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Corporate PIAs – What Are They?

A number of corporate privacy impact assessments (PIAs) have been approved by the Knowledge and Information Services (KIS) Branch which have been designed to reduce duplication of work across ministries and program areas, all while making the PIA process, and thus privacy compliance, a more streamlined experience. So what exactly are corporate PIAs? And how might they help your new initiative?

Corporate PIAs are:

- ✓ PIAs that have already been completed and approved by KIS for cross-government use
- ✓ Currently, focussed on tools that are commonly used by multiple ministries, such as social media sites and online tools, but in future may expand to other areas
- ✓ Designed to facilitate a more streamlined process as they require a program area to complete a checklist instead of a full PIA
- ✓ A learning tool for program areas explaining privacy obligations and best practices when using these online tools

Your privacy assessment using a Corporate PIA is not complete until the accompanying checklist has been completed and has been reviewed and signed by KIS.

Corporate PIAs are not:

- ✗ Appropriate for initiatives or tools that are highly specific to one program area
- ✗ The only way you can use these online tools*

* If your initiative does not fall within the scope of a corporate PIA it does not mean it cannot be achieved using the chosen online tool. Contact KIS for more info.

Corporate PIAs that are currently available for use include:

- Facebook
- YouTube
- Wordpress
- SurveyMonkey
- FluidSurvey
- Posterous
- Twitter
- Flickr
- Blogger
- Tumblr

All PIA resources, including the Corporate PIAs, can be found on our website:

http://www.cio.gov.bc.ca/cio/priv_leg/foippa/guides_forms/guide_index.page

Once you have completed your checklist, send it with attachments to PIA.intake@gov.bc.ca for review and signing. If you have questions, call the Privacy and Access Helpline: 250 356-1851.

Please be aware that the program area using the online tool is still responsible for ensuring they have reviewed and complied with all obligations created by provincial legislation and policy, including but not limited to Legal Services Branch (Ministry of Attorney General) review of, and Risk Management Branch (Ministry of Finance) approvals for, indemnities created by the company's Terms of Use.