U.S. Private Sector Privacy Certification

Authoritative Resource List

The IAPP and the Exam Development Board compiled the following list of resources for the purpose of furthering education in information privacy. These selections support the Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US) credentialing program which assesses candidates’ understanding of information privacy laws and practices that apply mainly to the U.S. private sector.

While we recommend these resources as comprehensive, widely recognized privacy texts that cover the topics outlined in the CIPP/US Body of Knowledge (BoK), candidates for certification must understand that no published text can keep pace with the rapidly-changing privacy landscape. We continuously adjust our exam content to represent the latest regulatory and technological changes and we expect candidates for IAPP certification to know about the important developments in their sector that may modify or supplant information in the authoritative texts.

Important Information for Certification Candidates and Current Credential Holders:

- **Certification Candidates**:  
  - The **authoritative** resources address the information privacy and information security concepts and issues referenced in the CIPP/US Body of Knowledge. While the IAPP does not draw from a single source to develop exams, we recommend these publications to candidates studying for their exams.  
  - The **supplemental** resources augment the authoritative resources by focusing on specific areas of the Body of Knowledge; therefore, the IAPP strongly suggests that you incorporate supplemental reading into your regimen for exam preparation based on your individual needs.

- **Certified Professionals (current CIPP/US credential holders)**:
There are numerous ways to earn your 20 Continuing Privacy Education (CPE) credits over your two-year certification term. One such way is by reading any privacy-related text(s) relevant to your certification(s).

- 50 pages of written text = 1 CPE credit
- Tally your total pages read and submit for approval using the “Submit CPE Credits Now” button at [https://iapp.org/certify/cpe/](https://iapp.org/certify/cpe/).
- Please retain photocopies of both the cover and inside table of contents of the selection(s) you submit for CPE consideration, in the chance that you are ever audited for your CPEs.
- You are not limited to resources from this Authoritative Resource List and may choose any privacy-related text relevant to your certification(s).
  - Should you find a text to be particularly valuable that is NOT listed here, please let us know so we can review it for possible inclusion on this list. Submit suggestions [HERE](#).

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**Supplemental Resources**


- National Institute of Standards and Technology: US Department of Commerce. *Information Technology: Cybersecurity*. 
• Rebecca Herold & Associates, LLC. *Data Security & Privacy with the Privacy Professor*. The Privacy Professor. 2020.


**IAPP Resource Center**

The IAPP Resource Center is a searchable Privacy Library containing the most up to date articles, research, and practical guidance on a wide range of privacy topics and issues. Certification candidates are advised to supplement their preparation by referring to this valuable content.

The Resource Center also houses the IAPP *Glossary of Privacy Terms*, which contains important definitions and descriptions catalogued by certification designation.