

ITA Policies

As stipulated in the Royal Decree, the Information Technology Authority aims at consolidation and activation of government policies to transform the Sultanate into a knowledge-based economy for achievement of social and economical benefits to the Omani society by using this technology 'within' the policies of economic diversification and sustained development.

In order to achieve its objectives ITA will undertake the following policies:

- Taking necessary actions to achieve co-operation & co-ordination between state administrative apparatus units the private sector and ITA with regard to IT projects for the benefit of citizens and investors.
- Carry out electronic Oman basic structure projects and supervise implementation of information technology projects of all administrative apparatus units of State and electronic services connected there with.
- Undertake the preparation of regulations and measures necessary to implement the rules by administrative apparatus units of State for the fulfilment of digital Oman society requirements and realization of integration between these units to electronically deliver their services.
- Carry out the issuance of rules and procedures necessary to safeguard the Systems in case of unexpected events.
- Embark on setting up and implementation of information technology awareness programs to ensure publicity of use of electronic government services to realize the objectives of digital Oman society.
- Conduct periodic survey and evaluate investments in information technology sector to determine future needs to attract foreign capital to invest in this sector.
- Provide consultancy and other services to State administrative apparatus units in the field of information technology.
- Supervise developmental expenditure allocated to information technology in the budgets of State administrative apparatus units in co-ordination with the concerned authorities.
- Approval of reports and statistics related to information technology prepared by state administrative apparatus units before its publication.
- Fixing measures necessary to keep the information to ensure easy sharing and auditing thereof and to preserve its secrecy and the procedures connected therewith.
- Design and develop the regulatory procedures and appropriate measures in the field of information technology to ensure its implementation by State administrative apparatus units.
- Preparation of feasibility studies regarding tenders and consultancy services necessary to conclusion of information technology projects contracts by State administrative apparatus units in co-ordination with the concerned authorities, and participation in evaluation of offers submitted in this regard. Preparation of a register for enlisting experts, consultants, contractors and other providers of information technology services to State administrative apparatus units who have satisfied the requirements specified by the Authority.
- Follow - up and evaluation of the following:
 1. Human resources plans and training of employees in the field of information technology for the purpose of developing skill and competence.
 2. Performance of experts and consultants and contractors and others registered with the authority.
 3. Contracts of State administrative apparatus units regarding information technology, including programs and services of international status.
- Represent the Sultanate in the international and regional conferences and forums in the field of information technology in co-ordination with ministries and other governmental authorities.