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NDPR COMPLIANCE GUIDE FOR NIGERIAN SMES - STARTBENCH LIMITED

A practical readiness checklist for Kano businesses

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1. WHY THIS MATTERS NOW

The Nigeria Data Protection Regulation (NDPR) and the Nigeria Data Protection Act 2023 are actively enforced by the Nigeria Data Protection Commission (NDPC). Every business that handles customer, student or patient data is in scope - not just banks and telecoms.

Penalties for non-compliance:

- Up to NGN 10,000,000 for smaller data controllers and processors.
- Up to 2% of annual gross revenue of the preceding financial year.
- Enforcement notices, public shaming and remediation orders.

2. THE 10-POINT NDPR READINESS CHECKLIST

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| [] | 1. Published privacy policy on your website, written in plain language. |
| [] | 2. Named Data Protection Officer (DPO) or equivalent contact published. |
| [] | 3. Lawful basis recorded for every type of data you collect. |
| [] | 4. Consent language on forms, WhatsApp lead capture and sign-up pages. |
| [] | 5. Data inventory: what you hold, where it sits, who can access it. |
| [] | 6. Encryption in transit (HTTPS) and at rest for sensitive records. |
| [] | 7. Access controls: staff only see the records they need. |
| [] | 8. Vendor review: hosting, payroll and SaaS partners have DPA terms. |
| [] | 9. 72-hour breach reporting process, tested at least once a year. |
| [] | 10. Retention rules: delete or archive data you no longer need. |

3. WHAT A VAPT SCAN COVERS

A Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Test (VAPT) shows you where an attacker would get in before they do. A standard Startbench scan includes:

- External attack surface: domains, subdomains, exposed services.
- Web application testing: injection, broken access control, misconfig.
- Network and server checks: unpatched software, weak passwords, open ports.
- Cloud and email security: SPF, DKIM, DMARC, storage bucket settings.
- Findings scored with CVSS and a prioritised, plain-English fix list.
- Free retest after remediation to confirm the issues are closed.

4. A SIMPLE 3-STEP PLAN FOR YOUR BUSINESS

STEP 1 - FREE 15-MINUTE SCAN (this week)

We check your website, email security and NDPR basics, then walk you

through what we found. No obligation.

STEP 2 - FIX WHAT MATTERS (1 to 3 weeks)

Choose the NDPR Compliance Pack and/or VAPT. We draft documentation, close critical gaps and hand you an audit-ready report.

STEP 3 - STAY COVERED (ongoing)

A managed retainer keeps monitoring active, trains staff against phishing, and gives you a quarterly risk report for your board.

5. WHO THIS GUIDE IS FOR

- SMEs and startups handling customer data online.
- Schools and training institutions holding student records.
- Hospitals and clinics holding patient information.
- Banks, microfinance banks and fintechs needing VAPT reports.
- E-commerce and logistics businesses operating across Northern Nigeria.

6. GET YOUR FREE 15-MINUTE SECURITY SCAN

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