

## A BILL

### FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOCATIONAL  
SCHOOL FOR SKILLS ACQUISITION IN NIGERIA AND FOR OTHER MATTERS  
CONNECTED THERETO

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BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal  
Republic of Nigeria as follows:

- 1                    1. -(1) There is hereby established a vocational school to be known  
2                    as Vocational School for Skill Acquisition (in this Act referred to as "the  
3                    School") to train and develop Nigerian youths to acquire skills in various  
4                    fields for the purposes of eradicating poverty, reduction or elimination of  
5                    hunger, self-employment, self-reliance and reduction of crime through  
6                    effective engagement of youths.
- 7                    (2) The headquarter of the school shall be in Lagos State and shall  
8                    have a campus in each of the other Geo-Political Zones in Nigeria.
- 9                    (3) Campuses in other Geo-Political zones shall be headed by a  
10                    deputy rector who shall be the administrator of the campus, reports to the  
11                    rector and performs such other functions assigned to him by the rector.
- 12                    (4) The School shall be a body corporate and shall have perpetual  
13                    succession and a common seal and shall sue and be sued in its corporate  
14                    name.
- 15                    (5) The objects of the school shall be:
- 16                    (a) To train, boost and develop the skills of Nigerian youths in  
17                    fashion designing, furniture, carpentry, GSM repairs and maintenance, auto  
18                    mechanic, foundry, metal works, soap and cream production, shoe making,  
19                    pottery and any other field approved by the Governing council of the  
20                    School.

Establishment  
and Objects of  
the Vocational  
Schools

- 1 (b) To eliminate or reduce hunger and poverty to the barest minimum;
- 2 (c) To eliminate and reduce joblessness among Nigerian youths;
- 3 (d) To reduce crime and other anti-social vices through effective
- 4 management and empowerment of youths;
- 5 (e) To inculcate in the Nigerian youths the benefits of self-
- 6 empowerment and self-reliance for self and economic development
- 7 (f) To train the Nigerian youths on the establishment and management
- 8 of small scale business with limited funds.
- 9 **2. The Minister shall have power to appoint any person as the head**
- 10 **and Rector of the school; and the Rector shall be responsible to the to the Board**
- 11 **of Governors of the school under this Act for the day-to-day administration and**
- 12 **control of the school, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to**
- 13 **time be prescribed under this Act.**
- 14 **3. -(1 )There shall be Board of Governors (in this Act referred to as**
- 15 **"the Board") as members of the College charged with responsibility for the**
- 16 **organisation, administration and policy planning of the college and the Board**
- 17 **shall consist of the following members:**
- 18 (a) the chairman;
- 19 (b) the Secretary;
- 20 (c) two persons who has distinguished himself in the small and
- 21 medium scale sector of the economy;
- 22 (d) a representative of the Minister;
- 23 (e) a representative of Bank of Industry;
- 24 (f) a representative of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria.
- 25 (2) the persons named in paragraphs (a) to (c) of sub-section 1 of
- 26 section 3 shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the
- 27 Minister.
- 28 (3) The Minister may give the Board a direction of a general nature or
- 29 relating generally to particular matters and the Board shall comply with any
- 30 such directions by the Minister.

Power to appoint  
a Rector for the  
School

Board of  
Governors and  
Functions

1 (4) Subject to the provisions of subsection 3 of this section, the  
2 Board shall:

3 (a) Prescribe the general policy and other regulations of the School  
4 in consultation with the Rector including the fees to be charged by the  
5 School.

6 (b) Regulate the overall organisation and management of the  
7 School;

8 (c) Prescribe the duties of the rector and other staff of the School;

9 (d) Provide for the appointment, promotion, dismissal and transfer  
10 of members of the staff of the school and their salaries;

11 (e) Make provisions for pension schemes for members of staff of  
12 the school;

13 (f) Appoint auditors for the school;

14 (g) Approve annual accounts and estimates;

15 (h) Make all necessary contract when required between the school  
16 and any person not connected to the school;

17 (i) Submit annual report to the Minister;

18 (j) Prescribed duration of training of different programmes;

19 (k) Consider the suggestions of the council under section 7 herein  
20 and give effect to them as far as practicable;

21 (l) Appoint deputy rectors for the campuses in other Gee-Political  
22 Zones.

23 4. -(1) A member of the Board shall serve for an initial period of 3 Tenure of Office  
24 years renewable for one further period of three years only.

25 (2) A member of the Board may resign his appointment at any time  
26 by a notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Minister.

27 (3) If any member of the Board dies or resigns or otherwise vacates  
28 his office before the expiry of the term for which he is appointed, A fit and  
29 proper person shall be appointed for the remainder of the term of office of  
30 the predecessor. so however that the successor shall represent the same

1 interest and shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the  
2 Minister.

3 (4) The President may at any time remove the chairman and any  
4 member from office if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Board or  
5 the interest of  
6 the public that the member should continue in office. Provided that not more  
7 than 2/3 of the members of the Board shall be so  
8 removed at anyone time.

Proceedings of  
the Board

9 5. -(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board may make  
10 standing orders regulating the proceedings of the school or of the Board and  
11 may set out committees in the general interest of the school.

12 (2) Standing orders shall provide that the decisions taken in meetings  
13 shall be unanimous and accordingly, the chairman shall not have a second or  
14 casting vote, and standing orders made for committees shall provide that the  
15 committees are to report back to the Board any matter not within its  
16 competence under this Act.

17 (3) The quorum for the Board meetings shall be five and resolutions  
18 shall be by simple majority of members present and voting

Provisions  
relating to  
finance

19 6. -(1) The funds of the School shall comprise:

20 (a) Money allocated to it each year by the Federal Government of  
21 Nigeria;

22 (b) Training fees received from the school;

23 (c) Donations and subsidies;

24 (d) Monies from such other sources as may from time to time be  
25 approved by the Board on behalf of the School.

26 (2) The Board shall cause account to be kept at all times of the income  
27 and expenditure of the school and proper records in relation to those accounts;  
28 and the account of the school shall be audited forthwith after the financial year  
29 to which the account relate by an auditor appointed by the Board.

30 (3) The Board shall prepare and submit to the Minister not later than

1 the last day of August each year after the commencement of this Act an  
2 estimate of the expenditure and income during the next financial year.

3 7. Members of the Board shall be paid such traveling and other Allowances to  
4 allowances at such rate as the minister may from time to time, approve after members of the  
5 consultation with the Minister charged with the responsibility of finance. Board

6 8. -(1) There shall be for the school an advisory council comprises Advisory Council  
7 not less than 8 members appointed from time to time by the Minister from  
8 among representatives of government and educational institutions in  
9 Nigeria.

10 (2) Meetings of the advisory council shall be convened by the  
11 rector as at when necessary and the advisory council shall meet at least once  
12 every calendar year.

13 (3) The advisory council shall make suggestions relating to general  
14 skill training programmes and contents, new areas to explore towards  
15 realizing the objectives of the school, and to make recommendations to the  
16 Minister for the holding of seminars by external resource persons or  
17 institutions in the school which the council consider necessary.

18 (4) The quorum for council meetings shall be 2/3 of members of the  
19 council, and Members attending the meeting shall appoint the chairman for  
20 the meeting and shall regulate its own procedure thereat

21 (5) The rector or any of his nominees shall attend the council  
22 meetings and provide assistance and take part during any deliberation but  
23 shall not vote on any subject deliberated upon.

24 9. Where any act, matter or things falls to be prescribed under this Regulations  
25 Act, any such act, matter or thing may be prescribed by regulations made on  
26 behalf of the school by the Board.

27 10. The Federal Civil Service Commission may by order published  
28 in the Federal Gazette declare that service with the School shall be approved  
29 service for the purposes of the Pensions Act.

30 11. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires: Interpretation

- 1 "Board" means the Board of Governors under section 3 of this Act;  
2 "School" means Vocational School for Skills Acquisition established under  
3 section 1 of this Act;  
4 "Minister" means the Minister of the Government of the Federation charged  
5 with the responsibility for education;  
6 "Rector" means the rector of the school;  
7 "Deputy rector" means the deputy rector appointed to be the head of campuses  
8 in other Geo-Political Zones.  
9 12. This Bill may be cited as the Vocational School (Establishment)  
10 Bill, 2013.

Short Title

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of vocational school for skills acquisition in Nigeria to train and boost the skills of Nigerian youths for self-reliance and empowerment' and any other sectors connected thereto.