

Privacy Act Information

This is any information that is covered by the Privacy Act of 1974. The act covers the collection, maintenance, and dissemination of personally identifiable information (PII) inside the federal government. Information covered in this act includes Social Security number (SSN), payroll number, information on education, financial transactions, medical history, criminal history, and employment history. This information can only be disclosed with the written consent of the subject or if the use fits into one of the following exceptions:

- By the U.S. Census Bureau or the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for statistical purposes
- Routine use within a U.S. government agency
- A document with significant historical value for archival purposes
- For law enforcement
- Congressional investigation
- Other administrative purposes

It is important to remember that this act only applies to organizations inside the federal government. State government and private entities are not governed by the Privacy Act of 1974.

In the following table, you need to decide which information you are willing to share and if it protected by the Privacy Act of 1974.

Information Type	Willing to Share	Protected Information
Social Security number (SSN)		
Browsing history		
Educational records		
Financial transactions		
Shopping habits		
Employment history		

Information Type	Willing to Share	Protected Information
Driving record		
Travel history		
Medical history		
Eating and drinking habits		
Criminal history		