

Nigeria Data Protection Regulation (NDPR) 2019

The Nigeria Data Protection Regulation sets rules for collecting, processing, storing, and transferring personal data to protect privacy in Nigeria.



What it is

The Nigeria Data Protection Regulation (NDPR) is a national data protection framework that establishes requirements for the collection, processing, storage, and transfer of personal data by organizations operating in Nigeria. Its primary purpose is to enhance data privacy, strengthen information security, and ensure individuals' rights over their personal information.

Issued by the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), NDPR applies to both public and private sector entities that process personal data of Nigerian residents. The regulation addresses areas such as privacy governance, data security controls, risk management, and compliance obligations for data controllers and processors.

At a glance

PUBLISHER

National Data Protection Commission (NDPC)

TYPE

Regulation

VERSION

Nigeria Data Protection Regulation (NDPR)

EFFECTIVE

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DOMAIN

Privacy

FAMILY

Global Privacy Regulations

REGION

Nigeria

ADOPTION MODEL

Regulatory Compliance

IMPLEMENTATION COMPLEXITY

High

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Why it matters

- **Strengthen data protection practices** Establish comprehensive policies and controls that ensure personal data is handled securely and ethically throughout its lifecycle.
- **Enhance regulatory compliance** Support consistent adherence to Nigerian legal requirements for data processing, reducing the risk of fines or enforcement actions.
- **Improve operational accountability** Require clear assignment of roles and responsibilities, resulting in greater oversight and transparency within data management processes.
- **Enable global privacy alignment** Foster harmonization with international privacy standards, facilitating cross-border operations and partnerships for Nigerian organizations.

How SmartSuite supports NDPR 2019

Data Processing Inventory and Classification

Maintain records of personal data processing, purposes, categories, and lawful basis.

Privacy Governance and Policy Management

Centralize NDPR policies, procedures, and approvals aligned to regulatory requirements.

Consent and Data Subject Rights Management

Track consent records and manage access, correction, and deletion requests.

DPIA and Risk Evaluation

Conduct and track DPIAs, risk evaluations, and mitigation actions for high-risk processing.

Third-Party and Data Processor Oversight

Monitor vendors, contracts, and compliance obligations for data processors.

NDPR Compliance and Audit Filing Readiness

Provide dashboards showing compliance status, gaps, and readiness for NDPR audits and filings.

Common framework mappings

- APEC PF
- GDPR
- ISO 27001:2022
- ISO 27002:2022
- ISO 27701
- NIST Privacy Framework v1.0
- OECD Privacy Guidelines

Official resources

Nigeria Data Protection Regulation (NDPR)

Defines requirements for handling personal data by organizations in Nigeria.

ndpc.gov.ng/resources

NDPR Implementation Framework

Provides guidance for implementing NDPR compliance and governance measures.

ndpc.gov.ng/resources

NDPR Compliance Guidelines

Outlines the compliance procedures and obligations for data controllers and processors.

ndpc.gov.ng/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/NDP-ACT-GAID-2025-MARCH-20TH.pdf

NDPR Frequently Asked Questions

Answers common questions regarding the implementation and interpretation of NDPR.

ndpc.gov.ng/faqs

Frequently asked questions

What is the Nigeria Data Protection Regulation (NDPR) used for?

The NDPR is used to govern how organizations in Nigeria collect, process, store, and transfer personal data. It aims to enhance data privacy, ensure lawful processing, and protect the rights of individuals over their personal information.

Is NDPR compliance mandatory for organizations?

Yes, compliance with the NDPR is mandatory for all public and private sector entities that process the personal data of Nigerian residents. Organizations must meet the regulation's requirements to avoid regulatory sanctions and penalties.

Who does the NDPR apply to?

The NDPR applies to any organization—regardless of size—that collects, processes, or stores the personal data of individuals residing in Nigeria, whether the organization is based within or outside Nigeria.

What are the key data protection requirements of NDPR?

Key requirements include adopting privacy policies, implementing technical and organizational controls, ensuring data is processed lawfully and transparently, and facilitating the data subject rights of access, correction, deletion, and objection.

How should organizations implement NDPR controls?

Organizations should designate a Data Protection Officer (DPO), conduct data protection impact assessments, document and enforce privacy practices, and routinely monitor compliance through internal audits and training programs.

How does NDPR relate to other data protection frameworks like the GDPR?

The NDPR was influenced by global privacy standards, especially the GDPR, and shares similar principles such as data minimization, transparency, and individual rights. However, NDPR specifically addresses the Nigerian regulatory environment and local compliance requirements.

What are the ongoing compliance obligations under NDPR?

Ongoing obligations include conducting annual data protection audits, maintaining up-to-date privacy policies, tracking and fulfilling data subject requests, and ensuring staff awareness and training regarding data protection practices.

How would SmartSuite support Nigeria Data Protection Regulation (NDPR)?

SmartSuite helps organizations manage NDPR compliance by enabling tracking of privacy risks, managing data protection controls, storing evidence of compliance activities, preparing for audits, and generating reports for regulatory submissions. It can also centralize privacy policy management and facilitate the documentation of requests related to data subject rights.

License included / downloadable: Yes Nigeria's Data Protection Regulation is publicly available through official government publications.

Full framework page and mappings: smartsuite.com/frameworks/nigeria-data-protection-regulation-ndpr-2019