

Guidelines related to the Federal TikTok Ban

Mines students and employees who perform work under a federal contract, for example a funded research project, may not download a TikTok app or access a TikTok website on any device that is also used to work on the contract. This federal rule* affects not only university-owned computing equipment but also personally owned cell phones, computers, or tablets. Regardless of ownership, any device that is used to read and compose emails related to the contract, or to review and edit data, or draft reports in performance of the scope of work under a federal contract falls under the scope of this prohibition.

This prohibition applies to the presence or use of TikTok or any other app or service developed or provided by ByteDance Limited (a “covered application”) on:

- i. any information technology owned by the U.S. Government, or
- ii. any information technology used or provided by the contractor under a government contract, *including equipment provided by the contractor’s employees* (e.g., under a bring-your-own-device program).

As a reminder, students and employees are also [prohibited from purchasing telecommunications or video surveillance equipment from certain manufacturers](#) that will become university-owned property.

Please contact your friendly Research Integrity and Security team at exportcontrols@mines.edu if you have any questions.

*Federal contracting clause, [FAR 52.204-27 Prohibition on a ByteDance Covered Application](#), was published as an interim rule and took effect immediately, June 2, 2023. A final rule is anticipated later in 2023.