On August 19, the National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA) adopted a regulatory framework for establishing and operating data centres as well as providing hosting and cloud computing services in Egypt. The regulatory obligations vary in terms of the need to obtain a license from NTRA or being limited to a registration process according to the geographical location of the beneficiary clients, the type of service delivered to beneficiaries, and the beneficiary client’s scope.

The framework aims to attract hyper-scale data centres, cloud computing service providers and electronic content providers to the Egyptian market.

### Public Data Centre Provider License

**License Duration:** 15 years  
**License rights:**  
- Establish and operate data centres to provide hosting services,  
- Provide site rental (colocation) to customers in Egypt through the licensee’s data centres,  
- Provide cloud computing services for licensee’s own use or for others inside Egypt,  
- Directly connect with submarine cable systems through contracting infrastructure service providers to rent cables and relevant capacities, without resorting to the NTRA.

### Cloud Service Provider Registration

**Registration Period:** 15 years  
**Registration Process (must be approved by NTRA):**  
- Provide entity data (name, address, phone numbers, commercial register, contact points, etc.),  
- Complete data related to the nature of the services, in particular the hosting system used, the data centres located in Egypt, their address and contact details and the entity website.  
**Rights and obligations of registered entities:**  
- Right to provide cloud computing services for its own use or for others inside Egypt,  
- Connect to submarine cable systems via infrastructure service providers without NTRA approval,  
- Evaluate cybersecurity systems to obtain an accreditation certificate from NTRA.

### Compliance by Existing Data Centers and Cloud Service Providers

Entities currently operating public data centres or providing cloud computing services inside Egypt must comply with these regulations within 9 months by obtaining the NTRA license and completing NTRA registration procedures.