

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA)

The TRA was set up in October 2002 by Legislative Decree No. 48 under the Telecommunications Law. The TRA is an independent body overseen by the Board of Directors. The General Director of the TRA is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the organisation. The General Director is appointed by His Majesty the King Shaikh Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, based on the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the TRA and the proposal of the Prime Minister, and after the approval thereof by the Council of Ministers. The current General Director, A. Andreas Avgousti, was appointed to the post in November 2003.

The duties of the TRA include protecting the interests of subscribers and users of telecommunications services and maintaining effective and fair competition between established operators and new entrants to the telecommunications market in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The TRA carries out its duties and exercises its powers in a fair, transparent and non-discriminatory manner.

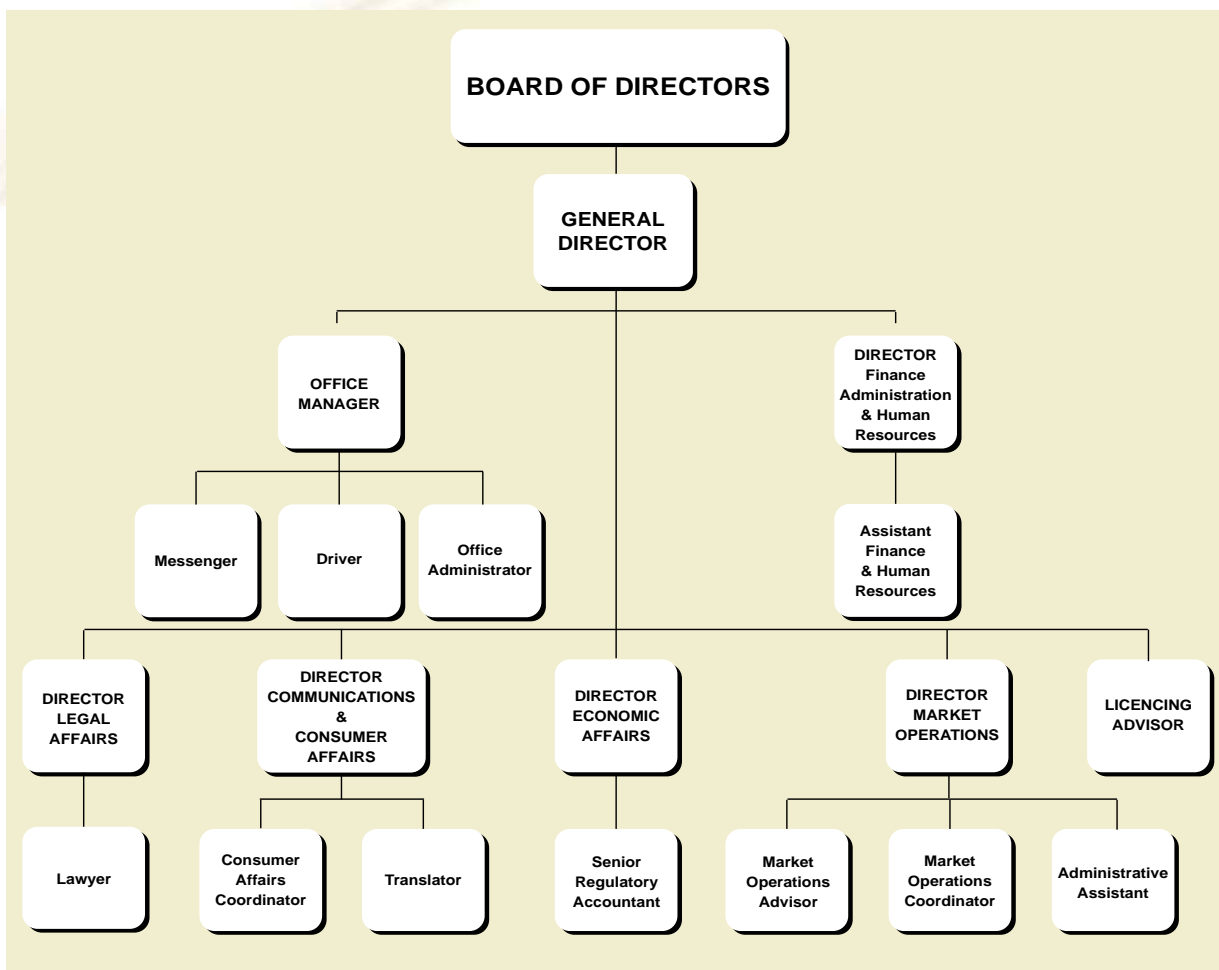


Figure 1: The structure of the TRA