



## **New ECDL Intermediate Module: Data Protection**

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Over the last decade, the growth of the digital economy and social networks has resulted in huge flows of personal data being gathered and processed by a wide range of organisations. This can benefit citizens, offering access to new and better services; however, there is also the danger that personal data can be misused. To protect personal data, data protection rules and regulations have been implemented in Malta. Now, a new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which comes into force on 25 May 2018, will standardise data protection measures within the EU.

ECDL Foundation has developed a new module – ECDL Data Protection – to certify individuals who need to understand and comply with principles of data protection and who specifically need to understand the requirements of the GDPR. It is not a specialised certification for data protection officers. Instead, it is aimed at the broad group of workers who, either regularly or occasionally, handle personal data and need, therefore, to be aware of the new regulatory requirements. In addition, the module is useful for all citizens in highlighting the rights that they have as data subjects and the responsibility of organisations to manage their personal data appropriately.

Data Protection is the newest of ECDL Foundation's Intermediate level modules. It has been developed to the same high standards as all other ECDL modules. The ECDL programme is used in training for workforces in the public and private sectors around the world, and is integrated into a number of education systems.

In the coming weeks ECDL accredited Test Centres will be offering training and testing in this module. Candidates undertaking this module will be provided with official courseware developed by the ECDL Foundation.

More information about the Data Protection module including the syllabus is available at:

[www.ecdl.com.mt/data-protect.html](http://www.ecdl.com.mt/data-protect.html)

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