

# **Electronic Signatures** in Papua New Guinea

Electronic signatures in Papua New Guinea are recognised and regulated under the Electronic Transactions Act of 2021. This legislation facilitates e-commerce transactions and provides a framework for the use of electronic signatures in Papua New Guinea.



In the Act, an "Electronic Signature" is defined as any symbol or data

in electronic form that is attached to or associated with a data message, used to identify the signatory and indicate their intent. Both standard and digital electronic signatures in Papua New Guinea are broadly accepted, ensuring the secure and efficient handling of digital transactions. The acceptance of electronic signatures in Papua New Guinea reinforces the country's commitment to modern and secure digital communication.

### Legality of Electronic Signatures in Papua New Guinea

The legality of electronic signatures is supported by Section 25(1) of the Electronic Transactions Act, which states that electronic signatures fulfill legal signature requirements for electronic records or data messages. SigniFlow's software complies with these legal provisions and ensures the reliability of electronic signatures as required by the Act.

Exclusions: Certain documents cannot be signed electronically,

- as outlined in Section 5 of the Act. These include:
- Transactions on regulated exchanges
- Foreign exchange transactions
- Inter-bank payment agreements or financial settlements
- Transfer of securities or financial instruments held with intermediaries

- Private law matters (e.g., marriages, divorce, wills) Powers of Attorney
- Trust documents (except constructive, implied, or resulting trusts)
- Documents needing notarisation
- Any documents specifically excluded by Papua New Guinea law

#### **Equal Treatment of Signature Technologies:**

Section 24 guarantees equal legal effect to all technologies used for electronic signatures, provided they satisfy the Act's requirements or other applicable regulations.

**Requirements for a Reliable Electronic Signature:** 

- Section 25(4) specifies that an electronic signature must:
- Be uniquely linked to the signatory
- Remain under the sole control of the signatory during signing
- Be alterable only in a detectable way
- Maintain the integrity of the signed information

## SigniFlow Electronic Signatures in Papua New Guinea

SigniFlow is a leading provider of electronic signature solutions in Papua New Guinea, offering a robust and secure platform tailored to the needs of businesses and individuals. Our electronic signatures fully comply with the Electronic Transactions Act of 2021, ensuring your digital transactions are legally binding and secure.

#### **KEY FEATURES OF SIGNIFLOW ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES INCLUDE:**

- Enhanced Security: Advanced encryption and authentication methods to protect your documents and signatures.
- User-Friendly Interface: Intuitive design that makes it simple for users to sign documents, no matter what their technical expertise, electronically.
- **Compliance:** Full adherence to local and international regulations, providing peace of mind that your electronic transactions are legally sound.
- Flexibility: Compatibility with various document formats and integration with various business applications.

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