

Expected Compliance Measures — South Africa

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Framework	POPIA Section 71 (automated decision-making)
Authority	Information Regulator (South Africa)
Status	In force

Regulatory Summary

South Africa has no standalone AI law. POPIA Section 71 gives data subjects rights around solely automated decision-making with legal or similarly significant effect — the anchor for AIC's own methodology.

How AIC's Methodology Maps to This Framework

AIC certifies against the Five Algorithmic Rights: a named accountable human, the right to know when an automated decision is made, the right to a human review, the right to an override, and the right to appeal. Where this jurisdiction's framework specifies its own requirements (risk tiers, disclosure duties, audit obligations), an AIC assessment is structured to produce evidence that speaks directly to those requirements — but AIC certification is not itself a determination of legal compliance with local law, and does not substitute for qualified legal advice in this jurisdiction.

Status Definitions

In force — currently binding law. **Enacted — phasing in** — passed, with obligations taking effect on a timetable. **Proposed / draft legislation** — under legislative process, not yet binding. **Voluntary framework** — an official reference framework without legal force. **Guidance only** — non-binding guidance from a government body. **No dedicated AI law identified** — no AI-specific statute found; general law (e.g. data protection) may still apply.