

Important Notice: Registration of Data Collectors and Processors by the Personal Data Protection Commission

This communication is to inform you of a recent public notice issued by the Personal Data Protection Commission regarding the registration of data collectors and processors.

Who is required to register?

Under the provisions of the data protection regulations, entities that act as data collectors or processors are required to register with the Commission for Personal Data Protection. This includes entities that collect, store, process or use personal data in their operations.

It is important to note that “**personal data**” refers to any information that relates to an identified or identifiable natural person. This includes but is not limited to names, addresses, identification numbers, contact information, financial data, medical records, and biometric data.

Based on the above, it is quite clear that almost all companies are required to register with the Commission. This is solely because most companies (as employers) do collect personal data relating to their employees i.e., names, addresses, contact information, financial data, and even mandatory medical records. This is also true for companies that handle customer information, especially those engaged in hospitality (hotels, resorts, and camps), real estate, healthcare, telecommunication, fintech, banks, and other financial institutions. The amount of personal data collected and processed is significant hence a need to promptly register with the Commission.

Deadline

Further to the directive issued by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, the Commission has put a registration period of six months from the issuance of notice i.e., from April 2024.

Feel free to contact us and we will be happy to assist and guide you on this compliance aspect.

