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Malaysia publishes its privacy reform timetable

A commencement notice makes 2025 a phased transition, rather than one universal start date.

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PDPA amendment dates are set

Gazette notice P.U. (B) 522 sets three commencement dates for the Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Act 2024. Sections 7, 11, 13 and 14 begin on 1 January 2025; sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 12 on 1 April; sections 6 and 9 on 1 June. The notice was dated 19 December and published on 24 December.

COMMENCEMENT NOTICE GAZETTED

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For a Malaysian organisation, the immediate task is to map each amended provision to the relevant process, owner and start date. Our reading: an accurate implementation register is more useful than saying simply that “the new PDPA starts in 2025.” A commencement notice supplies dates; the Act and subsequent guidance supply the substantive detail.

QUESTION TO ASK

Does the privacy work plan link each action to the actual provision and its commencement date?

WATCH / NEXT STEP

Prepare a three-stage calendar and check the underlying amendment text. Do not infer that all new responsibilities started on 1 January, or defer all work until the June phase.

READ THE ORIGINAL SOURCES

Personal Data Protection Commissioner · P.U. (B) 522, official PDF ↗

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