U.S. Private Sector Privacy Certification

Authoritative Resources 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.

Resource Breakdown:

- The primary resource is the official IAPP textbook that encompasses the content referenced in the Body of Knowledge (BoK). While the IAPP does not draw from a single source to develop exams, this is the main text that supports the program.
- The supplemental resources are other notable sources that may focus 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.
  - The IAPP How to Prepare link connects you to our Daily Dashboard, Resource Center, Podcast, BoKs and much more. This site is updated daily and offers a wealth of supplemental information.

While we recommend these as comprehensive, widely recognized privacy resources that cover the topics outlined in the 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.

Primary Resource:

Secondary Resources:
(In alphabetical order)


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.
Notable Mentions in the Resource Center:

- **Reports and Surveys** – current and past research from all areas of Privacy
- **Tools and Trackers** – includes interactive tools for GDPR and CCPA, among other resources
- **Glossary of Privacy Terms** - contains important definitions and descriptions catalogued by certification designation.