



## The functional structure of the authorities involved in cybersecurity, under the Jordanian Cybersecurity Law

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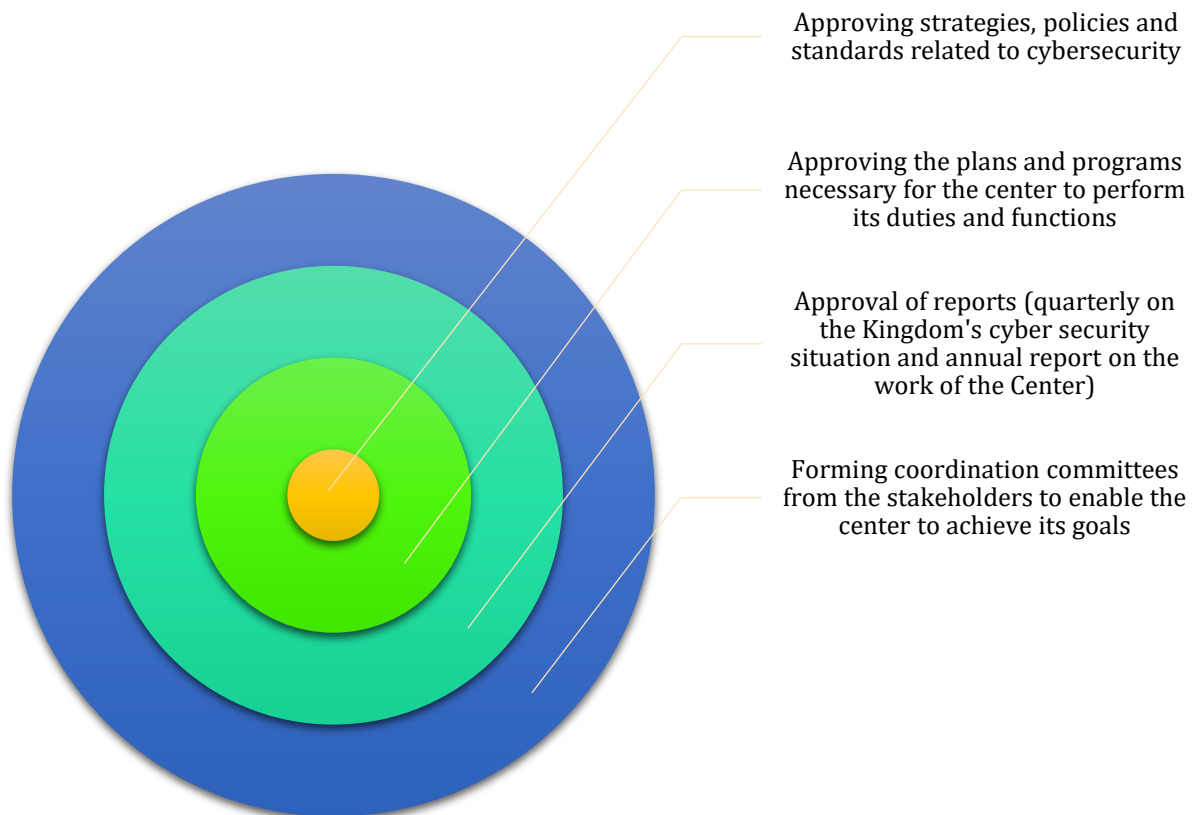
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# The National Council for Cyber Security

## Tasks and powers of the National Council for Cyber Security



## The functional scope, tasks and powers of the National Council

- Issuing instructions (that define the standards of violations, their controls, and the procedures due thereto),
- Identify cyber security incidents that pose a threat to the Kingdom's security (upon the recommendation of the head of the National Center).
- To submit recommendations to the Council of Ministers, to entrust any oversight body, government department, or official or public institution with some of the functions and powers of the center defined by the provisions of this law and the regulations and instructions issued pursuant to it.

# National Center for Cyber Security

## General provisions

- The National Center has a legal personality (with financial and administrative independence)
- The center is linked to the Prime Minister
- The headquarters of the center shall be in Amman (and it may open branches in the governorates)
- The head of the center and the employees shall be granted the capacity of the judicial police (in connection with the protection of national cyber security)
- The civil service system, financial system, supplies system, works system, transportation and travel system are applied to the center
- The President of the Center exercises the powers of the Minister, the Concerned Minister and the Secretary General
- The financial resources of the center consist of: (What is allocated to it from the general budget, also from aid, donations and grants provided that the Council of Ministers approves them if their source is not Jordanian, and fees for services provided, in addition to the outcome of the fines imposed by the center)
- The money of the center, and its rights due to others (are considered public funds)
- The center enjoys the exemptions and facilities granted to ministries and government departments
- The head of the center appoints persons with experience and specialization in the field of cybersecurity (for a period of 4 years, renewable for one time by a decision of the Prime Minister and upon the recommendation of the President of the National Council - provided that the appointment decision is accompanied by royal will), and the salary and other financial rights are specified in the appointment decision
- The head of the center represents the center with others.

## **The goals of the center**

Building an effective system for cybersecurity at the national level and developing this system and organizing it (to protect the Kingdom from the threats of cyberspace and confront them efficiently and effectively)

## **Tasks and powers of the National Center for Cyber Security**

- Preparing cybersecurity strategies, policies and standards, monitor their implementation, in addition to setting plans and programs necessary to implement them
- Developing and implementing cyber security operations, providing the necessary support and advice (to build cyber security operations teams in the public and private sectors), as well as coordinating response and intervening when needed
- Define cyber security standards and controls, and classify cyber security incidents (according to instructions issued for this purpose)
- Granting a license to cybersecurity service providers (according to the requirements, conditions and fees specified under a regulation to be issued for this purpose)
- Exchange information, activate cooperation and partnerships, and conclude agreements and memoranda of understanding (with national, regional and international bodies related to cybersecurity)
- Developing the necessary programs to build national capabilities and experiences in the field of cybersecurity, in addition to enhancing awareness about it at the national level
- Cooperating and coordinating with the authorities related to cybersecurity (to enhance cyberspace security)
- Preparing draft legislation related to cybersecurity (in cooperation with the concerned authorities and submitting them to the Council)
- Continuous evaluation of the cyber security status in the Kingdom (in cooperation with the relevant authorities in the public and private sectors)
- Any other tasks or powers stipulated in the regulations and instructions issued in accordance with the provisions of this law.

## The functional and coordination scope of the center

- Receive complaints and notifications related to cybersecurity and its accidents, follow them up, and take measures to prevent their occurrence or persistence (according to the powers granted to the center)
- Cooperate and coordinate with the General Intelligence Department when preparing strategies and policies, building systems and purchasing services necessary to perform the tasks assigned to it
- Presenting recommendations from the center's president to the National Council for incidents that pose a threat to the Kingdom's cyber security and safety
- Managing and directing response to cyber security incidents (provided that all authorities abide by the instructions and directives issued by the center)
- Granting licenses to persons or entities providing cyber security services (it is prohibited for any person or entity to provide these services before the license is obtained)