

## Information Technology Act, 2000

### Section 18 - Functions of Controller

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The Controller may perform all or any of the following functions, namely:--

- (a) exercising supervision over the activities of the Certifying Authorities;
- (b) certifying public keys of the Certifying Authorities;
- (c) laying down the standards to be maintained by the Certifying Authorities;
- (d) specifying the qualifications and experience which employees of the Certifying Authority should possess;
- (e) specifying the conditions subject to which the Certifying Authorities shall conduct their business;
- (f) specifying the contents of written, printed or visual materials and advertisements that may be distributed or used in respect of a [1](#)[Electronic] Signature Certificate and the public key;
- (g) specifying the form and content of a [1](#)[Electronic] Signature Certificate and the key;
- (h) specifying the form and manner in which accounts shall be maintained by the Certifying Authorities;
- (i) specifying the terms and conditions subject to which auditors may be appointed and the remuneration to be paid to them;
- (j) facilitating the establishment of any electronic system by a Certifying Authority either solely or jointly with other Certifying Authorities and regulation of such systems;
- (k) specifying the manner in which the Certifying Authorities shall conduct their dealings with the subscribers;
- (l) resolving any conflict of interests between the Certifying Authorities and the subscribers;
- (m) laying down the duties of the Certifying Authorities;
- (n) maintaining a database containing the disclosure record of every Certifying Authority containing such particulars as may be specified by regulations, which shall be accessible to public.

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1. Substituted vide Information Technology Amendment Act, 2008. Previous text was digital.

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