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- · address risks specifically created by AI applications;
- prohibit AI practices that pose unacceptable risks;
- determine a list of high-risk applications;
- set clear requirements for AI systems for high-risk applications;
- define specific obligations deployers and providers of high-risk AI applications;
- require a conformity assessment before a given AI system is put into service or placed on the market;
- put enforcement in place after a given AI system is placed into the market; and
- establish a governance structure at European and national level.

The AI Act will enter force on the 20th day after its publication in the Official Journal, that is, on 1 August 2024. Most provisions will start to apply on 2 August 2026 but some rules will apply earlier:

- Prohibited AI systems will be banned from 2 February 2025.
- Penalties and the rules on general-purpose AI models will apply from 2 August 2025.

Next steps

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