

Digital Data and Legal Compliance

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The creation and hosting of digital learning content requires consideration of legal issues from the outset including:

- Intellectual Property Rights
- Data Protection
- Freedom of Information
- Defamation law

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Best Practice Models

Essentials documents give readers a direct, point-by-point guide to the practical consequences of an area of law.

Guidance on Key Legal Topics

In Depth guidance documents provide an extended examination of a particular area of law.

Legal Overviews

Overview documents are intended for readers who are new to an area of law.

JISC Legal is structured to serve those who are building content for learning. Our objective is to ensure that legal factors do not present obstacles to the digitisation and re-use of materials for learning, teaching and research.

We understand what must happen in order to achieve compliance. We deliver:

Newsletter Updates

A regular digest of IT Law relevant to FE and HE delivered to your inbox.

Conferences and Workshops

Sector specific information days delivered by leading experts.

Enquiry Service – your questions answered

Prompt detailed replies by in-house specialists to legal queries of concern to the sector.

Some of the legal matters in which JISC Legal has expertise include:

- Ownership of materials
- Managing the legal risks in digitisation
- Data capture and collection
- Publication, citation, and re-use of materials
- Hyperlinking
- Liability for hosting content
- Database rights
- Third party rights
- Moral rights of authors
- Licensing in and licensing out
- Collaboration agreements
- Open access
- Accessibility – the legal requirements
- Anonymised and personal data
- Data protection – privacy rights
- Sensitive information
- Notification to the Information Commissioner
- Freedom of Information – responding to requests
- Handling contentious content
- Defamation
- Fair dealing

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