POWER ENGINEERING COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK FOR POWER ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS IN PUBLIC SERVICE
TECHNICAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES (TSC) REFERENCE DOCUMENT

TSC Category	Power Systems Monitoring and Control					
TSC Title	Operational Technology Security Audit					
TSC Description	Manage audit and penetration testing on operational technology security systems					
TSC Proficiency Description	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Level 4**	**Level 5**	**Level 6**
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				Perform audits on operational technology security systems through penetration testing and vulnerability assessments	Lead audits, penetration testing and vulnerability assessments, and identify areas of non-compliance based on audit findings	Approve audit results and recommend measures to strengthen the operational technology security systems
Knowledge				• Application and usage of basic vulnerability assessment tools and tests • General process and technical requirements of penetration testing • Internal and external operational security standards • Methodologies and tools for the conduct of audit activities • Interpretation and analysis of audit results • International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) 62443 • International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 27001/19 • Relevant regulations, industry standards, codes of practice and safety procedures	• Organisational objectives of vulnerability assessment and penetration testing • Key components and methodologies in the design of operational security testing activities • Elements and considerations in development of compliance processes • Evolving statutory and regulatory standards Application and relevance of external standards to organisation's context • Process gap analysis for business and operational technology (OT) operations • Relevant regulations, industry standards, codes of practice and safety procedures	• Design guidelines and best practices for threat modelling, vulnerability assessment, penetration tests and review • Process and key considerations in audit and compliance strategy development • Emerging trends, approaches and industry best practices in internal audit and compliance • Impact of business priorities and external regulations on audit strategy • Root cause evaluation of non-compliance in business and operational technology (OT) processes • Relevant regulations, industry standards, codes of practice and safety procedures
Abilities				• Perform technical coordination of	• Design security testing plan and evaluation	• Establish organisation guidelines and

				vulnerability assessments and penetration testing according to test plan templates • Execute vulnerability scans on smaller systems, using basic vulnerability assessment tools and tests • Document the results of security assessments and tests, according to test plan guidelines • Identify security lapses in the system or security mechanisms, based on issues documented from vulnerability scan results • Record evidence of controls which are inadequate or not duly enforced • Conduct audit activities in line with the organisation's compliance processes and guidelines, using appropriate methodologies and tools • Analyse audit results and highlight identified process gaps or key instances of noncompliance • Propose improvements to existing compliance processes and measures to address major risks • Implement changes in the performance of audits in alignment with changes in internal compliance standards or	criteria for vulnerability assessments and penetration testing activities • Manage implementation of vulnerability assessments and penetration testing activities, in line with organisation-wide strategy • Develop compliance processes in accordance with organisation's strategy and internal and external guidelines • Evaluate audit results to identify reasons for gaps or non-compliance in business and OT operations • Recommend enhancements to compliance processes to strengthen the organisation's internal controls	methodologies for the design and conduct of vulnerability assessments and penetration testing activities • Formulate implementation strategies for vulnerability and penetration testing activities to ensure organisation-wide consistent of information security plans • Authorise penetration testing activities on organisation's systems, in line with business priorities and security requirements • Synthesise key organisational implications from vulnerability assessment and penetration testing reports • Evaluate future readiness of the organisation's security posture in light of organisation's mission and the evolving technological environment • Establish audit and compliance strategy and objectives for the organisation, considering emerging trends, approaches and industry best practices • Oversee alignment of audit and compliance strategy with internal business requirements

				external regulatory guidelines		and priorities as well as external regulations and standards • Evaluate root causes and potential organisational impact or risks of non-compliance to prioritise the areas that require further enhancement • Endorse enhancements to critical compliance processes, to improve the robustness of organisation's internal controls
Range of Application				Range of application includes, but is not limited to: • Power Generation • Distributed Power Generation • Power Transmission and Distribution Network Systems used in monitoring and control of the power system, including but not limited to: energy management systems, information technology (IT) and operational technology (OT) systems, substation remote control unit (RCU) systems, flexible AC transmission systems (FACTS), and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems		