



## Structure

The Ministry of Defence has the responsibilities in defending and safeguarding the security of the kingdom from both internal and external threats by preparing military force for combating warfare, protecting the institution of Kingship, suppressing insurgent and rebellion, attaining national development and safeguarding the national interests, as well as performing other missions described by the designated laws. The responsibilities are also to carry out activities in related to defence industry and military energy for the benefit of protecting and maintaining the security of the kingdom, and safeguarding the national interests by exercising military force for operations according to the Section 1 as described by the Ministry of Defence except the exercise of military force for suppression of insurgent and rebellion as designated by the Ministry of Defence which will be approved by the Minister of Defence.

The Ministry of Defence organises its structure into four main command elements as follows:

1. Office of the Minister of Defence is responsible for political affairs with Secretary, Office of the Minister of Defence as the commander of the office.
2. Office of the Permanent Secretary for Defence is responsible for general affairs of the Ministry of Defence with Permanent Secretary for Defence as the commander of the office. The office is also responsible for the general affairs that are not designated to any other agencies.





3. Royal Aide-de-Camp Department has the responsibility under the laws on Aide-de-Camp and laws on Royal Court Security Police with Commander in Chief of the Royal Aide-de-Camp Department as the commander.
4. Royal Security Command is responsible for planning, coordinating, commanding, directing and supervising the operation of providing protection to Their Majesties the King and the Queen of Thailand, and members of the Royal family. The responsibilities also include performing duties as designated and maintaining security within Royal Palaces. The Command is also responsible for planning, coordinating, directing and supervising affairs in related to His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Thailand, and the Commander of the Royal Security Command is headed the Command.
5. Royal Thai Armed Forces is responsible for preparing combat force and safeguarding the kingdom with Chief of Defence Forces as the commander, and organises its structure into the following main command elements:
  - 5.1. Royal Thai Armed Forces Headquarters.
  - 5.2. Royal Thai Army is responsible for preparing army forces and safeguarding the kingdom with Commander-in-Chief, Royal Thai Army as the commander.
  - 5.3. Royal Thai Navy is responsible for preparing naval force and safeguarding the kingdom with Commander-in-Chief, Royal Thai Navy as the commander.
  - 5.4. Royal Thai Air Force is responsible for preparing Air force and safeguarding the kingdom with Commander-in-Chief, Royal Thai Air Force as the commander.
  - 5.5. Other agencies as designated by the Royal Decree.

