

[Legal Update] Google transitions to data processor for reCAPTCHA starting Apr 2, 2026

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Hello 

We're writing to let you know that we'll be changing how we handle your data submitted to our **reCAPTCHA** service.

Starting on **April 2, 2026**, we'll be switching from acting as a data controller, determining how personal data submitted to **reCAPTCHA** may be used, to a data processor, processing the data strictly for your use in the reCAPTCHA service. This change enables you to have greater control over how your data is used.

We've provided a summary of the timeline and the steps needed to prepare for this change.

What you need to know

As part of the transition from data controller to data processor, the legal terms governing your and your customers' use of reCAPTCHA will change:

- Google will process your data in accordance with our [Cloud Data Processing Addendum](#).
- Your end customers' use of reCAPTCHA will no longer be subject to [Google's Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Use](#). The provisions in our [Google Cloud Platform Service Specific Terms](#) regarding reCAPTCHA will be updated to reflect this change.

Key changes:

No features or functionalities of the reCAPTCHA service will be impacted.

For more information, please see our [Switching Google's role with reCAPTCHA from data controller to data processor](#) blog.

What you need to do

Action required:

Starting **April 2, 2026**, if your website currently displays references to Google’s Privacy Policy and Terms of Use in connection with reCAPTCHA, you will need to remove those references from your website. See the [reCAPTCHA frequently asked questions](#) site for more information.

We’re here to help

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact [Google Cloud Support](#).

Thanks for choosing reCAPTCHA.

– The Google Cloud Team

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