

# Data Protection Laws of ASEAN

## Course Overview

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) comprises 10 countries in Southeast Asia. Data protection law is an expanding field in ASEAN with 6 countries at present having a national data protection law and at least 2 others developing a new law. Malaysia, Singapore, and the Philippines were the first 3 countries to enact data protection laws, in the early 2010s, and these countries' laws are the most mature in the region. More recently, Thailand (2018), Indonesia (2022) and Vietnam (2023) have enacted their own data protection laws and are in the process of bringing them into force.

One key objective of this course is to provide a comprehensive practical understanding of the data protection laws within the ASEAN region, with a focus on the laws of Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, and Thailand. It adopts a comparative approach and highlights similarities, common themes, and key differences across these countries' laws. This is intended to enable participants to better understand and appreciate how the laws apply in practice to their own organisations. Another important objective of this course is to address cross-border aspects of data protection, particularly within the ASEAN region. This includes practical aspects of data protection management and compliance in a cross-border context.

Participants will have the opportunity to develop a personal framework to be able to understand and compare data protection laws across different jurisdictions and, through case studies, practical exercises, and discussions, to relate what they learn to their own organisations and context.

## Who should attend?

This course is essential for anyone who wishes to develop a good practical understanding of data protection law in a cross-border context, particularly within the ASEAN region. This may include:

- Business executives and managers involved in the management, collection, use or other processing of individuals' personal data
- Data Protection Officers (DPOs) and compliance professionals
- Data protection counsels, privacy counsels and corporate counsels
- Data scientists and data analysts
- IT and cybersecurity professionals
- R professionals





## Course Details

Course Code: GL401

Course Title: Data Protection Laws of ASEAN

Course Duration: 2 days (approximately 14 contact hours)

Mode of Training: In-person / Online options available (please refer to our online course schedule)

Venue: Drew & Napier LLC  
10 Collyer Quay, 10th Floor Ocean Financial Centre  
Singapore 049315

Course Fee: S\$2,000.00 (excluding GST)

To view available dates and register for this course, please click [here](#). You may also register for this course and view all available courses on our course schedule page ([www.drewnapier.com/Academy/Course-Schedule](http://www.drewnapier.com/Academy/Course-Schedule)).

## Course Outline

### Day 1

- Introduction to Data Protection and its International Context
- Overview of Data Protection Laws in ASEAN
- Understanding the Structure of Data Protection Law
- Data Protection in Singapore
- Data Protection in Malaysia

### Day 2

- Cross-border Transfers of Personal Data within (and beyond) ASEAN
- Data Protection in the Philippines
- Data Protection in Thailand
- Managing Personal Data Across Borders



## Course Facilitator



**David N. Alfred** is Co-head and Programme Director of Drew Academy and concurrently Co-Head of Drew & Napier's Data Protection, Privacy & Cybersecurity practice. He is also a member of the firm's Artificial Intelligence & Digital Trust practice.

David is a senior technology lawyer with over 25 years' experience encompassing legal, business, public policy and technological aspects of the digital economy, digital technology, telecommunications, and the Internet. He has particular expertise in data law and policy, digital and cyber regulation, data protection and cybersecurity. He is a strategic and analytical thinker who has worked with and advised organisations' senior executives and boards. Before joining Drew & Napier, David was Chief Counsel of

Singapore's Personal Data Protection Commission where he led its legal team and advised the Commission on all its legal affairs. This included application and enforcement of the Personal Data Protection Act 2012 (PDPA), development of advisory guidelines and other publications and cross-border aspects of data protection.

David holds an MBA from the University of Chicago and LLB and LLM degrees from the National University of Singapore. In addition to his legal qualifications, he is a qualified course developer, training facilitator and data protection professional holding the WSQ ACLP and DDDLQ qualifications and the IAPP CIPP/A, CIPM and CIPT certifications. He has been recognised as a Fellow of Information Privacy by the IAPP and as a Senior Accredited Specialist in Data and Digital Economy Law by the Singapore Academy of Law.