

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
TANZANIA COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY
ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFIED



PUBLIC NOTICE

DECLARATION OF USE OF VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK (VPN)

The Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) is a regulatory body established under the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority Act No. 12 of 2003 for regulation of electronic and postal communication services in Tanzania.

PURSUANT to regulation 16(2) of the Electronic and Postal Communications (Online Content) Regulations, 2020, a person shall not render, possess or distribute technology, program, application or any other related thing that allows or helps users to have access to prohibited content, and;

PURSUANT to regulation 19(b) of the Electronic and Postal Communications (Online Content) Regulations, 2020, in carrying out its functions of regulating online content, TCRA has powers to take action against non-compliance to the Regulations including disabling access to prohibited content, and;

WHEREAS recently, TCRA has observed enormous access to prohibited content through the use of Virtual Private Network (VPN) contrary to the Regulations;

NOW THEREFORE, TCRA requires the general public, individuals, and companies who, by nature of their undertakings, the use of VPN is indispensable, to declare their VPN and all relevant information including IP address to the Authority by, or before 30th October, 2023 via <https://www.tcra.go.tz/vpn-details-form>.

TCRA will proceed to take regulatory actions against unauthorized use of VPN including disabling access to such VPN.

TCRA further reminds the general public that rendering, possessing or distributing technology, program, application or any other related thing that allows or helps users to have access to prohibited content is an offence punishable upon conviction, to a fine of not less than five million Tanzania shillings or imprisonment for a term of not less than twelve months or both.

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