



## OFFICE OF THE DATA PROTECTION COMMISSIONER

### STATEMENT ON REGISTRATION COMMENCEMENT FOR DATA CONTROLLERS AND DATA PROCESSORS

The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) wishes to create attention to the commencement of registration of Data Controllers and Data Processors **today Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022**. Entities submit their registration application electronically, using the online application portal developed and managed by the ODPC at <https://www.odpc.go.ke/> **from 1pm today**.

The Data Protection Act, 2019 requires that all data controllers and data processors register with the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner. However, this provision required regulations in order to give it necessary effect. The Data Protection (Registration of Data Controllers and Data Processor) Regulations, 2021 were published in the Kenya Gazette on 14 January 2022 and is set to come into effect today, the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022. This means that from today, there will be statutory requirement for any data controller and data processor processing (including collecting and storing data) of person's located in Kenya to register with the ODPC.

Public and private entities, including individuals, that deal with personal data will be expected to register. This will also include the not for profit entities and religious institutions. Our Office has published a Guidance Note on Registration of Data Controllers and Data Processors that aims to act as a practical guide for compliance with the statutory obligations for registration.

Registration is an important element of compliance with the data protection legislation as organizations cannot act as Data Controller or Processor in Kenya unless they have registered with the ODPC.

Visit <https://www.odpc.go.ke/> for more information on the registration requirements.

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**NAIROBI Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, July 2022**