

DPDP Act, 2023 — Know Your Deadline

A quick-reference guide to the phased commencement of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, under the MeitY notification G.S.R. 843(E) dated 13 November 2025.

PHASE 1 · IN FORCE NOW

Foundational & Enabling Provisions

Effective from the date of Gazette publication itself. Covers definitions, constitution and powers of the Data Protection Board, rule-making and repeal/savings provisions — the machinery needed before substantive duties kick in.

Sections in force: 1(2) · 2 (Definitions) · 18–26 (Data Protection Board) · 35 · 38–43 · 44(1) & 44(3)

13 NOV
2025

PHASE 2 · 1 YEAR OUT

Children's Data & Processing by State

Comes into force one year after publication. A narrow, targeted tranche covering one consent-manager obligation and one carve-out for State processing functions.

Sections in force: 6(9) (consent manager obligations) · 27(1)(d) (processing for State functions — specific class)

13 NOV
2026

PHASE 3 · 18 MONTHS OUT — THE BIG ONE

Core Compliance Obligations

This is the tranche that matters most for businesses: notice and consent requirements, data fiduciary obligations, data principal rights (access, correction, erasure, grievance redressal), significant data fiduciary duties, cross-border transfer rules, penalties, and appeals to TDSAT. Organisations should be operationally ready well before this date.

Sections in force: 3–5 · 6(1)–(8) & (10) · 7–10 · 11–17 · 27 (except 1(d)) · 28–34 · 36 · 37 · 44(2)

13 MAY
2027

Don't wait until the deadline is on top of you.

Check where your organisation stands against each DPDP Act milestone and get a clear, prioritised action plan.

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