

1.5 LEGAL, MORAL & ETHICAL · 1.5.1

Computing legislation

The four Acts: name, year, and what each covers. Spec 1.5.1(a)–(d).

01 Data Protection Act (1998/2018)

Covers How **personal data** is stored & used.

Rules Secure · accurate · used only for its stated purpose · not kept too long.

Right Subject access request (see your data).

02 Computer Misuse Act (1990)

Covers **Unauthorised access** (hacking, malware).

Offences 1) access · 2) access with intent · 3) modification.

Also Making/supplying hacking tools.

03 Copyright, Designs & Patents (1988)

Covers **Intellectual property**: software, music, video, images.

Breach Copying without a **licence** = infringement.

Fix Own it · licence it · use reusable material.

04 RIPA (2000)

Covers **Surveillance** & interception by public bodies.

Powers ISP access to comms · fit equipment · hand over encryption keys.

Used by Police / security services.

FINAL PASS BEFORE THE EXAM

Rapid exam tips

Six slips on legislation questions.

01

Personal data → **Data Protection**; hacking → **Computer Misuse**.

02

Copying creative work → **Copyright**; surveillance → **RIPA**.

03

Name the Act **and its year** (1990, 1988, 2000) for full marks.

04

DPA answers: quote a **principle** (secure, accurate, stated purpose).

05

Computer Misuse has **three levels**: access · with intent · modification.

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Don't just say "illegal" — name the **specific Act** & offence/right.