



## Introduction

[DocuSign®](#), The Global Standard for Digital Transaction Management™, helps Canadian organizations go digital by empowering anyone to transact anything, anytime, anywhere, on any device. Securely. The DocuSign Global Trust Network helps enterprises of every size and industry accelerate transactions for dramatic ROI, improved security and compliance, and better customer experiences.

## Electronic Signature Legislation

[The Uniform Electronic Commerce Act](#) (UECA) was adopted by the Uniform Law Conference of Canada in 1999, and subsequently enacted (with some modifications) in every province but Quebec, which has its own legislation permitting electronic signatures, and in Nunavut and Yukon territories.

The main principle of the UECA, and of Quebec's Act to Establish a Legal Framework for Information Technology, [CQLR c C-1.1](#) is "functional equivalence," establishing that electronic signatures and documents have the same legal weight as their paper equivalents.

At the federal level, the Canadian Parliament included provisions permitting electronic signatures in the [Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act](#) (PIPEDA) enacted in 2000.

## Electronic Evidence

Electronic documents may be admitted as evidence in Canadian legal proceedings, subject to the applicable rules of evidence. [A Uniform Electronic Evidence Act](#) was

promulgated in 1998, and was the basis for amendments to the [Canadian Evidence Act](#), and the provincial evidence acts in a majority of the provinces.

## Cross-border Data Storage

There is no restriction on Canadian companies using cloud solutions that are based in the United States. PIPEDA makes it clear that organizations that are otherwise compliant with the law may freely move personal information across the border if it makes business sense to do so.

Canadian companies, including financial institutions, may transfer data to the U.S. without obtaining any additional consent from customers, so long as they provide notice to customers about their information practices, and keep the information secure.

## Privacy and Security

PIPEDA requires Canadian organizations to use appropriate security safeguards with respect to customer information.

## Learn More

[Background Paper](#) from the Library of Parliament on the Development of E-Commerce Laws.

[Legal information related to PIPEDA](#) from the Privacy Commissioner of Canada.



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