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Highlights

This release features updates to Appendix A. Access and Privacy Legislation—Federal, Appendix B. Access and Privacy Legislation—Provincial, and Appendix SLL (Selected Legal Literature).

Access and Privacy Legislation—Federal—The following legislation was updated: *Access to Information Act*.

Access and Privacy Legislation—Provincial—The following legislation was updated:

- *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (British Columbia).
- *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Ontario).

Selected Legal Literature —The following Selected Legal Literature entries were added:

- The Expanding use of biometrics: privacy guidance for federal institutions by Paige Backman, Emily Chow and Michelle Slipanchuk, (Apr. 2026) 23 Can. Privacy L. Rev. 197-201, 2026.
- Ontario's IPC [Information and Privacy Commissioner] and OHRC [Ontario Human Rights Commission] issue principles for responsible AI [artificial intelligence] use by Irfan Kara ... [et al.], (Apr. 2026) 23 Can. Privacy L. Rev. 195-197, 2026.
- The [Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms] Section 32(1) analysis: clarifying Eldridge in light of York Region District School Board, by Kate Glover Berger, (2026) 9 Sup. Ct. L. Rev. (3d) 243-265, 2026.
- Rethinking the applicability of section 8 of the Canadian Charter [of Rights and Freedoms] for the information age and beyond, by François Tanguay-Renaud, (2026) 9 Sup. Ct. L. Rev. (3d) 143-168, 2026.