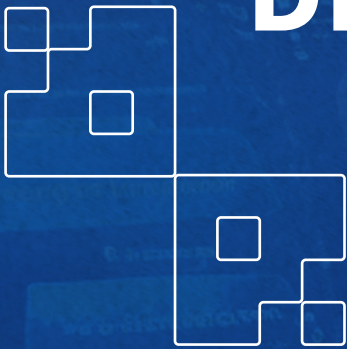


PAKISTAN'S

DIGITAL POLICY MILESTONES*



* This is not an exhaustive list and represents the major digital transformation policies in Pakistan.

1947
Radio Pakistan
Formed

1947
Pakistan Department of Post and Telegraph was established with 12,436 telephone lines

1991
Pakistan Telecommunications Corporation (PTC) established

1993
Dial-up internet and email services come to Pakistan

1994
Pakistan Telecommunication Ordinance establishes PTA as a regulatory authority. State-owned Pakistan Telecommunications Company Ltd. PTCL established as telephone and internet service provider.

1995
Broadband arrives in Pakistan

1996
MoITT introduces Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organisation) Act
PTC dissolved
Pakistan Telecommunication Authority Established as a regulatory body
National IT Board (NITB) established to implement National IT policy
National telecommunication Corporation established to provide telecommunication services and infrastructure to government and private sector

1999
Punjab Information Technology Board established

1999
2nd Generation mobile technology introduced by Mobilink

2000
National IT Policy and Action Plan launched to increase private sector IT growth

2000
National Database & Registration Authority (NADRA) formed

2003
Deregulation Policy for the Telecommunication Sector
PTCL privatised to stimulate infrastructure growth, private sector and local telecom services.

2004
Mobile Cellular Policy and broadband policy launched regulating mobile and broadband services at affordable rates

2006
Universal Service Fund established Providing internet and telecommunication services to the underserved.

2021
National Cyber Security Policy Launched to secure the entire cyberspace of Pakistan including all digital assets and data.

2018
Punjab IT Policy launched
Punjab IT policy, envisions Punjab as one of the top e-Governed, IT-enabled, e-Literate provinces in the region.
KP IT Policy Launched
KP releases its provincial Digital Policy aimed to make the province a national technology hub.
Ignite launches National Incubation Center in Quetta and Karachi

2017
Ignite launches the first National Incubation Centre in Lahore and Peshawar

2016
Ignite - National Technology Fund setup
The National Information Communications Technology Research and Development Fund, Ignite, under Telecommunications Policy launched to support digital skills, new technology and tech startups.

2015
Telecommunications Policy
First holistic piece of legislation to harness Pakistan's digital ecosystem.

2012
NADRA introduces computerized Smart National Identity Cards (SNIC)

2011
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Technology Board established

2020
Pakistan Right of Way Policy
Removes hurdles for telecommunication infrastructure extension in Pakistan.

2018
MoITT launches Digital Pakistan Policy
Digital strategy with a focus on emerging technology, entrepreneurship, innovation and youth.
Ignite launches largest online digital skills programme for youth reaching 300,000

2016
Ignite launches the first National Incubation Centre in Islamabad
National Incubation Center

2016
The Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act 2016 (PECA)
PTA to regulate digital content.

2014
Ministry of Planning launches Pakistan Vision 2025 recognising digitalisation is critical to human development and the SDGs
Introduction of mobile broadband including 3G and 4G

2021
National Broadband Policy Accelerates digital inclusion by aiming to provide universal access to high-speed affordable internet.

2021
Balochistan Digital IT Policy launched

2022
Sindh Digital Technology Board established

2022
Raast
Ignite launches National Incubation Center in Hyderabad, Faisalabad
State Bank of Pakistan rolled out Raast to make real-time payments

2022
National Data Protection Regulations policy sets framework for data protection and privacy in Pakistan by MoITT
Cloud First Policy MoITT MoITT moves government services to the cloud

2024
NADRA launches National Digital Wallet.

2024
PTA launches the Digital Gender Inclusion Strategy