



UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION COMMISSION



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ON THE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE OF THE PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION ACT, CAP. 44

Dodoma – June 12, 2026.

The Personal Data Protection Commission (PDPC) wishes to inform the general public, data controllers and data processors, that the implementation and enforcement of the Personal Data Protection Act, Cap. 44 (the Act), has now become fully operational and legal actions are being implemented effective from 9th April, 2026, following the conclusion of the voluntary registration period of 8th April, 2026.

In accordance with the Act, no institution is permitted to collect or process personal data unless it is duly registered as a Data Controller or Data Processor. Any institution found collecting or processing personal data without the requisite registration shall be deemed to be in violation of the Act and may be subject to enforcement action, including penalties, fines, administrative sanctions or any other measures prescribed under the Act.

The Commission acknowledges and commends all institutions that successfully completed their registration during the voluntary compliance period. As of 8th April 2026, more than 14,000 institutions had registered with the Commission, demonstrating a strong commitment by stakeholders to safeguarding privacy and protecting the personal data of individuals. These institutions are required to maintain full compliance with the provisions of the Act, including the development of personal data protection policies and appropriate technical and organisational measures to safeguard personal data against unauthorized access, misuse, disclosure, alteration, or loss.

Notwithstanding this progress, the Commission has identified a number of public and private institutions in all sectors that continue to collect and process personal data without complying with the requirements of the Act, including sensitive sectors such as healthcare, finance and education. Such practices constitute a direct contravention of the law and pose significant risks to the privacy rights and personal data protection of individuals.

Accordingly, the Commission hereby issues the following directives:

1. Institutions that initiated the registration process but have not yet completed it are required to finalize their registration within seven (7) working days from the date of this press statement today 12th June, 2026;
2. Institutions that have not commenced the registration process are required to initiate and complete registration within seven (7) working days from the date of this statement today 12th June, 2026;

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3. All institutions are required to prepare for compliance inspections and audits, which have already commenced; and
4. All institutions must ensure that they have approved personal data protection policies and effective information security measures in place to safeguard personal data in accordance with the law.

The Commission reminds data subjects that they have the right to the protection of their personal data and privacy as guaranteed under the Act. Individuals are encouraged to exercise their rights and to submit complaints to the Commission where they suspect unlawful processing of personal data or violations of their privacy rights.

The Commission remains committed to providing guidance, public awareness, regulatory oversight, and stakeholder engagement to ensure that Tanzania maintains a robust personal data protection framework that safeguards individual rights, promotes responsible data governance, and strengthens public confidence in digital technologies and services.

To advance public awareness and stakeholder engagement, the Commission has organised the First National Data Privacy Conference, scheduled to take place from 29th June to 1st July, 2026 at the Mlimani City Conference Centre in Dar es Salaam. The Conference will bring together Data Protection Officers (DPOs), policymakers, regulators, industry leaders, legal and ICT professionals, academics, development partners, and privacy experts from Tanzania and beyond.

It will serve as a platform for sharing knowledge, discussing emerging issues and best practices, and strengthening collaboration in promoting a secure, trusted, and inclusive digital future aligned with Tanzania's Vision 2050.

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