



Legal Alert

Update on compliance with Personal Data Protection Act, Cap.44, R.E 2023

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The Personal Data Protection Commission (“PDPC” or “Commission”) on behalf of the Minister for Communication and Technology Hon. Angellah Jasmine Kairuki has released public notice on 22 January 2026, reminding all entities that process personal data to comply with the Personal Data Protection Act, Cap. 44, R.E 2023 (“the Act”).

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The PDPC has extended the deadline for voluntary registration to **8 April 2026**. After this date, the Commission will initiate compliance inspection to determine whether institutions have fulfilled their obligations under the Act.

Members of the public, private sectors and all institutions are reminded that non-compliance with the Act may result to enforcement actions, including penalties and administrative sanctions. In the light of foregoing, all entities handling personal data must ensure that their operations, policies, and systems adhere to the requirements of the law.

The general public and all organizations are advised to take note of this directive and ensure timely compliance with the Act. Proper handling and protection of personal data is a legal requirement, and adherence helps promote privacy, accountability, and transparency.

To comply with the directive, entities should:

1. Register with Commission as a data controller, data processor, or both if they process personal data;
2. If already registered with the PDPC, submit quarterly reports in accordance with the Act;
3. Obtain and maintain a valid permit from the Commission before transferring personal data outside Tanzania;
4. Implement a transparent and efficient consent-management mechanism;
5. Adopt and enforce policies and mechanisms supported by appropriate technical and organizational measures to prevent data-privacy breaches; and
6. Establish and maintain accessible, efficient complaint-filing mechanisms.

How can we assist?

Our team will provide consultation and undertake all required compliance steps.



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