

Adopters guidance

# Step 1: Register with ICO

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## This is **required** guidance

It is legally required and it is an essential activity.

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Every organisation or sole trader who processes personal data is legally required to register with ICO. Once you have registered, you will have to pay a data protection fee. This is used to fund ICO's work. If you do not pay the fee, you may be fined. ICO publishes the names of individuals and organisations who have paid the fee, and those fined for non-payment.

## How to do it:

1. Use [ICO's registration self-assessment](#) to find out if you (as an individual or on behalf of your business or organisation) need to pay the data protection fee
2. [Register on ICO's website](#) and pay the data protection fee