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DIGITAL PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

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Regulator: Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India

Subject: Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Rules, 2025

The Government of India has officially notified the **Digital Personal Data Protection Rules**, **2025**, thereby operationalising the DPDP Act, 2023 and establishing the statutory compliance framework for organisations handling personal data. These rules define mandatory standards on consent, security, breach reporting, retention, and individual rights.

Rules 1, 2 and 17-21 take effect from 14 November 2025, while Rules 3, 5-16, 22 and 23 come into force after an 18-month transition period—giving organisations a limited window to build and implement their privacy and data governance systems.

Key Compliance Requirements for Organisations (Under DPDP Rules 2025)

1. Clear & Independent Consent Notices

Consent requests must be presented in a clear, accessible manner, separate from other terms and conditions, with easy withdrawal options

2. <u>Mandatory Registration & Duties of Consent Managers</u>

Entities offering consent management services must comply with obligations specified under Schedule 1, Part B.

3. <u>Security Safeguards for Personal Data</u>

Organisations must implement reasonable security controls including encryption, access control, logging, and breach detection mechanisms.

4. <u>Breach Notification Obligations</u>

Any personal data breach must be reported promptly to the Data Protection Board and the affected users.

5. <u>Data Retention & Deletion</u>

Personal data must be erased once the purpose is fulfilled, unless retention is required by law.

6. <u>Children's Data Processing Requirements</u>

Processing of personal data of children requires parental consent and strengthened safeguards; certain restricted exemptions may apply.

7. Rights of Data Principals (Users)

Individuals are entitled to rights relating to access, correction, erasure, grievance redressal, and nomination for their data.

8. <u>Duties of Significant Data Fiduciaries (SDFs)</u>

SDFs must conduct Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA), periodic audits, and risk evaluations.

9. <u>Cross-Border Data Transfers</u>

Transfers are permitted only to jurisdictions notified by the Central Government.

10. Constitution & Powers of the Data Protection Board

The Rules outline the structure, appointment, functioning, and digital processes for the Board's operations and inquiries.

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Rule No.	What the Rule Covers
Rule 1	Short title & commencement — Rules named DPDP Rules 2025.
Rule 2	Definitions — Meaning of terms like consent, user account, verifiable identifiers etc.
Rule 3	Consent notice requirements must be clear, independent and easy to withdraw.
Rule 4	Registration & obligations of Consent Managers. (1 st schedule Part B)
Rule 5	Government processing of data for subsidy, benefits, certificates, licensing.
Rule 6	Reasonable security safeguards: encryption, access control, logging, breach detection.
Rule 7	Intimation of personal Data breach: Must inform the Board and users within time.
Rule 8	Data must be deleted once the purpose ends.
Rule 9	Public availability of Data protection officer contact: Must be visible on website/app.
Rule 10	Consent verification for children's personal data.
Rule 11	Consent for processing of personal data of a disable person with a lawful guardian
Rule 12	Some where exemptions children's data can be processed under restricted basis.
Rule 13	Duties of Significant Data Fiduciaries: DP impact assessment, audits, risk evaluation.
Rule 14	Data principal rights: access, correction, erasure, grievance, nomination.
Rule 15	Cross-border data transfers allowed only to Govt-notified jurisdictions.
Rule 16	Exemption from act for research or statistical purposes.
Rule 17	Constitution of Data Protection Board — appointment structure.
Rule 18	Terms of employment of Board chairpersons and members.
Rule 19	Powers, meeting procedures, decision-making of the Board.
Rule 20	Functioning of Board as a Digital office: initiation of inquiry & consequent action.
Rule 21	Terms and conditions of appointment & service of the Board members (gratuity, leaves)
Rule 22	Appeals: Mechanism to challenge orders before Appellate Tribunal.
Rule 23	Power of Central Govt to call for information from fiduciaries/processors.

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