy Risk  | Planned Mitigation Action   | Person Responsible for Mitigation Action | Projected Completion Date | Status* | Comments   |
| 1.                      | Unsure of legal authority to use the data collected.                         | Seek legal guidance from the Agency Counsel; review privacy requirements to ensure collection is necessary. | Jane Doe                                 | 12/16/2016                | OT      |  |
| 2.                      | Users storing PII in unlocked/unsecured file cabinets                        | Provide privacy training for users; Files will be moved to a secure file cabinet/ storage area              | Star Fish                                | 06/30/2016                | OT      |  |
| 3.                      | Unsure of retention and destruction policies related to the business process | Contact Archivist for additional information  | Jane Doe                                 | 03/15/2016                | C       | 3/2/2016- Spoke to Archivist or Agency's Records Office provide a description of the records collected for the business process. Received updated retention schedule from Archivist. |
| 4.                      |  |   |  |                           |         |  |
| 5.                      |  |   |  |                           |         |  |

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# Tips

- Responses to PIA questions should be concise, yet detailed enough to give a full picture of the data posture.
- Assemble a team of stakeholders to help with the completion of the PTA/PIA.
- Consider starting with a smaller process. This will allow you and your team to gain a clearer understanding of the PIA process before tackling a larger process.

