



DPDP for Global Companies

India's DPDP Act reaches any company offering goods or services to people in India — wherever it is incorporated, wherever its servers run (S.3(b)). The readiness essentials on one page.

■ Does It Apply To Us? (S.3(b))

- Yes, the moment people in India can sign up
- Free tiers and trials count — payment is not part of the test
- A name and email at signup is enough; apps count like websites
- Incorporation, server location and billing currency are irrelevant

■ Children Under 18 (S.9)

- A child is anyone under 18 — no member-state variation
- Verifiable parental consent before processing their data (S.9(1), R.10)
- Tracking + targeted ads at children barred OUTRIGHT — consent does not unlock it (S.9(3))
- No age-verification mandate — but no safe harbour for a self-declared age (up to ₹200 Cr)

■ Five Gaps A GDPR Programme Leaves

- Consent replaces legitimate interests as the primary basis (S.6)
- Notice offered in any Eighth Schedule language (S.5(3))
- Breach: notify without delay + 72-hour Board filing, no risk gate (R.7)
- Publish a rights-request channel + the identifier you need (R.14(1))

■ Myths, Partners & Dates

- No India entity or representative needed — no GDPR Art. 27 equivalent
- No data localisation for ordinary businesses (S.16 is a negative list)
- Vendors and SDKs need not be Indian — but you stay responsible (S.8(1)–(2))
- Substantive duties commence 13 May 2027 (R.1(4))



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