

Circular No.: NSDL/POLICY/2026/0075

May 12, 2026

Subject: Facility for submission of VAPT compliance half yearly and Annual report in electronic form through e-PASS.

Attention of Participants is invited to NSDL Circular No. NSDL/POLICY/2025/0121 dated September 12, 2025 regarding 'Implementation of SEBI CSCRF circular w.r.t. VAPT Audit Report Submission.' wherein detailed guidelines were prescribed with respect to the conduct of (VAPT) Including the timelines for submission of VAPT reports for half-yearly and annual audits, the eligibility and norms for appointment of auditors, and the prescribed reporting formats, to be submitted annexure-wise, as specified therein.

In view of the above, Participants are hereby informed that NSDL has developed a facility for online submission of VAPT report through e-PASS portal.

The procedure for submission of VAPT Report through e-PASS portal is enclosed in **Annexure A**.

Further, Participants are requested to fix all the vulnerabilities reported in the initial VAPT report and conduct revalidation assessment. The compliance of closure of findings identified during VAPT shall be submitted to NSDL within 3 months post the submission of initial VAPT report.

The timelines for submission of the initial audit report and the action taken report (ATR) if any, have been specified as below: Report	Periodicity/ Frequency	Due date of submission	Action Taken Report (ATR) submission (if applicable)
Half yearly VAPT Audit Report (QSB - 'Protected systems' and/or CII by NCIIPC)	Half yearly (Audit Period October 2025 to March 2026)	30 th June	30 th September
Annual VAPT Audit Report (Non-QSB)	Annual (Audit period April 2025 to March 2026)	31 st July	31 st October

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Additionally, Participants shall email a copy of their VAPT reports to Dpaudit@nsdl.com in case they face any technical issues while uploading the report through the e-PASS application. However, the submission made through the e-PASS application shall be considered as the final submission.

Participants are further advised to note that non-submission of the Cyber Security Audit report within the specified timelines shall be treated as regulatory non-compliance and may attract penalty and/or further action, as per the NSDL Business Rules, as amended from time to time.

For any technical support in application, kindly email at epass@nsdl.com or call us on 022-69448491 / 022069448457

For Any checklist related clarification kindly email at dpaudit@nsdl.com or call us on (022-42165062 /38).

Participants are requested to take note of the same and ensure compliance.

**For and on behalf of
National Securities Depository Limited**

**Rakesh Mehta
Vice President**

Enclosure : One

FORTHCOMING COMPLIANCE

Particulars	Deadline	Manner of sending	Reference
Investor Grievance Report (Monthly)	By 10th of the following month	Through e-PASS	Para 22 of 'Grievance Redressal' chapter and Para 27 of 'Internal Controls/Reporting to NSDL/SEBI' chapter of NSDL Master Circular for Participants
Internal/ Concurrent Audit Report (half yearly)	May 15	Through e-PASS	Para 20.4 of 'Internal Controls/Reporting to NSDL/SEBI' chapter of NSDL Master Circular for Participants and Circular No.: NSDL/POLICY/2026/0054
Compliance report w.r.t Same Mobile number and/ or email address captured for multiple accounts. (Monthly)	Before 27th of following month	Through Email.	Para 26 of 'Miscellaneous' chapter of NSDL Master Circular for Participants.
Artificial Intelligence /Machine Learning Reporting Form (Annually)	Within three months of the end of the financial year	Through e-PASS	Para 10 of 'Internal Controls/Reporting to NSDL/SEBI' chapter of NSDL Master Circular for Participants

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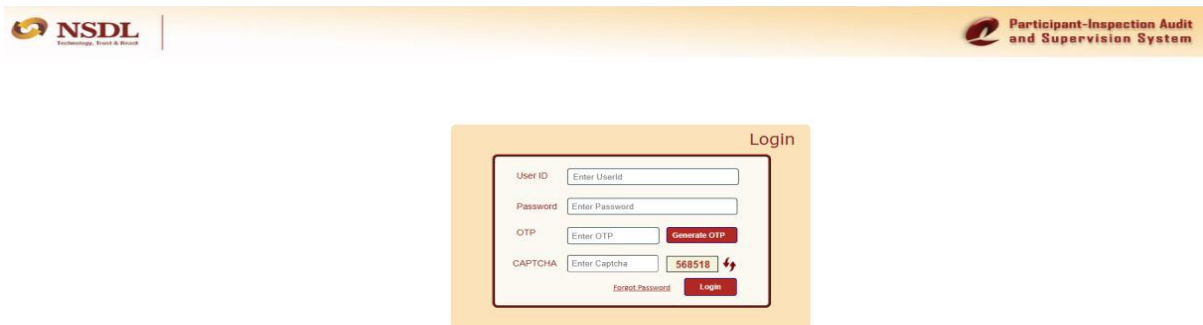
Annexure A

Guidelines to add the Auditor details and submit the half year and Annual VAPT Audit Report A]

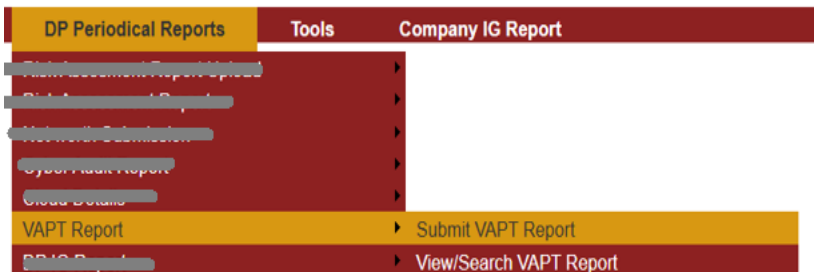
Guidelines to add the Auditor details:

Click on e-pass URL: <https://www.epass.nsdl.com>

1. Login into e-PASS by using DP Checker

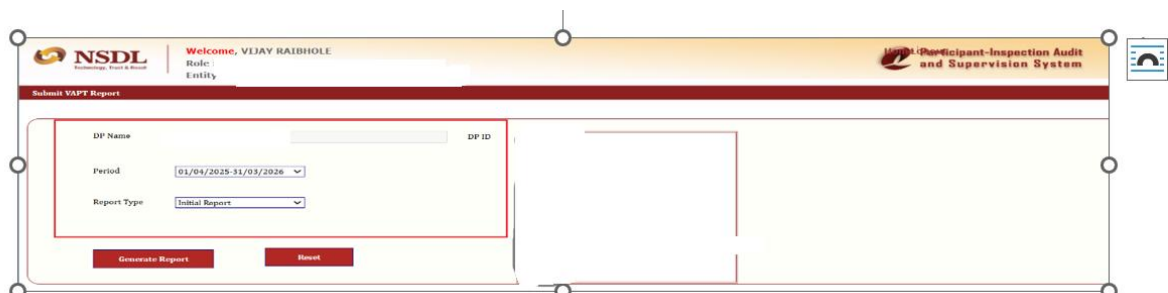


2. Click on VAPT Report. -> Click on Submit VAPT report



3. Select Period of VAPT conducted and click on generate report.

Annual VAPT report submission (April 2025 to March 2026)



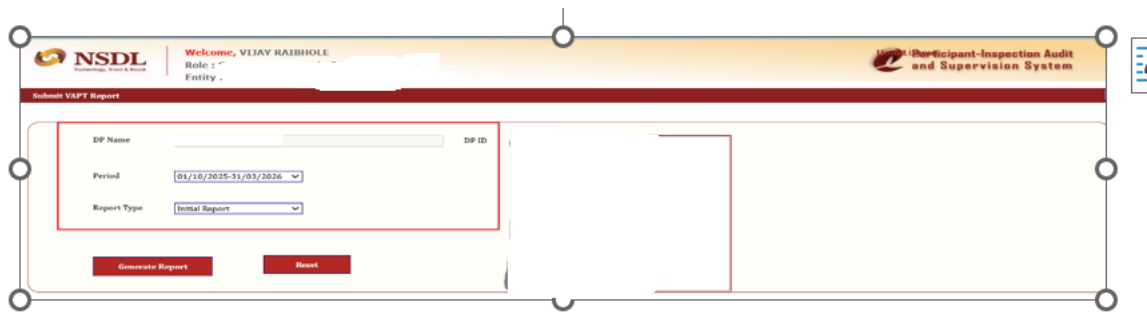
Half Yearly VAPT report submission (October 2025 to March 2026)

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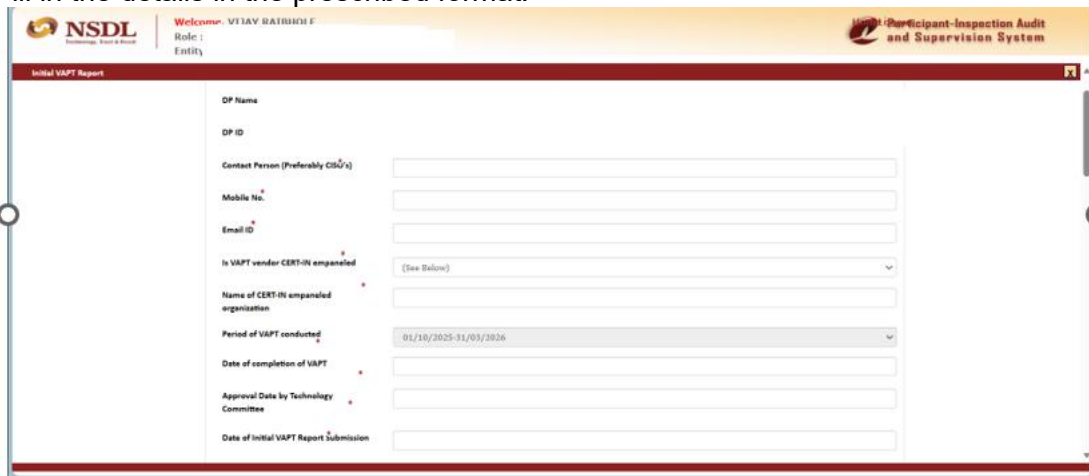
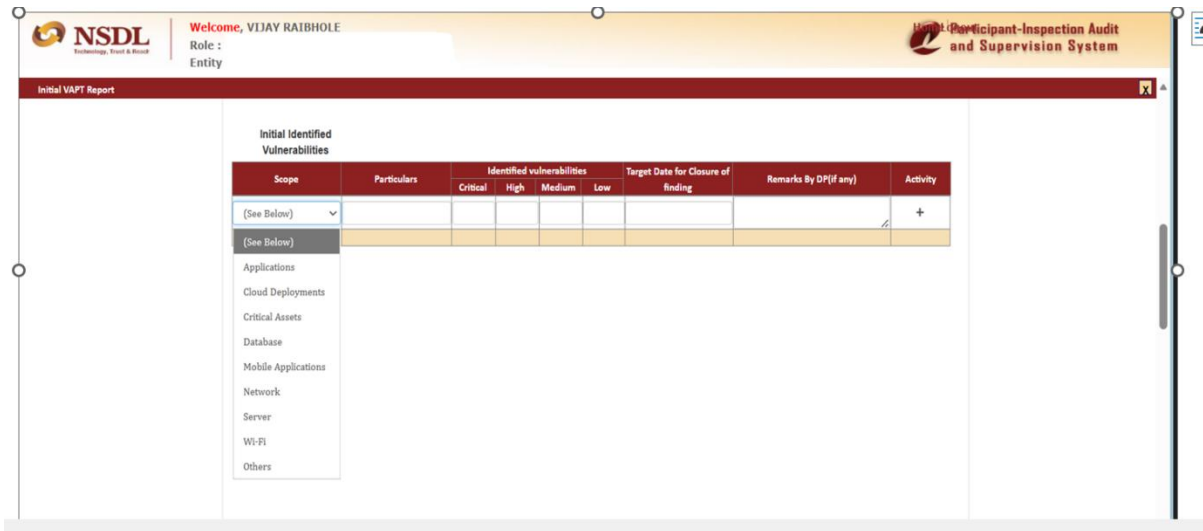


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4. Fill in the details in the prescribed format.

Scope	Particulars	Identified vulnerabilities				Target Date for Closure of finding	Remarks By DPI (if any)	Activity
		Critical	High	Medium	Low			
(See Below)								+
(See Below)								
Applications								
Cloud Deployments								
Critical Assets								
Database								
Mobile Applications								
Network								
Server								
Wi-Fi								
Others								

5. The duly signed declaration by the CERT-In empanelled auditor, along with the VAPT audit report, shall be submitted in the prescribed Annexure format in accordance with NSDL circular no NSDL/POLICY/2025/0121.

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6. Click on **SAVE DRAFT, VALIDATE AND SUBMIT** the report.

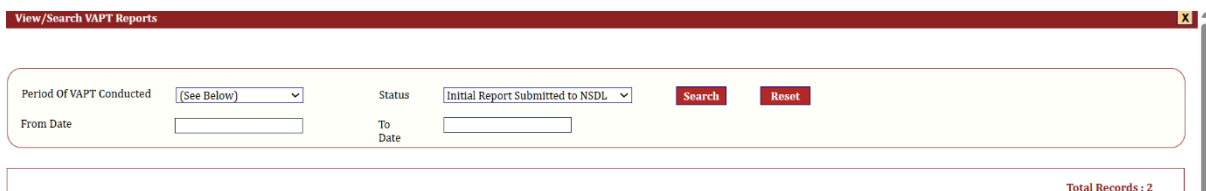


7. Participants are hereby informed that they shall submit the initial VAPT report and subsequently carry out the revalidation submission, as applicable. The aforesaid submissions shall be made through the VAPT / View Search Report tab available in the system, in accordance with the prescribed process and timelines.

www.pilot.epass.nsd.com says

Initial Report successfully submitted to NSDL .

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