



# Saudi Cybersecurity Compliance with Microsoft Solutions

Ensuring Regulatory Readiness and Data Protection  
with Microsoft's Advanced Cybersecurity Tools

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# Introduction to Saudi Compliance



## Why Compliance Matters

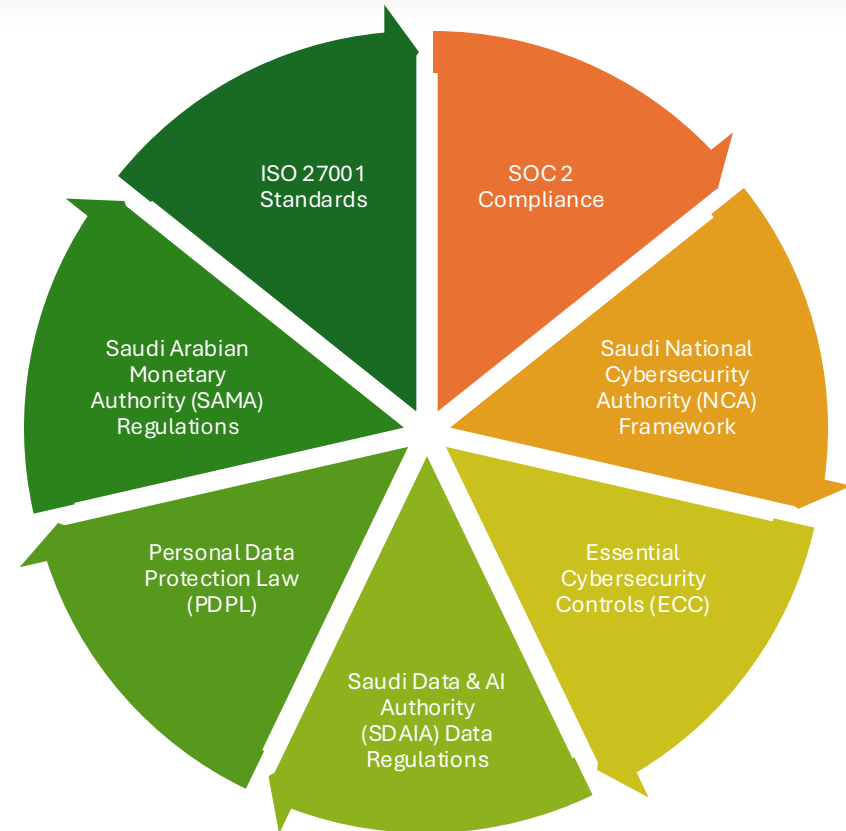
- Safeguard sensitive information
- Avoid regulatory penalties
- Build trust with stakeholders



## Key Saudia Regulations

- National Cybersecurity Authority (NCA) Compliance Standards
- Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL)
- SAMA Cybersecurity Framework

# Overview of Key Regulations



# Importance of Compliance

- **Key Points**
  - Protect Critical Asset
  - Mitigate Cyber Attacks
  - Align with Global Standards
- **Common Factors in All Frameworks**
  - Emphasis on data confidentiality, integrity and availability
  - Continuous monitoring and improvement
  - Risk-based approach to security



# Challenges in Achieving Cybersecurity Compliance

- **Fragmented security measures**
- **Lack of centralized monitoring**
- **Gaps in identity and access management**
- **Difficulty in maintaining compliance documentation**
- **Increasing sophistication of cyber threats**

# Microsoft Solutions for Cybersecurity Compliance



Identity and Access Management:  
Microsoft Entra (Azure AD)



Endpoint Protection: Microsoft  
Defender for Endpoint



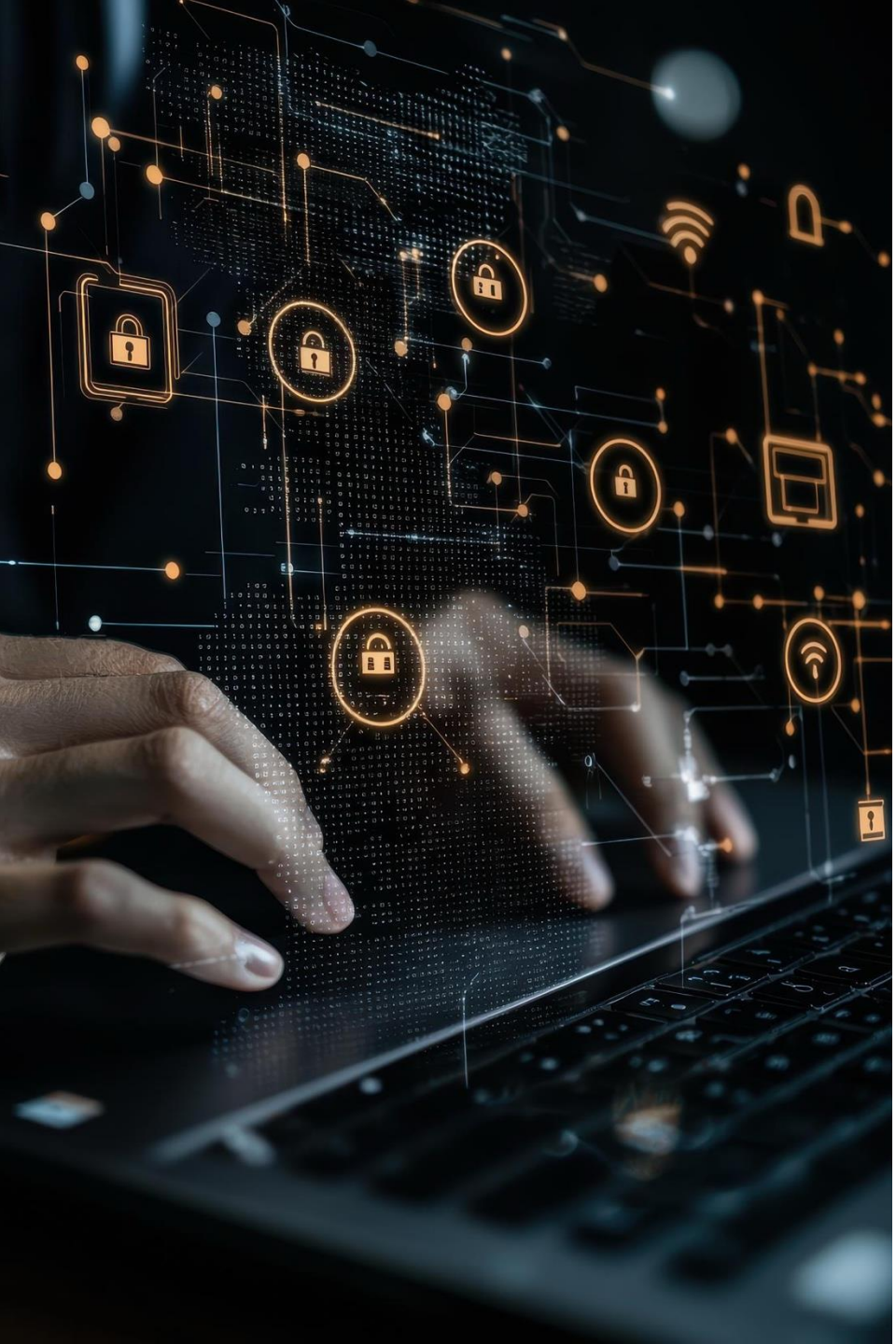
Data Protection: Microsoft  
Purview



Compliance Management: Microsoft  
Purview



Cloud Security: Azure Security Center  
and Sentinel



# Identity and Access Management with Microsoft Entra

- **Capabilities**
  - Multifactor Authentication
  - Conditional Access Policies
  - Role Based Access Control (RBAC)
- **Compliance Alignment**
  - NCA's ECC 3.4.2: Identity Management
  - PDPL Clause 3.3: Ensuring secure user authentication methods to protect personal data access
  - SAMA Cybersecurity Framework Domain 3.3: Secure access controls to ensure only authorized personnel access sensitive systems



Conditions

Apply access control

Apps and data



User risk level  
Sign-in risk level

Sign-in risk level = High



Identity Protection



Allow access



Require MFA



Change password



Block access



101010  
010101  
101010



If user passed MFA, then the Sign-in risk is **auto remediated**. No admin action needed.

# Protecting Endpoints with Microsoft Defender

- **Capabilities**
  - Real Time threat detection
  - Automated response & remediation
  - Threat and Vulnerability Management
- **Compliance Alignment**
  - ECC 3.5.1: End Point Protection
  - PDPL Clause 3.2: Ensuring technical measures are in place to protect personal data and prevent unauthorized access
  - Aligning with NCA's incident response requirements

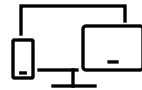


# Microsoft Defender

## Cross-domain security



On-prem &  
Cloud Identities



Endpoints & IoT



Email and  
collaboration



Cloud apps



Compliance



Enable rapid response  
with XDR-prioritized  
incidents



Disrupt advanced  
attacks at machine  
speed



Unify security and  
identity access  
management



Built-in preventative  
controls and posture  
management

# Data Protection and Governance with Microsoft Purview

- **Capabilities**
  - Data Loss Prevention (DLP)
  - Information Protection and Encryption
  - Records Management
- **Compliance Alignment**
  - PDPL's data handling requirement
  - ECC 3.7.1 Data Protection & Classification
  - SAMA Cybersecurity Framework Domain 2.4:  
Data classification and management to safeguard critical business information



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  - Data Loss Prevention
  - Unified Catalog
  - Compliance Manager
  - DSPM for AI
  - Insider Risk Managem...
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  - Overview
  - Improvement actions
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  - Regulations
  - Policies
  - Alerts
  - Reports
- Related solutions
- Data Lifecycle Management
  - Data Loss Prevention

# Overview

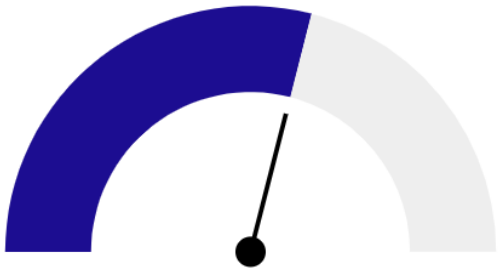
What's new

Compliance Manager measures your progress in completing actions that help reduce risks around data protection and regulatory standards. [Find guidance and documentation](#)

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Overall compliance score

## Your compliance score: 58%



11518.94/19541 points achieved

- Your points achieved ⓘ **1,663.94** / 9,389
- Microsoft managed points achieved ⓘ **9,855** / 10,152

ⓘ Your score update is in progress. Please refresh after some time.

Compliance score measures your progress towards completing recommended actions that help reduce risks around data protection and regulatory standards.

# Advanced Threat Detection with Microsoft Sentinel

- **Capabilities**
  - SIEM
  - AI driven threat detection
  - Integration with third-party tools
- **Compliance Alignment**
  - ECC 4.1.2: Monitoring and Incident Management
  - Rapid threat response to comply with compliance requirements
  - SAMA Cybersecurity Framework Domain 5.1: Continuous monitoring and timely response to cyber threats



# Microsoft Sentinel

## Empowering the SOC with next-gen SIEM



Get **unlimited cloud speed** and **scale**



Level up with **Microsoft Intelligence**



**Detect and respond** efficiently



**Protect your entire digital estate**



**Native integration** with Microsoft XDR

## Powered by the cloud and AI

### Comprehensive capabilities



Cloud scale protection



Analytics powered by built-in UEBA and ML



Integrated threat intelligence



Automated detection, investigation and remediation



Proactive threat hunting



Ecosystem integration

# Demonstrating Compliance with Microsoft Purview

## Features

- Pre-built assessment template for Saudi regulations
- Real time compliance scoring
- Workflow automation for audit readiness

## Benefits

- Simplified documentation
- Reduced audit preparation time
- Streamlined Compliance processes
- Improved Data Visibility



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Related solutions

- Data Lifecycle Management
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# Regulations

Review the list of regulations available to your organization. you can create assessments for specific regulations to track your compliance against them. [Learn more about regulations](#)

Free regulation licenses used **0/3** | Purchased regulation licenses used **0/0**

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Service: **Any** | Role type: **Any** | Created by: **Any** | Activation: **Any** | Availability: **Any** | Status: **Any**

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# Microsoft's Commitment to Saudi Regulations

Microsoft's Commitment	Description
Local Data Centers in Saudi Arabia	Azure and Microsoft 365 services hosted locally to ensure data residency and sovereignty.
Adherence to Saudi Sovereign Cloud Requirements	Meeting regulatory requirements to protect Saudi-sensitive data and maintain control locally.
Continuous Updates to Align with NCA Frameworks	Ensuring Microsoft services are updated to comply with the latest Saudi cybersecurity standards.
Compliance with PDPL Requirements	Built-in tools and features to meet Saudi Personal Data Protection Law mandates.
Support for NCA's Essential Cybersecurity Controls (ECC)	Providing built-in solutions to address key ECC requirements for security and compliance.
ISO 27001 and SOC 2 Certifications	Globally recognized certifications to support local compliance and security needs.
Advanced Data Residency Options	Flexible data residency and management capabilities for Saudi customers.

# Veraqor: Your Partner in Saudi Cybersecurity Compliance



We design and implement tailored cybersecurity solutions using Microsoft technologies, aligned with your specific business needs and compliance requirements.



As a Microsoft Solutions Partner, we have deep expertise in Microsoft security products like Entra ID, Defender, and Purview.



We conduct comprehensive cybersecurity assessments to identify vulnerabilities and gaps, helping you achieve and maintain compliance.



We provide customized training and awareness programs to educate your employees on cybersecurity best practices and compliance requirements.

# Key Takeaways

- Aligning cybersecurity with compliance is essential for business success
- Microsoft offers integrated tools to simplify compliance and enhance security
- Proactive compliance with Microsoft Solutions
- Continuous monitoring and updates ensure long-term compliance
- Improved cybersecurity posture
- Reduce Compliance Costs



# Thank you.

## Why Veraqor?

Veraqor Core Capabilities:

Cybersecurity

Data & AI

Digital Apps & Innovation

Microsoft Solutions Partner for:

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Over 15+ years of  
working experience

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