

NPCI Extends Market Cap Deadline for UPI Apps

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Recently, the <u>National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)</u> extended the deadline for <u>Third-Party App Providers (TPAPs)</u> to comply with the **30% transaction cap** on <u>UPI</u> transaction volumes till **31st December**, **2026**.

- This decision impacts major TPAPs like PhonePe and Google Pay, which collectively hold over 80% of UPI transactions.
 - To comply with the 30% cap, TPAPs exceeding the limit must halt onboarding new customers.
- Background: In November 2020, NPCI introduced a cap of 30% on UPI transaction volumes
 per TPAP to mitigate concentration risks and ensure a balanced ecosystem. However, the
 deadline was extended in December 2022.
 - The cap is based on the average UPI transaction volume over the past three months, with existing TPAPs exceeding the cap given two years to comply in phases.
- NPCI: It was established by <u>RBI</u> and <u>Indian Banks' Association</u> under the provisions of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
- TPAPs: They are entities that offer UPI-based financial services through mobile apps or platforms, acting as intermediaries between users and banks (referred to as sponsor banks).
 - TPAPs are not part of banks or financial institutions.

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