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Article (1): This bylaw shall be called (National Agricultural Research Center Bylaw) and shall be effective from the date of its publication in the Official Paper. ⁽¹⁾

Article (2): The following words and phrases wherever stated in this Law shall have the meanings assigned to them below unless the context indicates otherwise:

Ministry	:	Ministry of Agriculture
Minister	:	Minister of Agriculture
Higher Council	:	Higher Council for Science and Technology
Center	:	National Agricultural Research Center ⁽²⁾
Center's Board	:	Board of the National Agricultural Research Center.
The Chairman	:	The Chairman of the Board
Director General	:	Director General of the Center

Article (3): The Center shall be considered one of the applied scientific and technological research centers specialized in the field of agriculture and shall be linked to the Minister and shall have its main position in Balqa Governorate/ Ain Al Basha. The Board may, upon the recommendation of the Director General, open branch centers wherever necessary. ⁽³⁾

Article (4): The Center aims to employ the results of agricultural research, derived locally or adapted from other sources, for the purposes of increasing agricultural production in plant and livestock sectors, raising and improving efficiency, preserving and optimizing natural agricultural resources, serving the purposes of agricultural development, and maintaining ecological balance.

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(1) The article was modified in the amended Bylaw no. (63) for the year 2007, and the amended Bylaw no. (42) for the year 2018.

(2) The paragraph was modified in the amended Bylaw no. (63) for the year 2007, and the amended Bylaw no. (42) for the year 2018.

(3) The article was modified in the amended Bylaw no. (32) for the year 2012.

Article (5): The Center shall undertake the following functions: - ⁽⁴⁾

- A. Determine the priorities of the national agricultural scientific research in cooperation with the relevant bodies that serve the purposes of agricultural development.
- B. Develop and accredit agricultural technologies suitable for local conditions to achieve optimal utilization of productive resources.
- C. Disseminate the transferred, adapted or updated agricultural techniques to the relevant parties.
- D. Perform capacity building for workers in the agricultural sector through training courses, conferences and specialized workshops.
- E. Cooperate with Local, Arabic, and International institutions to implement agricultural research programs.
- F. Provide technical consultancy and services in the agricultural field.
- G. Perform field studies and surveys of plant and animal biodiversity in order to protect them from extinction, and to store, supervise and preserve plant seeds in the National Seed Bank at the Center.
- H. Supervise the National Agricultural Information Library.



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(4) The article was modified in the amended Bylaw no. (32) for the year 2012, and the amended Bylaw no. (42) for the year 2018.

Article (6): ⁽⁵⁾

- A. A Board (The National Center for Agricultural Research Board) shall be established under the chairmanship of the Minister and the membership of the following: ⁽⁶⁾
1. The Director General / Vice President.
 2. Secretary General of the Higher Council.
 3. Secretary General of the Ministry.
 4. A representative of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation not less than a Director nominated by the Minister of Planning and International Cooperation.
 5. A representative from the Ministry of Water and Irrigation not less than a Director nominated by the Minister of Water and Irrigation.
 6. Two Deans of the faculties of agriculture at Jordanian public universities nominated by the concerned university president once every two years.
 7. Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Jordan University of Science and Technology.
 8. Agricultural Engineers Association President.
 9. Chairman of Jordanian Farmers Union.
 10. Two experienced agricultural specialists selected from qualified farmers by the Minister to apply the results of the scientific research, for two years renewable for one time.
- B. The Chairman may invite any person with experience and competence to attend any session of the Board seeking his opinion in certain issues, without having the right to vote.

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(5) The article was modified in the amended Bylaw no. (32) for the year 2012, and the amended Bylaw no. (42) for the year 2018.

(6) The paragraph was modified in the amended Bylaw no. (63) for the year 2007.

Article (7): The Board shall have the following functions and authorities:

- A. Approve agricultural research strategies and plans and prioritize them in compliance with the general agricultural policy. ⁽⁷⁾
- B. Establish the basis of cooperation with official bodies, universities, Jordanian private sector and scientific institutions.
- C. Recommend the approval of agreements and contracts with entities outside the Kingdom.
- D. Approve the Center's work policies, plans and annual programs.
- E. Prepare regulations necessary for the implementation of this Bylaw, including the financial and administrative issues, and submit them to the Minister for approval and issuance.
- F. Prepare the annual budget project for the Center and submit it to the Minister for inclusion within the annual budget of the Ministry.
- G. Any other issue within the Center mandate, the Chairman or the Director General may place for discussion to the Board.

Article (8):

- A. The Board shall meet at least once every two months and whenever necessary, invited by the Chairman or his Deputy in case of his absence. Any meeting convened by the Council shall be legal if attended by two-thirds of the members, including the Chairman or his Deputy in case of his absence. Decisions are issued according to the majority. In case of equal votes, the decision recognized by the Chairman is to be approved. ⁽⁸⁾
- B. The Director General shall appoint a Secretary of the Board from the Center's staff to undertake the preparation for the Board meetings, document the minutes, keep and organize its records, save transactions of the Board, and perform any other duty assigned by the Director General.

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(8) The paragraph was modified in the amended Bylaw no. (32) for the year 2012.

Article (9): The organizational structure of the Center shall consist of:- ⁽⁹⁾

- A. The Minister.
- B. Center's Board.
- C. The Director General.
- D. Assistant Director General for Research.
- E. Assistant Director General for Agricultural Research Centers
- F. Assistant Director General for Administrative and Financial Affairs.
- G. The following directorates:
 1. Institutional Development and Knowledge Management Directorate.
 2. Water and Soil Research Directorate.
 3. Horticulture Research Directorate.
 4. Field Crops Research Directorate.
 5. Plant Protection Research Directorate.
 6. Livestock Research Directorate.
 7. Socio-Economic Studies Research Directorate.
 8. Environmental and Climate Change Research Directorate.
 9. Biodiversity Research Directorate.
 10. Bee Research Directorate.
 11. Biotechnology Research Directorate.
 12. Laboratories Directorate.
 13. Human Resources Directorate.
 14. Directorate of Financial Affairs.
 15. Maintenance and Machinery Directorate.
 16. Administration and Support Services Directorate.
 17. Supplies and Tendering Directorate.
- H. The following branch centers:
 1. Agricultural Consultation and Training Center.
 2. Ramtha Agricultural Research Center.
 3. Mafraq Agricultural Research Center.
 4. Al-Mshaqar Agricultural Research Center.
 5. Al-Rabbah Agricultural Research Center.
 6. Shubak Agricultural Research Center.
 7. Deir Alla Agricultural Research Center.
 8. Tafila Agricultural Research Center.
 9. Wadi Araba Agricultural Research Center.
- I. The following units:
 1. Internal Auditing Unit
 2. International Cooperation and Public Relations Unit.
 3. Intellectual Property Right Protection Unit.
 4. The Director General Office.

(9) The article was added in the Bylaw no. (42) for the year 2018.

Article (10):⁽¹⁰⁾

- A. The following shall be associated with the Minister:
1. The Director General.
 2. Internal Auditing Unit.
- B. The following shall be associated with the Director General:
1. The Director General Assistants stated in paragraphs (D), (E) and (F) of Article (9) of these regulations.
 2. Institutional Development and Knowledge Management Directorate.
 3. Agricultural Consultation and Training Center.
 4. International Cooperation and Public Relations Unit.
 5. Intellectual Property Right Protection Unit.
 6. Director General Office.
- C. The Assistant Director General for Research shall be responsible for:
1. Water and Soil Research Directorate.
 2. Horticulture Research Directorate.
 3. Field Crops Research Directorate.
 4. Plant Protection Research Directorate.
 5. Livestock Research Directorate.
 6. Socio- Economic Studies Research Directorate.
 7. Environmental and Climate Change Research Directorate.
 8. Biodiversity Research Directorate.
 9. Bee Research Directorate.
 10. Biotechnology Research Directorate.
 11. Laboratory Directorate.
- D. The Assistant Director General for the Agricultural Research Centers shall be responsible for:
1. Ramtha Agricultural Research Center.
 2. Mafrq Agricultural Research Center.
 3. Al-Mshaqar Agricultural Research Center.
 4. Al-Rabbah Agricultural Research Center.
 5. Shubak Agricultural Research Center.
 6. Deir Alla Agricultural Research Center.
 7. Tafila Agricultural Research Center.
 8. Wadi Araba Agricultural Research Center.
- E. The Assistant Director General for Administrative and Financial Affairs shall be associated with:
1. Human Resources Directorate.
 2. Directorate of Financial Affairs.
 3. Maintenance and Machinery Directorate.
 4. Supplies and Tendering Directorate.
 5. Administration and Support Services Directorate.

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(10) The article was added in the Bylaw no. (42) for the year 2018.

Article (11):

- A. The Director General is appointed and his salary and all his financial rights determined, and his service terminated by a decision of the Ministers Cabinet according to the recommendation of the Minister and after the decision is issued by the Royal decree.
- B. A person to be appointed as a Director General of the Center should be a holder of a doctorate or master's degree in agricultural sciences or in one of the scientific disciplines related to the Center's mandate, as well as practical experience in the field of scientific research for at least ten years for a doctorate and 15 years for a master's degree.
- C. The Minister may delegate all or part of his authority to the Director General in relation to the administration of the Center's affairs. ⁽¹¹⁾

Article (12): The Director General shall assume the authorities and responsibilities set forth in this Bylaw and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, including the following:

- A. Supervise the proper functioning of the Center and follow up on its activities.
- B. Manage financial, administrative and technical issues of the Center.
- C. Prepare the annual report and the periodic reports on the Center's work and submit them to the Board.
- D. Implement and follow up the decisions of the Board.
- E. To contract researchers from outside the Center to carry out specific work within the limits allocated to the Center's budget for this purpose.
- F. Perform any other duties or tasks assigned to him by the Board.

Article (13):

- A. The Center shall establish specialized scientific bodies for conducting studies, research and planning. ⁽¹²⁾
- B. The specialized scientific bodies shall be composed of researchers; and the members of these bodies may be appointed by contract and after the Prime Minister's approval upon the recommendation of the Minister. Terms of their employment contracts shall be applied. ⁽¹³⁾

Article (14): The Center may, by a decision of the Director General, employ experts and specialists, who shall be paid a financial remuneration for services they provide after the approval of the Ministers Cabinet and upon the Minister recommendation.

(11) The paragraph was modified in the amended Bylaw no. (42) for the year 2018.

(12) The paragraph was modified in the amended Bylaw no. (42) for the year 2018.

(13) The paragraph was modified in the amended Bylaw no. (63) for the year 2007, and the amended Bylaw no. (42) for the year 2018.

Article (15): The resources of the Center shall consist of the following:

- A. The allocations set to the Center within the budget of the Ministry in the general budget of the State.
- B. The allocation designated to the Center within the Higher Council's annual budget.
- C. Allocations designated to the Center by the Ministers Cabinet from the tobacco cultivation promotion fund.
- D. The revenues of services, consultancy and research provided by the Center.
- E. Assistance, gifts, donations and other allocations provided to the Center and subject to the approval of the Ministers Cabinet if they are from outside the Kingdom.
- F. Money allocated to agricultural research in the Kingdom from bilateral or multilateral assistance.

Article (16): The Minister may, upon the recommendation of the Board, issue the necessary regulations to implement the provisions of this Bylaw, including the following: - ⁽¹⁴⁾

- A. Determine the functions, duties and other issues related to the scientific bodies of the Center.
- B. Determine the functions and duties of the directorates and departments of the Center.
- C. Work procedures and methods of communication and coordination between the organizational units in the Center.

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The Center's issued Bylaws from 1993 until 2018

1. The Center Bylaw no. (42) for the year 1993.
2. The Center amended Bylaw no. (63) for the year 2007.
3. The Center amended Bylaw no. (32) for the year 2012.
4. The Center amended Bylaw no. (42) for the year 2018.



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