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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION COMMISSION



PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMENCEMENT OF THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION ACT, CHAPTER 44 (PDPA) FOLLOWING THE DEADLINE FOR VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION ON 8 APRIL 2026

Dodoma – March 26, 2026

The Personal Data Protection Commission (PDPC) being the statutory authority established under the Personal Data Protection Act, Chapter 44, wishes to inform all institutions that collect or process personal data in Tanzania that the period for voluntary registration will come to an end on 8 April 2026.

It can be recalled that the Government provided sufficient time for voluntary registration of data controllers and data processors prior to the full enforcement of the Act. This period included:

1. An eight-month preparatory period granted by Her Excellency the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, during the launch of the Commission on 3 April 2024, running until 31 December 2024;
2. An extension issued by the Director General of the Commission from 1 January 2025 to 30 April 2025; and
3. A final extension granted by the Minister for Communication and Information Technology, Hon. Angellah Jasmine Mbelwa Kairuki (MP), on 8 January 2026, setting 8 April 2026 as the deadline for voluntary registration.

All these opportunities were intended to provide institutions with adequate time to prepare for full compliance with the Act.

The Act makes it mandatory to all institutions that collect or/and process personal data in delivering services across various sectors to register with PDPC. These include:

- Government institutions (Ministries, Agencies, Regulatory Authorities, Parastatals, as well as City, Municipal and Town Councils);
- The financial sector (banks, micro finance companies, insurance companies and organizations, social security funds, financial institutions, credit institutions and service providers);
- The health sector (all hospitals, health centres, dispensaries, polyclinics, laboratories, and registered pharmacies serving insured patients);
- The education sector (all schools, colleges, organizations and educational institutions);

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- The communications and ICT sector (mobile network operators, internet service providers, digital platforms, e-commerce businesses, and data centres);
- Additionally, all industries; construction institutions; providers of passenger, cargo, and courier transport services by air, land, and water; tourism companies; accommodation providers including hotels, lodges, BnB and guest houses; and companies offering legal, employment, accounting and auditing, marketing and advertising, cleaning companies and security services companies;
- Furthermore, civil society organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), international organizations, media houses, political parties, trade unions, religious organizations and their institutions, agricultural institutions, and cooperative societies.

Accordingly, the Commission informs the public that effective 9 April 2026, full enforcement of the Act will commence, and any person or entity found to be non-compliant will be subject to legal action in accordance with the Act which under Sections 60, 61, and 62, provides for penalties that include a fine of not less than TZS 100,000 and not exceeding TZS 20,000,000 for individuals, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years, or both. For institutions, fines range from not less than TZS 1,000,000 to not exceeding TZS 5,000,000,000, depending on the nature of the violation.

Before 8 April 2026, all institutions are required to ensure they have:

1. Appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO);
2. Registered with the Personal Data Protection Commission;
3. Developed and fully implemented personal data protection policies and guidelines;
4. Established secure systems for the collection, storage, and processing of personal data; and
5. Prepared and submitted quarterly compliance reports as required by law.

The Commission emphasizes that compliance with the Act is not optional. The current focus is on strict enforcement to safeguard the fundamental rights of citizens, particularly the right to privacy and the security of their personal data. All institutions are strongly urged to take immediate steps to ensure full compliance in order to avoid legal action, which will be undertaken without further notice.

Registration of data collectors and processors is conducted through the Registration and Complaints Management Information System (RCMIS), available at: <https://dataprotection.pdpc.go.tz> or via the Commission's website: www.pdpc.go.tz

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