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Registration Guide in the Qualifying Category for Provision of Cloud Computing Services

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Introduction

Set forth the Telecommunication and Information Technology Act (the "Act") issued by the Royal Decree No. (M/106), dated 02/11/1443 AH, and its by law, and in accordance the regulatory mandates assigned to the Communications, Space and Technology Commission (CST) based on the a ordinance amended by the Council of Ministers Resolution No (133), dated 21/5/1424 AH, which entrusted CST with regulatory tasks for the information technology sector. In addition, taking into consideration the requirements to regulate the ICT market in Saudi, and due to its massive developments, CST issued this document (Registration Guide in the Qualifying Category for Provision of Cloud Computing Services) to implement the provisions of the "Cloud Computing Services Provisioning Regulations" (the regulations), and to clarify the registration procedures and requirements for cloud computing service providers operating in the Kingdom. This Guide and its contents are subject to review periodically from time to time at the discretion of CST, noting that the terms defined in the regulations, the Act and its by law shall have the same meanings in this Guide

What is the Qualifying Category



It is a qualifying path through which the entities willing to provide cloud computing services are registered for a certain period of time during which the requirements of the basic category related to registration for provision of cloud computing services are satisfied.

Who Needs to Get Registered in the Qualifying Category



Any entity that is willing to provide cloud computing services according to the Cloud Computing Services Provisioning Regulations through a data center in the Kingdom, but does not meet any or all requirements of the basic categories associated with registration to provide cloud computing services.

Scope of Services



The entities registered in the Qualifying Category are allowed to provide cloud computing services according to the Cloud Computing Services Provisioning Regulations for individuals and private sector only. The entities registered in the qualifying path cannot provide service to the governmental sector or the financial sector during their registration in the Qualifying Category.

Registration Requirements of the Qualifying Category*

All the following mandatory requirements shall be met and satisfied:

Provide the information that clarifies the type of cloud computing services, which it intends to provide or have been provided through the data center

All requirements shall be submitted in Arabic, with the possibility to submit other supporting documents for the application in English

Submit an undertaking of compliance with the requirements of the primary category sought (A/B/C) during the period of registration in the Qualifying Category

The address and name of a data center in the Kingdom that is used (or will be used) for provision of cloud computing services with specifying the type of ownership (owner or tenant)

Provide cst with a plan for achievement of the requirements of the basic category during the period of registration in the Qualifying Category

Compliance and fulfillment of the controls and requirements issued by the National Cybersecurity Authority

*cst has the right to exempt whomever it deems appropriate from the abovementioned requirements, such as those targeting mega infrastructure projects for data centers for provision of cloud computing or other services in accordance with its regulations.

Period of Registration



The registration is valid for one year from the date of approval of registration

Registration in the Qualifying Category

Steps of registration in the Qualifying Category

01

Log in to the cloud computing portal on cst's website

02

Apply for registration in the Qualifying Category through the online platform

03

Attach registration requirements in the Qualifying Category

04

The application is reviewed by cst

05

The registration certificate is electronically issued

Application Channels



CST's website

<https://portalservices.cst.gov.sa/E-Services/ServiceRegistry/LandingScreen.aspx?lang=english>



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