

DIFC Regulation 10 — Dubai's First Binding Rules on Personal Data Processed by Autonomous and AI Systems

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · United Arab Emirates

Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Regulation 10, proposed April 2023 and in force from 7 Sept 2023, sets notice, audit and officer duties for AI processing personal data in DIFC; certification rules were still pending and no outcome data exists.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-30

[Dubai International Financial Centre \(DIFC\) Commissioner of Data Protection](#) — accessed 2026-09-30

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