

# The AI Act timeline of obligations: what applies when

**In short.** The AI Act takes effect in stages between 2025 and 2028. This timeline sets out which obligations apply on which date, and marks which dates are shifted by the Digital Omnibus agreement of 7 May 2026 — and which expressly are not.

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- What already applies
- What shifts: the high-risk obligations
- The legal state of play
- What this means in practice

## PRIMARY SOURCES

- <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1689/oj>  
Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 (AI Act), authentic text in the Official Journal; Article 113 contains the application dates.
- <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/regulatory-framework-ai>  
European Commission policy page on the AI Act, with the current state of implementation.
- <https://www.hoganlovells.com/en/publications/eu-legislators-agree-to-delay-for-highrisk-ai-rules>  
Analysis of the political agreement of 7 May 2026 delaying the high-risk obligations (Digital Omnibus).
- <https://www.aiactblog.nl/en/digital-omnibus>  
Continuously updated overview of the Digital Omnibus amendments and the status of formal adoption.