

Law No. (30) of 2015
Establishing the
Dubai Smart Government Establishment¹

We, Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai,

After perusal of:

Law No. (3) of 2003 Establishing the Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai;

Law No. (27) of 2006 Concerning Management of the Government of Dubai Human Resources and its amendments;

Law No. (7) of 2009 Establishing the Dubai Smart Government and its amendments;

Law No. (2) of 2015 Concerning Human Resource Management of Executive Directors/ Chief Executive Officers in the Government of Dubai; and

Law No. (29) of 2015 Establishing the Dubai Smart City Office,

Do hereby issue this Law.

Title of the Law
Article (1)

This Law will be cited as “Law No. (30) of 2015 Establishing the Dubai Smart Government Establishment”.

Definitions
Article (2)

The following words and expressions, wherever mentioned in this Law, will have the meaning indicated opposite each of them unless the context implies otherwise:

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¹Every effort has been made to produce an accurate and complete English version of this legislation. However, for the purpose of its interpretation and application, reference must be made to the original Arabic text. In case of conflict the Arabic text will prevail.

Emirate:	The Emirate of Dubai.
Ruler:	His Highness the Ruler of Dubai.
Government:	The Government of Dubai.
Executive Council:	The Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai.
DSCO:	The Dubai Smart City Office.
DSGE:	The Dubai Smart Government Establishment.
DSG:	The Dubai Smart Government Department established pursuant to the above-mentioned Law No. (7) of 2009.
CEO:	The chief executive officer of the DSGE.
Shared and Standardised Services:	The smart and technical services, and infrastructure which are shared by more than one Government Entity, or which may be jointly adopted and utilised, whether proposed by the DSGE or by any Government Entity.
Smart Transformation:	All means supporting the transformation of the Emirate into a smart city, including infrastructure; smart services; data, policies, and strategies; and financial appropriations for smart transformation.
Government Entity:	Any of the Government departments; public agencies and corporations; councils and authorities; Special Development Zones; free zones, such as the Dubai International Financial Centre; and any other entity affiliated to the Government.

Establishing the DSGE Article (3)

Pursuant to this Law, a public establishment named the “Dubai Smart Government Establishment” is established. The DSGE will have legal personality and the legal capacity required to undertake the acts and dispositions that ensure the achievement of its objectives. The DSGE will be affiliated to the DSCO.

Head Office of the DSGE

Article (4)

The head office of the DSGE will be located in the Emirate. The DSCO may open branches of the DSGE within and outside of the Emirate.

Objectives of the DSGE

Article (5)

The DSGE aims to contribute to the establishment of a knowledge community by enhancing the public sector's capabilities required for Smart Transformation and providing creative smart services to all segments of the community by relying on qualified personnel and on advanced work procedures and technical systems, in accordance with the highest international standards and best international practices.

Functions of the DSGE

Article (6)

For purposes of achieving its objectives, the DSGE will have the duties and functions to:

1. propose the general strategy of the smart government, present the same to the DSCO for approval, and follow up its implementation;
2. supervise Smart Transformation processes at the level of Government Entities;
3. propose the structural framework, policies, and standards for information technology management at the level of Government Entities;
4. provide smart services in line with the best international practices;
5. propose the strategic initiatives that will achieve a high level of integration of Government procedures, present the same to the DSCO for approval, and follow up implementation of these initiatives;
6. review, in coordination with Government Entities, the plans and budgets of Government Entities with regard to Smart Transformation, information technology, smart services, and the relevant infrastructure, and submit the required recommendations to the DSCO for approval;
7. propose, in coordination with the concerned entities, the legislation required to facilitate the Smart Transformation process and submit the same to the DSCO for approval;

8. provide Government Entities with synergistic information system services, including financial management systems; contracts, procurement, and inventory systems; human resources management systems; project management and maintenance systems; email, electronic correspondence, and archiving services; smart payment gateway and smart portal; electronic integration and connectivity systems; and decision-making support systems;
9. provide Government Entities with synergistic computer-based services and central information networks, supervise their operation, and maintain their performance levels;
10. coordinate and supervise awareness campaigns that target various segments of the community to enhance, through advanced smart tools, their usage of the smart systems and services provided by the Government and Government Entities;
11. develop the corporate and professional capabilities required for achieving the objectives of the DSGE, and prepare the plans required for attracting, developing, and qualifying the human resources required for work in Government Entities in the field of information technology and smart government; and
12. liaise with Government Entities and provide the support required to enable them to derive the maximum benefit from synergistic services.

Executive Body of the DSGE
Article (7)

- a. The executive body of the DSGE will be comprised of the CEO and a number of administrative, finance, and technical employees.
- b. Employees of the DSGE will be governed by Law No. (27) of 2006 Concerning Management of the Government of Dubai Human Resources and its amendments.

CEO of the DSGE
Article (8)

- a. A CEO will be appointed to the DSGE pursuant to a resolution of the Chairman of the Executive Council.
- b. Employment rights of the CEO will be determined in accordance with the above-mentioned Law No. (2) of 2015 and the resolutions issued in pursuance thereof.
- c. The CEO will be directly accountable to the DSCO for performing the duties assigned to him under this Law and the resolutions issued in pursuance hereof, and for performing the duties assigned to him by the DSCO.

Functions of the CEO

Article (9)

The CEO will supervise and manage the work of the DSGE, represent it before third parties, and issue the resolutions required for the achievement of its objectives and performance of its duties. This includes:

1. proposing the general policy of the DSGE, its strategic and operational plans, and the policies relating to the Smart Transformation at the level of Government Entities, and following up implementation of the same;
2. proposing the DSGE projects, programmes, and initiatives, and supervising implementation of the same;
3. preparing, and following up the implementation of, the annual budget and the final accounts;
4. proposing the organisational structure; and the financial, administrative, and technical resolutions and bylaws required to regulate work at the DSGE, and supervising implementation of the same;
5. supervising the administrative body of the DSGE and its day-to-day work, and issuing resolutions appointing competent and specialised employees to the DSGE;
6. proposing fees and charges for the smart services provided by the DSGE;
7. preparing annual reports on the DSGE achievements and activities, and ensure achievement of the required performance outcomes of the DSGE and its executive body;
8. executing contracts, agreements, and memoranda of understanding with Government Entities, corporations, and companies within or outside of the Emirate; and
9. performing any other duties assigned or delegated to him by the DSCO.

Accounts and Financial Year of the DSGE

Article (10)

- a. In regulating its accounts and records, the DSGE will apply the rules and principles of government accounting.
- b. The financial year of the DSGE will commence on 1 January and will end on 31 December of each year, except that the first financial year will commence as of the date this Law comes into force and will end on 31 December of the following year.

Financial Resources of the DSGE

Article (11)

The financial resources of the DSGE will consist of:

1. support allocated to the DSGE in the budget of the DSCO;
2. fees and service charges collected by the DSGE; and
3. any other resources approved by the DSCO.

Cooperation with the DSGE

Article (12)

All Government Entities must fully cooperate with the DSGE and support it to achieve its objectives.

Replacement of the DSG by the DSGE

Article (13)

As of the effective date of this Law, all the rights and obligations of the DSG are hereby transferred to the DSGE. The employees of the DSG will also be transferred to the DSGE and will retain their existing rights.

Issuing Implementing Resolutions

Article (14)

The Director General of the DSCO will issue the resolutions required for the implementation of this Law.

Repeals
Article (15)

Any provision in any other legislation will be repealed to the extent that it contradicts the provisions of this Law.

Publication and Commencement
Article (16)

This Law comes into force on the day on which it is issued, and will be published in the Official Gazette.

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