

CHAPTER 131 - STATE SCHOLARSHIPS BOARD

AN EDICT TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP BOARD FOR NIGERIANS OF STATE ORIGIN

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1. This Edict may be cited as the State Scholarships Board Edict.

2. In this Edict:—

"Board" means the Scholarships Board established under section 3 of this Edict;

"country" means the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

"financial year" means a period of twelve calendar months beginning from the 1st of January;

"institution of higher learning" means institutions of learning that offer post-secondary education;

"Government" means the State Government;

"Governor" means the Governor of the State;

"State" means the Gongola State of Nigeria.

3. There is hereby established a body to be known as the State Scholarships Board which shall be a body corporate with perpetual Board succession and a common seal and may sue or be sued in its corporate name.

4.—(1) The functions of the Board shall be:—

(a) the granting of scholarships and other awards to Nigerians of State origin to pursue courses of studies in institutions of higher learning with the ultimate aim of service to the society; and

(b) the granting of scholarships and other awards to other Nigerians other than Nigerians of State origin on such terms and conditions as the Board may deem fit with ultimate aim of service to the society.

(2) Scholarships and other awards granted by the Board under subsection (1) of this section, shall be tenable only at institutions of higher learning in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, so however, that where courses for which the scholarships or other awards have been granted are not available at any of the institutions of higher learning in Nigeria, then such scholarships or other awards may be tenable elsewhere, other than in Nigeria.

5.—(1) The Board shall consist of a full-time Chairman, nine *ex-officio* members and six part-time members as follows:—

(a) the Permanent Secretary, State Ministry of Education;

(b) the Permanent Secretary, State Ministry of Establishment and Training;

(c) the Solicitor-General and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice;

- (d) the Permanent Secretary, State Ministry of Finance and Economic Development;
- (e) the Chief Inspector of Education, State Ministry of Education;
- (f) the Vice-Chancellor, University of Maiduguri;
- (g) the Vice-Chancellor, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria;
- (h) a representative of the students union in the State.

(2) The Chairman and the members other than ex-officio members shall be appointed by the Governor and shall hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(3) Any member of the Board not being a public officer in the public service may by notice in writing addressed to the Governor resign his appointment and upon the receipt of the notice by the Governor the appointment of that member shall be determined.

(4) The supplementary provisions set out in Schedule I to this Edict shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board.

(5) There shall be paid to each member of the Board not being an officer in the public service such remuneration, allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates, as may be determined by the Governor.

6.—(1) The Governor may after consultation with the Board give general or specific directives as to the discharge by the Board of its functions in relation to matters appearing to the Governor to require, affect any such function and the Board shall give effect to such directives.

(2) The Governor may, after consultation with the Board, give to the Board such specific or general directives for the purposes of remedying any defect which may be disclosed in the general arrangement of the Board for the discharge of its functions under this Edict and the Board shall give effect to any such directives.

(3) The Board shall afford to the Governor facilities for obtaining information furnished in such manner and at such times as he may require.

7.—(1) There shall be a Secretary to the Board who shall be appointed by the Governor on such terms as he deems fit.

(2) The Secretary shall keep the Board's records and conduct its correspondence and perform such other duties as the Board may from time to time determine.

(3) The Board may appoint such persons as its members of staff as it considers necessary and may approve conditions of service for such staff.

8.—(1) The funds of the Board shall consist of such moneys as the Government may allocate to it by the Government. Board.

(2) Any funds allocated to the Board shall be applied in the granting of scholarships and other

awards by the Board.

9.—(1) The Board shall keep proper accounts and proper records in relation thereto, and shall prepare in respect of each financial year a statement of accounts in such forms as may conform with the best commercial standards.

(2) The accounts and financial transactions of the Commission shall be audited annually by the Director of Audit or his representative.

(3) The Board shall after the end of each fiscal year, send a statement relating to the activities of the Board for that fiscal year, including the financial statement of the Board and the report thereon to the Governor.

10.—(1) The Board may, for the proper discharge of its functions under this Edict make regulations, with the approval of the Governor.

(2) The regulation contained in Schedule II to this Edict shall be deemed to have been made under subsection (1) of this section.

SCHEDULE 1

1.—(1) There shall be as many meetings of the Board in every calendar year at such time and at such places as the Chairman of the Board may determine provided always that there shall be at least one meeting of the Board in every calendar year.

(2) The Chairman shall preside at any meeting at which he is present and in his absence, the members may elect one of their number in attendance to be the Chairman of the meeting.

3. —(1) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, it may co-opt that person as a member for such period as it thinks fit.

(2) A person so co-opted shall not be entitled to vote nor shall he count towards a quorum.

3. The quorum of the Board shall be ten, and the quorum of any committees, committee set up by the Board shall be four.

4. —(1) The Board may appoint such members of committees whether standing or ad hoc, from among its number, to perform such functions as the Board may direct.

(2) No decision of any committee of the Board shall take effect until confirmed by the Board.

SCHEDULE II

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS REGULATIONS

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Gongola State Scholarship Regulations.

2. The Board may require a recipient of a scholarship award or other awards, to enter into a bond to serve in the civil service of the State or public service of the State or other States on such terms and conditions as the Board may deem expedient.

3. The Board may grant scholarship to the dependants of the recipient of its scholarships or

awards, tenable in foreign institutions of higher learning on such terms as the Board may deem fit.

4. Where a Nigerian of State origin is the recipient of a Federal Government scholarship, the Board may make awards to supplement such scholarship as it deems fit.

5. The Board may cancel any scholarship award or other award whose recipient embarks on a course of studies other than the course of study for which the scholarship has been granted.

6. The Board may extend the period for which scholarship has been awarded for a just cause.

7. The Board may pay sums of money to postgraduate students as the Board may deem sufficient for purpose of research and on such terms as the Board may require.

8. The Board shall award scholarship to all Nigerians of State origin to pursue courses for which they have been admitted in institutions of higher learning in Nigeria.

9. The Board may award scholarship to supplement scholarship awards by other body or bodies.
