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Australian Government Cyber Security Policy Clause 1.1
(Accountable Authority)





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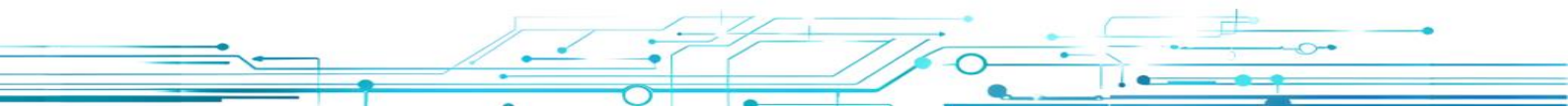
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1. The relevant WA Government Cyber Security Policy clause

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1.1 Accountable Authority

The Accountable Authority (Director General, Chief Executive Officer or Chief Employee) of an entity is accountable for the entity's risk management, including cyber security risk management. The Accountable Authority must:

- Manage the entity's cyber security risks.
- Allocate executive responsibility for cyber security.
- Consider the implications of their entity's cyber security risk management decisions on other WA entities and share information on risks with DGov where appropriate.
- Allocate adequate resources to implement this policy and ensure the continuity of its implementation.

2. Guidance

For the purposes of the WA Cyber Security Policy (the Policy) and this Policy Implementation guidance document, the term Accountable Authority is used to refer to *an individual person*, including:

- Director General;
- Chief Executive Officer; or
- A person with overall responsibility for the administration of an entity listed in the Public Sector Commission's [Government Sector Mailing List](#).

The Accountable Authority's responsibility for cyber security risk management extends to outsourced arrangements, i.e. services, organisations (including other WA government entities) managing cyber security risk on the entity's behalf.

The Accountable Authority's responsibility for cyber security risk management is included in the entity's governance records, including within the:

- list of CEO's accountabilities, roles and responsibilities
- JDF for the role of the entity's accountable authority
- All other internal and external governance documents specifying the role and responsibilities of the Accountable Authority.

The Accountable Authority's responsibility for cyber security management is visible and available to the entity Executive, as well as to all entity staff and the public as appropriate.