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Argentina	Zang, Bergel & Vines					
No	N/A	N/A	Storage	N/A	N/A	N/A
			N/A			
			Access to underlying data			
			N/A			
Bolivia	C.R & F. Rojas					
No	N/A	N/A	Storage	N/A	N/A	The collection of data for diversity monitoring is not
			N/A			common practice in Bolivia, it may provide grounds to discrimination liability.
			Access to underlying data			
			N/A			



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Brazil

Lobo de Rizzo Advogados

Yes – applicants and employees

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- •By individual's name
- Anonymised
- Pseudonymised
- •Survey conducted by a third party, employer would see only aggregated data
- Gender
- •Sexual orientation
- •Ethnic origin
- Etnnic originReligion
- •Disability
- DisabilityAge
- •Socioeconomic status
- •Social mobility
- •Familial/Parental status

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

- •Only designated employees
- •Third party engaged to collect and process data

Yes. Up to the end of the purpose of the personal data.

A case-by-case analysis may be necessary due to the provisions under the Brazilian General Data Protection Law, which provides for requirements to collect and process sensitive personal data, such as the individuals' authorization depending on the type of data requested.

Yes, diversity surveys conducted by employers became common in Brazil because of several organizations conducting DE&I programs. These surveys are considered important for employers to justify affirmative actions, for instance, concerning hiring opportunities for unrepresented groups, in case one allegates discrimination against members of represented groups in a specific organization.

British Virgin Islands

Mourant

Yes – applicants and employees

•By individual's name

- •Gender
- Sexual orientation
- •Ethnic origin
- Disability
- Age

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

 Only designated employees Yes. Retention policy is 6 months for job applications and unsuccessful CVs and 10 years following termination of employment for everything else.

No restrictions. Data may be transferred outside of EEA but organisations must make sure there is safeguarding in place when the data is transferred and that they let the employees know about this data. N/



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Cayman Islands

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Ethnic origin

Disability

Age

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Access to underlying data

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N/A

Chile

Yes – applicants and employees

Urenda, Rencoret, Orrego & Dörr

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Access to underlying data

•Only employer or only designated employees of HR department

No. A person may request the elimination of the data if it is outdated, or its storage no longer has legal grounds. None.

Diversity surveys are rare in Chile. Diversity monitoring may entail accusations of discrimination, which is quite serious, and the storage of sensitive data implies an important reserve responsibility, which is why it is not always advisable to carry out such a process unless it is extremely necessary, or the company can ensure the control of all associated risks.



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Colombia

Parra Rodríguez Abogados

Yes – applicants and employees

•By individual's name

Gender

•Ethnic origin

ReligionAge

•Socioeconomic status

Social mobility

•Familial/Parental status

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

 Only designated employees
 The persons authorized in the authorization for the processing of personal data No

Yes, if a data transfer takes place, there must be a data transfer agreement between the companies. In addition, the data processing authorisation must mention this issue.

Surveys are common.
The authority may impose sanctions for non-compliance with the rules on the processing of personal data.

Costa Rica

Lexincorp

Yes – applicants and employees

•Anonymised

Gender

Disability

• A a c

Social mobility

•Familial/Parental status

Storage

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Access to underlying data

•Only designated employees

Yes, two years

There must be an express authorization, and its due assignment to share data with other companies, whether or not they are related. This information is considered sensitive and its unrestricted collection is prohibited.



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Mexico

Yes – applicants and employees

Gonzalez Calvillo

•By individual's name

Gender

Sexual orientation

Ethnic originReligion

Disability

•Age

•Socioeconomic status

•Social mobility

•Familial/Parental status

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Yes. Per the employer's retention policy, which has to comply with specific period and quality requirements set forth in law.

The employer needs to ensure that various conditions are met, including that: (i) the data cannot be used to discriminate, promote, hire or fire employees/applicants; and (ii) the data's processing purposes are justified per the terms of Mexican data protection laws.

Some companies carry out these type of surveys, but many prefer not to due to the complexity of their implementation.

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Alaska

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Miller Nash

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Only designated employees

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Arizona

Yes – applicants and employees

Polsinelli

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California

<u>Polsinelli</u>

N/A

Storage

N/A

Access to underlying data

N/A

N/A

Federal law requires all large employers (100+ employees) to collect and report race/ethnicity and gender data. There are also special rules which apply in cases involving affirmative action.

The Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) prohibits any non-job-related inquiries of applicants or employees, either verbally or through the use of an application form, that express directly or indirectly a limitation, specification or discrimination as to race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military or veteran status.



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Colorado

Yes – applicants and employees

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Florida

Yes – applicants and employees

Holland & Knight

•By individual's name

Anonymised

Pseudonymised

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•Gender

Sexual orientation

•Ethnic origin Religion

Disability

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Socioeconomic status

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Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

Only designated employees

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Georgia

Yes – applicants and employees

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Social mobility

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Storage

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Access to underlying data

No restrictions.

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Illinois

Yes – applicants and employees

Duane Morris

Anonymised

•Gender

Sexual orientation

•Ethnic origin

Disability

Storage

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Access to underlying data

Only designated employees

Yes. A minimum of 3 years.

Federal law requires all large employers (100+ employees) to collect and report race/ethnicity and gender data. There are also special rules which apply in cases involving affirmative action.

Diversity surveys are common.

Kansas

Yes – applicants and employees

Polsinelli

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Religion

Disability

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•Familial/Parental status

•Employers are not prohibited from requesting that employees voluntarily provide any diversity information that the employee may be willing to share and which may be relevant to the employer's diversity and inclusion efforts; however, this information cannot be used as the basis for any employment decisions.

Storage

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Access to underlying data

Only designated employees

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Maryland

employees

Yes – applicants and

Duane Morris

Anonymised

Gender

Sexual orientation

Ethnic originDisability

Storage

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Access to underlying data

Only designated employees

Yes. A minimum of 3 years.

Federal law requires all large employers (100+ employees) to collect and report race/ethnicity and gender data. There are also special rules which apply in cases involving affirmative action.

Diversity surveys are common.

Minnesota

Lathrop GPM

Yes – employees only

By individual's name

•Gender

•Ethnic origin

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

Only designated employees

No

Federal law requires all large employers (100+ employees) to collect and report race/ethnicity and gender data. There are also special rules which apply in cases involving affirmative action.

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Missouri

Yes – applicants and employees

Polsinelli

By individual's nameAnonymised

•Gender

•Sexual orientation

•Ethnic origin

Religion

Disability

•Age

Socioeconomic statusSocial mobility

•Familial/Parental status

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Storage

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Access to underlying data

Only designated employees

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New Jersey

Yes – applicants and employees

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•Gender

•Sexual orientation

•Ethnic origin

Disability

Storage

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Access to underlying data

Only designated employees

Yes. A minimum of 3 years.

Federal law requires all large employers (100+ employees) to collect and report race/ethnicity and gender data. There are also special rules which apply in cases involving affirmative action.

Diversity surveys are common.

New York

- •Yes applicants and employees
- Only on a voluntary basis that specifies it is voluntary.

Holland & Knight

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- Sexual orientation
- •Ethnic origin
- Religion
- Disability
- Age
- Socioeconomic status
- Social mobility
- •Any and all information gathered in this area would have to be done purely on a voluntary basis. It is not recommended to gather information on familial or parental status.

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

Only designated employees

Yes, although the precise length is not clear under state law which simply requires that data must be disposed of within "a reasonable amount of time".

It Is not clear under state law. No NYspecific laws on crossborder data transfers. Federal law requires all large employers (100+ employees) to collect and report race/ethnicity and gender data. There are also special rules which apply in cases involving affirmative action.

Any and all information gathered in this area would have to be done purely on a voluntary basis and nothing other than race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin. disability, and current or former military status can be gathered.



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Oregon

Yes – applicants and employees

Miller Nash

•By individual's name

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Pseudonymised

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Sexual orientation

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Religion

Disability

Age

Socioeconomic status

Social mobility

•Familial/Parental status

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

Only designated employees

Federal law requires all large employers (100+ employees) to collect and report race/ethnicity and gender data. There are also special rules which apply in cases involving affirmative action.

There are restrictions on the types of questions employers can ask when hiring an applicant, and information employers can require employees to provide. Employees should not be required to disclose: protected class status, salary/pay history, credit history, current employment status; and criminal convictions.

Pennsylvania

Yes – applicants and employees

Duane Morris

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Sexual orientation

•Ethnic origin

Disability

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

Only designated employees

Yes. A minimum of 3 vears.

Federal law requires all large employers (100+ employees) to collect and report race/ethnicity and gender data. There are also special rules which apply in cases involving affirmative action.

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Texas

Yes – applicants and employees

Carrington Coleman

•By individual's name

Anonymised

Pseudonymised

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Sexual orientation

•Ethnic origin

Religion

Disability

Age

Socioeconomic status

Social mobility

•Familial/Parental status

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Access to underlying data

Only designated employees

Yes. In general, private employers must retain personnel and employment records for one year.

Federal law requires all large employers (100+ employees) to collect and report race/ethnicity and gender data. There are also special rules which apply in cases involving affirmative action.

Employers should consider keeping results anonymous to encourage employees to answer truthfully.

Washington

Yes – applicants and employees

Miller Nash

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Access to underlying data

- Only designated employees
- Washington law requires that the data be stored in a manner accessible only on a need to know basis.

Yes

•EEO Data Forms should be retained for the period of termination plus 3 years. WA is less restrictive so best practice is to follow the federal auidelines.

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Washington D.C.

Lathrop GPM

Yes – employees only

By individual's name

Gender

•Ethnic origin

Storage

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Access to underlying data

Only designated employees

Yes. Minimum of three years or the prevailing federal standard.

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Wisconsin

Lathrop GPM

Yes – employees only

By individual's name

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- Age
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Access to underlying data

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Storage

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Access to underlying data

Only designated employees

Yes, data can only be kept for as long as necessary for the purposes for which it was collected.

Organizations should notify individuals if their information will be sent to another jurisdiction for processing, and that once their information is transferred it could be accessed by law enforcement agencies, courts or national security authorities of that jurisdiction.

The collection of data from employees in the workplace to monitor diversity and equity is encouraged as a best practice in Canada to promote human rights equality and equity and to prevent or address systemic barriers to access opportunities and to address discrimination in the workplace. Diversity and Inclusion surveys are becoming increasingly more common amongst employers and diversity and inclusion are becoming more common considerations in the selection of suppliers.

Federal works, undertakings or businesses may be required to collect some of this data pursuant to employment equity legislation and/or to promote equality, equity, remove systemic barriers and prevent systemic discrimination in the workplace.

Public sector employers may be subject to additional legislation surrounding the collection, use and disclosure of such information.



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Alberta

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There are no other specific rules.

See under Federal.

British Columbia

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Ontario

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Saskatchewan

Yes – applicants and employees

Anonymised

Pseudonymised
Survey conducted by a third party, employer would see only aggregated data •Gender

Sexual orientation

•Ethnic origin

Religion

Disability

•Age

•Socioeconomic status

•Social mobility

•Familial/Parental status

 Any other – please specify: race, sex, place of origin, colour, citizenship, education, ancestry, nationality, gender expression, gender identity, creed, record of offences Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

Only designated employees

Yes, data can only be kept for as long as necessary for the purposes for which it was collected.

There are no other specific rules.

See under Federal.

Answers provided by Miller Thomson LLP and Shibley Righton LLP

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Australia

Yes – employees only

Macpherson Kelley

•By individual's name

- Anonymised
- Pseudonymised Survey conducted by a third party, employer would see only aggregated data
- •Gender
- Sexual orientation
- •Ethnic origin
- Religion
- Disability
- Age
- Socioeconomic status
- Social mobility
- •Familial/Parental status

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

 Only designated employees Potentially others as needed but only with consent and appropriate disclosures.

Yes. When it is no longer necessary or required for the (lawful) purpose for which it was collected.

There may be an ability to share data across borders, especially amongst entities within a corporate group, but there are a number of restrictions and exemptions (at both State and Federal level) which need to be considered and, if permissible, steps to be taken that will depend on the type of data.

The conduct of diversity surveys should be carefully considered in both its planning and implementation. There needs to be a permissible purpose and collecting, using and holding this type of data does bring risk.

China

Yes – applicants and employees

JunHe

- •Bv individual's name
- Anonymised
- Pseudonymised
- •Survey conducted by a third party, employer would see only aggregated data
- •Gender
- Sexual orientation
- •Ethnic origin
- Religion
- Disability
- Age
- Socioeconomic status
- Social mobility
- •Familial/Parental status

Storage

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Access to underlying data

 Only designated employees

Yes. Reasonable time for the processing of the information.

Collection and retention must comply with requirements of the Personal Information Protection Law

It is not common for such types of information to be collected. Attempts by an employer may be interpreted as an invasion of privacy and/ or queries as to the motives of the employer for collecting the information.



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Cambodia

Yes – applicants and employees

Tilleke & Gibbins

- •By individual's name
- Anonymised
- Pseudonymised
- Survey conducted by a third party, employer would see only aggregated data
- •Gender
- Sexual orientation
- •Ethnic origin
- Religion
- Disability
- Age Socioeconomic status
- Social mobility
- •Familial/Parental status

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

•All employees Any party can have access to the data. provided the employee has provided his/her prior informed and written consent to this party having access.

There are no specific restrictions on transferring data out of the jurisdiction, but regard should be had to the requirements of the general data protection framework in Cambodia. Diversity surveys are not common in Cambodia; however, their use would not contravene Cambodian law.



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7. Any other comments

Hong Kong

Yes – applicants and employees

Howse Williams

- •By individual's name
- Anonymised
- Pseudonymised
- Survey conducted by a third party, employer would see only aggregated data
- •Gender
- Sexual orientation
- •Ethnic origin Religion
- •Disability
- Age Socioeconomic status
- Social mobility
- •Familial/Parental status

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

 Access is restricted to those classes of people whom the data subject has provided express consent. The data subject may also access his/her own personal data with a data access request.

Yes. Personal data should not be kept longer than is necessary for the fulfillment of the purpose for which the data is used, unless erasure is prohibited by law or is not in the public interest.

Legislation to prohibit the transfer of data outside of Hong Kong (unless certain conditions are met) has been issued but is not yet in force. Nevertheless, businesses are advised to implement policies which reflect its requirements.

Diversity surveys are not common because of the restrictive nature of Hong Kong privacy and antidiscrimination laws.



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7. Any other comments

India

Yes – applicants and employees

Kochhar & Co

- •By individual's name
- Anonymised
- Pseudonymised
- •Gender
- Sexual orientation
- •Ethnic origin
- Religion
- Disability
- •Age
- Socioeconomic status
- Social mobility
- •Familial/Parental status
- •While it is not legally restricted, it is not usual for employers in India to seek data related to sexual orientation and socioeconomic status.

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

•Only designated employees

No. While no specific time limits are mentioned, the applicable regulations provide that sensitive personal information should be retained only for such duration as necessarily required.

There are no specific rules, but appropriate security measures should be implemented to ensure confidentiality of data, and consent is also likely to be required.

In the recent past, the aspect of diversity has gained the attention of employers in India (especially Indian subsidiaries of foreign MNCs) and some entities have initiated surveys to collect data on diversity.

Japan

Yes – applicants and employees

Ushijima & Partners

- •By individual's name
- •Anonymised
- •Pseudonymised
- •Survey conducted by a third party, employer would see only aggregated data
- •Gender
- •Age
- •Socioeconomic status
- •Familial/Parental status Gender, age, socioeconomic status and familial/parental status do not fall under personal information unless acquiring name as well, and therefore there is no regulation.

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

 Only designated employees Yes - data should be deleted as soon as it is no longer required.

Cross-border transfers of such data needs the consent of the data subject, in principle. Diversity surveys are rare in this jurisdiction.



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7. Any other comments

Laos

Tilleke & Gibbins

Yes – employees only

Anonymised

•Gender

•Age

•Socioeconomic status

Social mobility

•Familial/Parental status

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

•Only designated employees

Yes. The data must be kept according to the purpose for which it was collected.

No.

It is rather common; however, the law on electronic data collection remains ambiguous and subject to broad interpretation in this regard. Accordingly, it is important to ensure that consent was given prior to the collection of data.

Myanmar

Tilleke & Gibbins

Yes – employees only

•By individual's name

•Gender

•Ethnic origin

Religion

Disability

•Age

Socioeconomic status

•Familial/Parental status

•In addition to the above selections, employee data regarding educational background is generally permitted to captured by employers. Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

•Only designated employees

No. The ETL does not specify the time limits on retention of data.

Transfer of data requires the data subject's consent.

In Myanmar, diversity surveys are very rare, and issuing them is not a well-developed practice.



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7. Any other comments

New Zealand

Tompkins Wake

Yes – employees only

- A -- ---- ----
- AnonymisedPseudonymised
- •Survey conducted by a third party, employer would see only aggregated data
- •Gender
- Sexual orientation
- •Ethnic origin
- Religion
- Disability
- •Age
- •Socioeconomic status
- Social mobility
- •Familial/Parental status

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored. Data must be stored securely.

Access to underlying data

•Only designated employees

Nc

Cross-border transfers are permitted provided the receiving country has comparable legal safeguards for data. Data should not be collected for any purpose that could be considered discriminatory. Diversity surveys are not commonplace in New Zealand but are sometimes utilised in the public sector and in larger privately owned workplaces.

Philippines

SyCip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan

No

N/A

N/A

Storage

NI/A

Access to underlying data

N/A

N/*i*

NI/A

Collecting diversity information should be undertaken with great care in the Philippines. While there has been some acceptance of minority sectors, there are still sections within Philippine society that may have generally negative views towards certain minority sectors. For examples, the Philippines is a largely Catholic country, and there remain to be some prejudices against the LGBTQIA+ which may make them hesitate in responding truthfully to diversity surveys.



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Singapore

Yes – applicants and employees

Quahe Woo and Palmer

- •By individual's name
- Anonymised
- AnonymisedPseudonymised
- •Survey conducted by a third party, employer would see only aggregated data
- •Gender
- Sexual orientation
- •Ethnic origin
- •Religion
- Disability
- •Age
- Socioeconomic status
- Social mobility
- •Familial/Parental status
- •Any other data that is appropriate in the circumstances and purposes for which the survey is being conducted, and to which the person providing the data has consented.

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

 Only designated employees
 Individuals who have provided their personal data must also have access to their own personal data. Yes. The time limit is determined by reasonableness. The data cannot be retained longer than what is reasonably necessary for the purpose that such data was collected.

Data can be transferred outside Singapore, but the same data protection requirements must still apply to the data.

Although personal data may be collected with consent of the employee or applicant. the Tripartite Guidelines on Fair Employment Practices recommends removing fields on age, gender, race, religion, marital status, family responsibilities, disability and mental health status in job application forms. If information that may be viewed as discriminatory is required, reasons for collecting such information should be clearly stated.

The Ministry of Manpower regularly conducts diversity monitoring and has provided a Diversity Management Assessment for free-use, though this does not require the disclosure of any specific personal data of employees. Regardless, there is no available information on the frequency of diversity surveys conducted in Singapore.



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Thailand

Yes – applicants and employees

Tilleke & Gibbins

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- Anonymised
- Pseudonymised
- Survey conducted by a third party, employer would see only aggregated data
- •Gender
- Sexual orientation
- •Ethnic origin Religion
- •Disability
- Age
- Socioeconomic status
- Social mobility
- •Familial/Parental status

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

 Only designated employees

Yes, since 1 June 2022 data can only be retained for so long as it remains necessary to do so.

Data transfer is freely permitted where the destination country has "adequate personal data protection standards" in place. Transfers to other countries that do not have adequate personal data protection standards may still be permitted in certain circumstances (for example, transfers within group companies or affiliates that have an intra-group policy specifically approved by the Office of the PDPC).

Diversity surveys are not common in Thailand, except for organisations that have head offices, affiliates, or branches outside Thailand.



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Vietnam

Yes – applicants and employees

Tilleke & Gibbins

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- Sexual orientation
- •Ethnic origin
- •Religion
- •Disability
- •Age
- •Socioeconomic status
- Social mobility
- •Familial/Parental status
- •Any data can be captured provided the employer obtains the employee's prior informed written consent.

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

•All employees
•Any party can have access to the data, provided the employee has provided his/her prior informed and written consent to this party having access.

Nc

Currently, no restrictions provided the employee provides consent to intra-group cross-border data. However, there is a Draft Decree on Personal Data Protection which will impose significant restrictions if passed.

Diversity surveys are rare because of the concerns that data may be used improperly/for discriminatory purposes.

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Austria

Herbst Kinsky

Yes – applicants and employees

By individual's nameAnonymised

•Gender

ReligionDisability

•Age

Socioeconomic status

•Familial/Parental status

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

Only designated employees Yes. For applicants 6 plus 1 months, none for employees.

No if data transfer occurs pursuant to EU General Data Protection Regulation. Still rare.

Belgium

van Cutsem Wittamer Marnef & Partners

No

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Storage

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Access to underlying data

N/A

N/

N/A

Processing (sensitive) personal data for diversity purposes is not allowed under Belgian law, as a principle. There exists an exception in Brussels only by virtue of a Decree of the Brussels Government dated May 7, 2009.



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purposes of monitoring
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Bosnia and Herzegovina

Karanovic & Partners in cooperation with local lawyers

Employers are prohibited from Storage collecting or processing data which is not directly relevant to the specific post. As a consequence, it is generally not possible to conduct diversity surveys. Access to underlying data

Croatia

Ilej & Partners in cooperation with Karanovic & Partners

Yes – applicants and employees

Anonymised

- •Gender
- Sexual orientation
- •Ethnic origin
- Religion
- Disability
- Age
- •Socioeconomic status
- Social mobility
- •Familial/Parental status

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

 Only designated employees



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Cyprus

Michael Kyprianou & Co

No

Ν/Δ

N/A

Storage

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Access to underlying data

N/A

N/A

IN/A

Czech Republic

Rowan Legal

Yes – applicants and employees

- By individual's nameAnonymised
- Pseudonymised
- •Survey conducted by a third party, employer would see only aggregated data
- •Gender
- Disability
- •Age
- •Social mobility
- •The law is silent about the data that are permitted to be captured for diversity monitoring. However, the Czech Labour Code expressly prohibits the employer from collection of data about pregnancy. family and socio-economic situation, sexual orientation, origin, membership in trade union organization or political party or movement, religion or confession, unimpeachability (clean criminal record).

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

- Only designated employees
- •If anonymised, those data might be available without any restrictions.

Yes. In general, the data retention period shall not be longer than necessary

Employer should collect DPIA, because in case of disability employer will process special category of personal data about their employees. Additional obligations arise when data are transferred outside the EEA, an adequate level of protection under GDPR must be ensured.

In Czech Republic diversity surveys are rather rare.



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Denmark	<u>Advokatgruppen</u>					
No	N/A	N/A	Storage	N/A	N/A	N/A
			N/A			
			Access to underlying data			
			N/A			
France	Racine Avocats					
No	N/A	N/A	Storage	N/A	N/A	N/A
			N/A			
			Access to underlying data			
			N/A			



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Germany

Yes – applicants and employees

Heussen

Anonymised

Gender

- Sexual orientation
- •Ethnic origin
- Religion
- Disability
- Age
- Socioeconomic status
- Social mobility
- •Familial/Parental status
- Exception: data on disability can be captured by individuals name (employees only) after 6 months of service.

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

 Only designated employees

Yes. Data should be kept for no longer than is needed. It is suggested that the data be retained during the course of employment (assuming this is needed for ongoing analysis and that consent has not been withdrawn at any point) and a period of no more than 1 year following the termination of employment to allow any final analysis to be carried out.

In Germany no additional safequards have to be in place to support a data transfer into the UK with an adequacy decision being in place. This adequacy decision has only to be mentioned in the privacy notice. For data storage and processing by US providers additional safeguards have to be in place such as the conclusion of Standard Data Protection Clauses. This has to be mentioned in the privacy notice. With the Schrems 2 judgement additional security measures have to be in place to support the Standard Data Protection Clauses.

In Germany, there is sensitivity about databases where physical, cultural and ethnical distinctions including detailed information about sexual preferences are systematically collected and stored. It is also unusual in Germany to ask about socio-economic status. In general, it is recommended that the communication with German employees should be carefully planned including explaining the purpose of the project and its worldwide scope, why the data is required and making it clear that the data will never be used for hiring/firing/promotion purposes.



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7. Any other comments

Greece

Kelemenis & Co

Yes – employees only

•By individual's name

•Gender

Gender

Ethnic originReligion

• Neligion

•Disability

Age

•Familial/Parental status

•These are sensitive private data and EU and local (as transposed) rules apply.

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

•All employees

•An employee may access the data maintained by the employer and relating to him/her; not to other employees Yes

The GDPR regulation is the guide for retention and processing.

Diversity surveys are not common. Any processing should follow GDPR rules.



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7. Any other comments

Italy

Yes – applicants and employees

Jenny Avvocati

- •By individual's name
- Anonymised
- Pseudonymised
- •Survey conducted by a third party, employer would see only aggregated data
- •Gender
- <u>•Et</u>hnic origin
- •Disability
- •Age
- Social mobility
- •Familial/Parental status

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

•Only designated authorised persons (may be employees), storage must comply with the GDPR. Yes. Time limit to be assessed based on the principles set by the GDPR.

Limits to the processing set by Law 300/1970 i.e. prohibition to investigate (i) on employees' opinions (so that no religious, political or philosophical beliefs can be monitored) (ii) on facts that are irrelevant for the assessment of the professional aptitude of the worker Monitoring of disability is permitted in relation to the minimum quotas of disabled employees set by law.

Albeit uncommon, diversity monitoring is not prohibited as such, provided that the data processing is proportionate and carried out for legitimate purposes.



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7. Any other comments

Ireland

Yes – applicants and employees

Philip Lee LLP

Anonymised

•Gender

Sexual orientation

•Ethnic origin

Religion

Disability

•Age

Socioeconomic status

Social mobility

•Familial/Parental status

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

 Only designated employees Yes. Data can only be kept for as long as necessary to meet the purpose for processing. From a data protection perspective, the rules on international transfers of personal data would apply.

Diversity surveys are not commonly employed in Ireland. Among other things, an employer may not wish to put itself on notice that an employee falls within a particular category. By way of a straightforward example, an employer may not wish to put itself on notice that an employee has a disability - once an employer does this, any decision (such as to dismiss) could be challenged for discriminatory reasons. The same applies to varying degrees to the other categories (although, obviously, some are self-evident).



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6. Are there any other specific rules which apply? eg relating to intra-group cross-border transfers of such data

7. Any other comments

Luxembourg

Yes – applicants and employees

Kleyr Grasso

Anonymised

•Gender

Sexual orientation

•Ethnic origin

•Religion

Disability

•Age

Socioeconomic status

Social mobility

•Familial/Parental status

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

•Only designated employees

No. As only anonymised data can be collected and treated, there is no limit to the retention of anonymised data.

No restriction as the data is anonymised.

The employer must provide the staff delegation and the equality delegate every six months gender-disaggregated statistics on the recruitment, promotions, employee transfers, dismissals, remuneration and vocational training (article L. 414-3 (2) of the Labour Code).

Such surveys are not market practice but can happen if a Luxembourg company is part of an international group.

Montenegro

Karanovic & Partners in cooperation with local lawyers

Yes – employees only

Anonymised

•Gender

•Age

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

•Only designated employees except for statistical data on gender based equality which is public. Nc

No other specific rules apply where the data is collected/ further processed in an anonymised form.

Collection of additional data is not common and might be interpreted as intrusion to privacy of employees.

Generally speaking, when conducting diversity surveys, the employer should always bear in mind that each act of processing (including the survey process) must comply with the rules of the Montenegrin Law on Protection of Personal Data (unless where the data is rendered anonymous).



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5. Are there time limits on retention of data?

6. Are there any other specific rules which apply? eg relating to intra-group cross-border transfers of such data

7. Any other comments

Netherlands

Bosselaar Strengers

Yes – employees only

•Anonymised

•Pseudonymised

•Gender

•Sexual orientation

•Ethnic origin

Disability

Age

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

 Only designated employees No

Within the EU the GDPR applies. Outside the EU an appropriate level (to compare with GDPR) of protection has to be guaranteed. The European Commission has a list of countries that have an appropriate level of protection. Another possibility is a set of corporate binding rules that apply within the group and that are compliant with the GDPR.

In the Netherlands diversity surveys are encouraged by the government. The Social Economic Board (SER) has established a Diversity Charter (https://www.ser.nl/nl/thema/diversiteitinbedrijf/english/diversity-charter). A company can become a member of the Charter Diversity (at no cost) and membership gives acces to support and a relevant network.



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6. Are there any other specific rules which apply? eg relating to intra-group cross-border transfers of such data

7. Any other comments

North Macedonia

Karanovic & Partners in cooperation with local lawyers

Yes – applicants and employees

Anonymised

•Gender

•Sexual orientation

•Ethnic origin

•Religion

Disability

•Age

•Socioeconomic status

Social mobility

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

 Only designated employees No

Anonymised data would no longer be considered as personal data, so local regulation on cross-border data transfers shall not apply. Please note that employers in general are not allowed to require employees to provide data on the family: marital status and family planning. Any provision of data of the aforementioned types should be on purely voluntary basis and the employer may not oblige data subject to provide these data, regardless whether it is anonymous or not. In addition, it would be uncommon for our market to collect data on sexual orientation, social mobility and socioeconomic status. Anonymized data would not be considered as personal data and would not fall under the data protection regime. Local legislation is harmonised with the GDPR in that respect. Therefore, employers are strongly advised to avoid processing of sensitive categories of personal data, unless there is a valid legal ground for such processing.



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7. Any other comments

Northern Ireland

Millar McCall Wylie

Yes – applicants and employees

•Anonymised

GenderReligion

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

 Only designated employees No

General UK GDPR rules apply. Consequently, as individuals should not be identifiable from the data, there will normally be no restrictions on the transfer of those data.

NI has specific legislation in place (Fair Employment and Treatment (NI) Order 1998 and the Fair Employment (Monitoring) Regulations (NI) 1999 which regulates the monitoring of employees, applicants, apprentices and, in certain cases, promotees and leavers. One duty created by the legislation is to carry out an Article 55 Review every 3 years to determine if one section of society is being excluded from employment and, in that case, to take pro-active steps to rectify the issue.



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Poland

WKB Wiercinski, Kwiecinski, Baehr

Yes – applicants and employees

- Anonymised
- Pseudonymised
- •Survey conducted by a third party, employer would see only aggregated data
- •Gender
- Sexual orientation
- •Ethnic origin
- •Religion
- •Disability
- DisabilityAge
- Socioeconomic status
- •Social mobility
- •Familial/Parental status

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

 Only designated employees No. There is no prescribed retention period in respect of the processing of diversity data in Poland. Standard GDPR principles apply. However, please note that there is no clear guideline of case law in this regard.

Under the Polish Labour Code, it is permissible to process special categories of personal data of a candidate or an employee only if data are provided on the employee's or candidate's own initiative. It is considered that even informing about a possibility to provide data (e.g. informing about the possibility to participate in diversity monitoring) may be qualified as obtaining data on the employer initiative rather than on employee's or candidate's own initiative.

Risk for obtaining data on gender is considered to be low. Risk of obtaining other diversity data categorised as special caterogies of data considered to be medium. It is still possible to notify employees and candidates about the analysis, but with strong safeguards to mitigate the risks.

Also, due to the imbalance of power between employer and employee or candidate, it is considered to be very difficult to meet the requirement of a "freely given" consent as required by the GDPR.

Portugal

employees

Yes – applicants and

Abreu Advogados

Anonymised

- •Gender
- •Sexual orientation
- •Ethnic origin
- Religion
- Disability
- Age
- •Socioeconomic status
- Social mobility
- •Familial/Parental status

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

•Only designated employees

Yes. As a rule 1 year after contract termination.

A GDPR intra-group mechanism must be followed.

Diversity surveys are rare and may only be conducted on an anonymised and strictly voluntary basis. The only diversity data that may be collected during recruitment - due to compliance with applicable legal diploma is disability. Upon recruitment it is also lawful to request family status, age, gender.



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Romania

Yes – applicants and employees

Tuca Zbârcea & Asociatii

- •By individual's name
- Anonymised
- AnonymisedPseudonymised
- •Survey conducted by a third party, employer would see only aggregated data
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- Sexual orientation
- •Ethnic origin
- •Religion
- Disability
- •Age
- •Socioeconomic status
- Social mobilityFamilial/Parental status
- Any other relevant data may be collected as long as the requirements of GDPR are

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored however storage rules should be evaluated on a case by case basis, in line with GDPR requirements.

Access to underlying data

•Only designated employees (unless purely statistical, in which case it can be open to the public) Yes. There is no standard retention limit set under local legislation. The duration of retention is to be determined on a case by case basis, depending on the type of processing, purposes pursued and form of output.

There are no specific rules provided under local legislation on this matter or any legal obligations justifying the processing of sensitive information in raw format. Consideration should be given to relevant GDPR requirements, on a case by case basis.

No local or cultural reasons apply. Diversity surveys are rather rare in this jurisdiction, and regularly undertaken on an anonymous basis. As stated, where sensitive data is involved, it is highly recommended to conduct such surveys in an anonymous format, without possibility of reversal.



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Russian Federation Yust Law Firm

Yes – applicants and employees

By individual's nameAnonymised

•Gender

•Sexual orientation

•Ethnic origin

•Religion

•Disability

•Age

•Socioeconomic status

•Social mobility

•Familial/Parental status

•Special categories of data like sexual orientation, origin, religion, status, disability may only be captured with a prior written consent of the employee. Such consent shall, inter alia, state the purpose of data capture, and it may be withdrawn at any time.

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

•Only designated employees

Yes. General approach regarding applicant / employee data: for applicants' data - 1 year, for employees' data - 50 years. However, retention of special categories of data should stop immediately after the purpose of processing is achieved.

A cross-border transfer of personal data in the absence of a special consent of a data subject is only allowed to countries which are parties to the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (ETS No. 108) or other countries providing adequate protection of personal data according to Russian authorities.

Diversity surveys are rather rare in Russia.

Serbia

Karanovic & Partners

Yes – applicants and employees

Anonymised

Gender

•Age

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

•Inspections and relevant authorities

NC

Transfers of data to countries with data protection laws which are considered to be "adequate" are freely permitted; the ability to transfer data to other countries is subject to certain restrictions, in accordance with general Serbian data protection law.

It is now mandatory to keep data (in anonymised and statistical form) about gender and age, but collection of other data is uncommon and likely to be seen as an invasion of privacy.



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Saudi Arabia

Yes – applicants and

employees

•By individual's name

Omar Alrasheed & Partners

•Gender

Ethnic originReligion

•Disability

•Age

•Socioeconomic status

•Familial/Parental status

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

Only designated employees No

No statutory rules/ regulations.

Diversity surveys are not common in Saudi Arabia.

Slovenia

Yes – applicants and employees •Anonymised

Gender

Disability

Age

Ketler & Partners, member of Karanovic

•Familial/Parental status

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

 Only designated employees Yes. General retention period is for the duration of the employment relationship, however certain information must be stored permanently. Generally, GDPR applies for all cross-border transfers. However, intra-group cross-border transfer is possible without GDPR limitations, if the data will be used for exercise of rights arising from employment. Pursuant to the Employment Relationships Act, discrimination based on any personal circumstance is prohibited. Employer is prohibited to ask an employee or a candidate regarding any personal circumstances other than the ones required for the exercise of rights arising from employment. Please note that diversity surveys are rare in Slovenia.



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Spain

Gimenez Torres Abogados | Ventura Garces

Yes – applicants and employees

Anonymised

•Gender

•Sexual orientation

•Ethnic origin

Religion

•Disability

Age

•Socioeconomic status

Social mobility

•Familial/Parental status

Storage

No restrictions on where data are stored.

Access to underlying data

•Only designated employees

Yes, four years.

As the data is anonymised, there are no specific rules for data protection regulations. Being confidential information, depending on the result, the company must decide whether to provide it or not, for its corporate and reputability image.

Diversity surveys are unusual, currently only carried out by large companies, and therefore employees are not accustomed to this type of question, so they often ask for explanations justifying the processing of their data and guarantees that it will be truly anonymised.

Switzerland

Bratschi

NI/A

Storage

N/A

N/A

N/A

Access to underlying data

N/A



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UK - England and Wales

Penningtons Manches Cooper | Shakespeare Martineau

Yes – applicants and employees

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- Gender
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- Disability
- Age
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- Social mobility
- •Familial/Parental status

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Access to underlying data

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Since 2017, many companies are obliged to collate and publish data in relation to their gender pay gap. Increasingly, businesses are voluntarily publishing pay gap data in relation to other characteristics (eg race). It is also becoming more common for businesses to conduct regular "pulse" surveys of their staff which include questions focused on diversity to monitor the effectiveness of D&I policies within the business.

Ukraine

Arzinger

Storage

In general, diversity surveys are rare in this jurisdiction.

Access to underlying data



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United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Yes – employees only

By individual's name

Alsuwaidi & Co

•Gender

•Ethnic origin

Religion

Age

•Familial/Parental status

Storage

Must be stored separately from other data.

Access to underlying data

•All employees

Yes. Employee data should be retained for at least 5-7 years after an employee leaves (resigned /terminated or retired). However in the event of accident or employment claim, it is advisable to keep for 10 years.

It should be as per UAE Personal Data Protection Law No. 45 of 2021. Diversity surveys are very rare in this jurisdiction.

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