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INSTITUTE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT OF NIGERIA ACT

**An Act to provide for the establishment of the Institute of Personnel Management of
Nigeria and for matters connected therewith.**

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[Commencement.]

PART I

Establishment of the Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria

1. Establishment of the Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria

(1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria (in this Act referred to as "the Institute") which shall be a body corporate under that name and be charged with the general duty of-

- (a) determining what standards of knowledge and skill are to be attained by persons seeking to become registered as personnel management practitioners and raising those standards from time to time as circumstances may permit;
- (b) securing in accordance with the provisions of this Act the establishment and maintenance of a register of members and the publication from time to time of lists of those persons;

- (c) regulating and controlling the profession in all its aspects and ramifications;
- (d) performing through the Council under this Act the functions conferred on it by this Act.

(2) The Institute shall have perpetual succession and a common seal which shall be kept in such custody as the Council may, from time to time, authorise.

(3) The Institute may sue and be sued in its corporate name and may, subject to the Land Use Act, hold, acquire and dispose of any property, movable or immovable.

[Cap. L5.]

- (4) Subject to the provisions of this Act, members admitted to the Institute shall-
- (a) possess an adequate knowledge of personnel management and be enrolled in the category of-
 - (i) fellows; or
 - (ii) members; or
 - (iii) associates; or
 - (iv) affiliates; or
 - (b) be registered as graduates and students for registration and training.

(5) Persons accorded by the Council status as personnel management practitioners shall be entitled to the use of that name and shall be recorded as-

- (a) fellows, if they have-
 - (i) spent at least seven years as full members of the Institute; and
 - (ii) contributed significantly to the practice and development of personnel management;
- (b) members, if they have-
 - (i) spent at least six years in the grade of associate; and
 - (ii) been adjudged by the Council to possess an adequate knowledge of personnel management;
- (c) associates, if, they are-
 - (i) university graduates who have spent at least four years in the grade of affiliate; or
 - (ii) holders of university degrees in personnel management or related disciplines who have performed executive or advisory duties in personnel management continuously for at least six years;
 - (iii) graduates of the Institute who have competently performed executive or advisory duties at senior level in personnel management function for at least four years since election to the grade of graduate members;
 - (iv) non-graduates who have spent at least ten years in the grade of affiliate; and
 - (v) possessors of knowledge and qualities which conform to a standard essential to the successful practice of personnel management.

- (6) The designatory letter of the-
- (a) Fellows of the Institute of Personnel Management shall be "FIPM";
 - (b) Members of the Institute of Personnel Management shall be "MIPM";
 - (c) Associates of the Institute of Personnel Management shall be "AIPM".

2. Election of President, Vice-President and National Treasurer of the Institute

(1) There shall be a President, Vice-President and a National Treasurer of the Institute who shall be financial members in the grades of Associate, Member and Fellow of the Institute, to be elected annually at general meetings, and hold the same office for not more than three years continuously.

(2) The President shall be the chairman at meetings of the Institute, so however that in the event of the death, incapacity or inability for any reason of the President, the Vice-President shall act in his place for the unexpired portion of the term of office, or as the case may require, and references in this Act to the President shall be construed accordingly.

(3) The President, Vice-President and the National Treasurer shall respectively be chairman, vice-chairman and treasurer of the Council.

(4) If the President or the Vice-President or the National Treasurer ceases to be a member of the Institute he shall *ipso facto* cease to hold any of the offices designated under this section.

3. Governing Council

(1) There shall be, as the governing body of the Institute, a Council charged with responsibility for the administration and general management of the Institute.

(2) The Council shall consist of the following members, being financial members in the grades of Associate, Member and Fellow of the Institute, nominated or elected as follows, that is-

- (a) the President of the Institute, who shall be the chairman;
- (b) the Vice-President of the Institute, who shall be the vice-chairman;
- (c) the National Treasurer who shall be the treasurer;
- (d) one person representing the Ministry of Employment, Labour and Productivity;
- (e) the immediate past President;
- (f) five persons elected by the Institute;
- (g) chairmen of branches;
- (h) chairman, Board of Fellows; and
- (i) chairmen of committees of Council.

(3) The provisions of the First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the qualifications and tenure of office of members of the Council and the other matters therein mentioned.

[First Schedule.]

4. Appointment of a Board of Fellows

(1) There shall be appointed annually by the Council, a Board of Fellows, to coordinate the activities of fellows of the Institute.

(2) The Board of Fellows shall consist of persons who have been duly elected as fellows of the Institute.

PART II

Financial provisions

5. Management of the Institute's fund

(1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund, the management and control of which shall be in the hands of the Council and into which shall be paid-

- (a) all moneys received by the Council in pursuance of this Act;
- (b) all fees and other moneys payable to the Council in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section; and
- (c) such moneys as may be provided by the Federal Government to the Council by way of grant or by way of loan or otherwise.

(2) There shall be paid out of the fund of the Institute-

- (a) all expenditure incurred by the Council in the discharge of its functions under this Act;
- (b) the remuneration and allowances of the Registrar and other employees of the Institute; and
- (c) such reasonable travelling and subsistence allowances of members of the Council in respect of the time spent on the duties of the Institute, as the Council may determine.

(3) The Council may invest money in the fund in any security created or issued by or on behalf of the Government of the Federation or in any other securities in Nigeria as may be approved by the Council.

(4) The Council may, from time to time, borrow money for the purposes of the Institute and any interest payable on moneys so borrowed shall be paid out of the fund.

(5) The Council shall keep proper accounts on behalf of the Institute in respect of each year and proper records in relation to those accounts; and the Council shall cause the accounts to be audited by an auditor appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation.

(6) The auditor, appointed for the purposes of this section, shall not be a member of the Council.

PART III

The Registrar

6. Appointment and duties of the Registrar and preparation of the register

(1) It shall be the duty of the Council to appoint a fit person to be the Registrar for the purposes of this Act and such other persons as the Institute may, from time to time, think necessary.

(2) The Registrar shall be the chief executive of the Institute and secretary to the Council.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to prepare and maintain, in accordance with rules made by the Council, a register of names, addresses and approved qualifications and of such other relevant particulars as may be specified in the rules, of all persons who are entitled to be enrolled as fellows, members, associates and affiliates or registered as personnel management practitioners and who apply to be so registered.

(4) The register shall consist of five parts of which one part shall be in respect of fellows, the second part shall be in respect of members, the third part shall be in respect of associates, the fourth part shall be in respect of affiliates, and the fifth part shall be in respect of graduates and students.

(5) Subject to the following provisions of this section, the Council may make rules with respect to the form and keeping of the register and the making of entries therein, and in particular-

- (a) the making of applications for enrolment;
- (b) providing for notification to the Registrar, by the person to whom any registered particulars relate, to any change in those particulars;
- (c) authorising a registered person to have any qualification which is, in relation to the relevant division of the profession, either an approved qualification or an accepted qualification for the purposes of this Act, registered in relation to his name in addition to or, as he may elect, in substitution for any other qualifications so registered;
- (d) specifying the fees including subscription to be paid to the Institute in respect of the entry of names on the register and authorising the Registrar to refuse to enter a name on the register until any fee specified for the entry has been paid;
- (e) specifying anything failing to be specified under the foregoing provisions of this section, but rules made for the purposes of paragraph (d) of this subsection shall not come into force until they are confirmed at a special meeting of the Institute convened for the purpose thereafter or at the next annual general meeting as the case may be.

(6) It shall be the duty of the Registrar-

- (a) to correct, in accordance with the directions of the Council, any entry in the register which the Council directs him to correct as being in the opinion of the Council an entry which was incorrectly made;

- (b) to make, from time to time, any necessary alteration to the registered particulars of registered persons;
- (c) to remove from the register the name of any registered person who has died;
- (d) to record the names of members of the Institute who are in default for more than four months in the payment of annual subscriptions, and to take such action in relation thereto (including removal of the names of defaulters from the register) as the Council under this Act, may direct or require.

(7) If the Registrar-

- (a) sends by post to any registered person a registered letter addressed to him at his address on the register enquiring whether the registered particulars relating to him are correct and receives no reply to the letter within the period of six months from the date of posting it; and
- (b) upon the expiration of that period send in the like manner to the person in question a second similar letter and receives no reply to that letter within three months from the date of posting it,

the Registrar may remove the particulars relating to the person in question from the register; so however that the Council may for any reason which seems to it sufficient direct the Registrar to restore to the appropriate part of the register any particulars removed therefrom under this subsection.

7. Publication of register and list of corrections

(1) It shall be the duty of the Registrar-

- (a) to cause the register to be printed, published and put out on sale to members of the public not later than two years from the appointed day; and
- (b) in each year after that in which the register is first published under paragraph (a) of this subsection, to cause to be printed, published and put on sale as aforesaid either a corrected edition of the register or a list of alterations made to the register since it was last printed; and
- (c) to cause a print of each edition of the register and of each list of corrections to be deposited at the principal office of the Institute,

and it shall be the duty of the Council to keep the register and lists so deposited available at all reasonable times for inspection by members of the Institute.

(2) A document purporting to be a print of an edition of the register published under this section by authority of the Registrar or documents purporting to be prints of an edition of the register so published and of a list of corrections to that edition so published, shall (without prejudice to any other mode of proof) be admissible in any proceedings as evidence that any person specified in the document, or documents read together, as being registered, is so registered at the date of the edition or of the list of corrections, as the case may be, and that any person not so specified was not so registered.

(3) Where in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, a person is in any proceedings shown to have been or not to have been registered at a particular date, he shall, unless the contrary is proved, be taken for the purposes of those proceedings as having at all material times thereafter continued to be or not to be so registered.

PART IV

Registration

Registration of personnel management practitioners

8. Registration of personnel management practitioners

(1) Subject to rules under section 7 of this Act, a person shall be entitled to be enrolled or registered as a personnel management practitioner if-

- (a) he passes the qualifying examination accepted by the Council and completes the practical training prescribed by the Institute under this Act; or
- (b) he holds any other qualification accepted by the Institute for the time being; or
- (c) he qualifies for enrolment as member in any of the categories specified under subsection (4) (a) and (b) of section 1 of this Act.

(2) An applicant for registration shall, in addition to evidence of qualification, satisfy the Council that-

- (a) he is of good character;
- (b) he has attained the age of 21 years; and
- (c) he has not been convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty.

(3) The Council shall, from time to time, publish particulars of qualifications for the time being accepted by the Council for registration.

9. Approval of qualifications, etc.

(1) The Council may approve any institution for the purposes of this Act and may for those purposes approve-

- (a) any course of training at an approved institution which is intended for persons who are seeking to become or are already personnel management practitioners and which the Council considers is designed to confer on persons completing it sufficient knowledge and skill for admission into the Institute;
- (b) any qualification which, as a result of an examination taken in conjunction with a course of training approved by the Council under this section, is granted to candidates reaching a standard at the examination, indicating in the opinion of the members of the Council that the candidates have sufficient knowledge and skill for the practice of the profession.

(2) The Council may, if it thinks fit, withdraw any approval given under this section in respect of any course, qualification or institution but before withdrawing such an approval the Council shall-

- (a) give notice that it proposes to withdraw such approval to each person in Nigeria appearing to the Council to be a person by whom the course is conducted or the qualification is granted or the institution is controlled, as the case may be; and

- (b) give each such person an opportunity of making to the Council representations with regard to the proposal; and
- (c) take into consideration any representations made in respect of the proposal in pursuance of the last foregoing paragraph.

(3) Any period during which the approval of the Council under this section for a course, qualification or institution is withdrawn, the course, qualification or institution shall not be treated as approved under this section; but the withdrawal of such an approval shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of any person who, by virtue of the approval, was registered or eligible for registration immediately before the approval was withdrawn.

(4) The giving or withdrawal of an approval under this section shall have effect from such date, either before or after the execution of the instrument signifying the giving or withdrawal of the approval, as the Council may specify in that instrument and the Council shall-

- (a) publish as soon as possible a copy of every such instrument in the print media; and
- (b) not later than seven days before its publication as aforesaid, send a copy of the instrument to the Minister.

10. Supervision of instruction and examinations leading to approved qualifications

(1) It shall be the duty of the members of the Council to keep themselves informed of the nature of-

- (a) the instructions given at approved institutions to persons attending approved courses of training; and
- (b) the examinations as a result of which approved qualifications are granted, and for the purposes of performing that duty the Council may appoint, either from among its own members or otherwise, persons to visit approved institutions or to attend such examinations.

(2) It shall be the duty of the person appointed under subsection (1) of this section to report to the Council on-

- (a) the sufficiency or otherwise of the instruction given to persons attending approved courses of training at institutions visited by him;
- (b) the sufficiency of the examinations attended by him; and
- (c) any other matter relating to the institutions or examinations on which the Council may, either generally or in a particular case, request him to report,

but no visitor shall interfere with the giving of any instruction or the holding of any examination.

(3) On receiving a report made in pursuance of this section, the Council may, if it thinks fit and shall, if so required by the Institute, send a copy of the report to the person appearing to the Council to be in charge of the institution or responsible for the examinations to which the report relates, requesting that person to make observations on the report to the Council within such period as may be specified in the request, not being less than one month beginning with the date of the request.

PART V

Professional discipline

11. Establishment of Disciplinary Tribunal and Investigating Panel

(1) There shall be a tribunal to be known as the Personnel Management Disciplinary Tribunal (in this Act hereafter referred to as "the Tribunal"), which shall be charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the Panel established by the following provisions of this section, and any other case of which the Tribunal has cognisance under the following provisions of this Act.

(2) The Tribunal shall consist of the chairman of the Council and six other members appointed by the Council.

(3) There shall be a body, to be known as Personnel Management Investigating Panel (in this Act referred to as "the Panel") which shall be charged with the duty of-

- (a) conducting a preliminary investigation into any case where it is alleged that a member of the profession has misbehaved in his capacity as a personnel management practitioner, or should for any other reason be the subject of proceedings before the Tribunal; and
- (b) deciding whether the case should be referred to the Tribunal.

(4) The Panel shall be appointed by the Council and shall consist of two members of the Council and three registered members who are not members of the Council.

(5) The provisions of the Third Schedule to this Act shall, so far as they are applicable to the Tribunal and Panel respectively, have effect with respect to those bodies.
[Third Schedule.]

(6) The Council may make rules not inconsistent with this Act as to acts which constitute professional misconduct.

12. Penalties for unprofessional conduct, etc.

(1) Where-

- (a) a member is adjudged by the Tribunal to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect; or
- (b) a member is convicted, by any court in Nigeria or elsewhere having power to award imprisonment, of an offence (whether or not such offence is punishable with imprisonment) which in the opinion of the Tribunal is incompatible with the status of a personnel management practitioner; or
- (c) the Tribunal is satisfied that the name of any person has been fraudulently registered,

the Tribunal may, if it thinks fit, give a direction reprimanding that person or ordering the Registrar to strike his name off the relevant part of the register.

(2) The Tribunal may, if it thinks fit, defer its decision as to the giving of a direction under the foregoing subsection until a subsequent meeting of the Tribunal, but-

- (a) no decision shall be deferred under this subsection for periods exceeding two years in the aggregate; and
- (b) so far as possible no person shall be a member of the Tribunal for the purposes of reaching a decision which has been deferred or further deferred, unless he was present as a member of the Tribunal when the decision was deferred.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1) (b) of this section, a person shall not be treated as convicted as therein mentioned unless the conviction stands at a time when no appeal or further appeal is pending or may (without extension of time) be brought in connection with the conviction.

(4) When the Tribunal gives a direction under subsection (1) of this section, the Tribunal shall cause notice of the direction to be served on the person to whom it relates.

(5) The person to whom such a direction relates may, at any time within 28 days from the date of service on him of notice of the direction, appeal against the direction to the Court of Appeal; and the Tribunal may appear as respondent to the appeal and, for the purpose of enabling directions to be given as to the costs of the appeal and of proceedings before the Tribunal, shall be deemed to be a party thereto whether or not it appears on the hearing of the appeal.

(6) A direction of the Tribunal under subsection (1) of this section shall take effect where-

- (a) no appeal under this section is brought against the direction within the time limited for such an appeal, or on the expiration of that time;
- (b) such an appeal is brought and is withdrawn or struck out for want of prosecution, on the withdrawal or striking out of the appeal;
- (c) such an appeal is brought and it is not withdrawn or struck out as aforesaid, if and when the appeal is dismissed,

and shall not take effect except in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this subsection.

(7) A person whose name is removed from the register in pursuance of a direction of the Tribunal under this section shall not be entitled to be registered again except in pursuance of a direction in that behalf given by the Tribunal on the application of that person; and a direction under this section for the removal of a person's name from the register, may prohibit an application under this subsection by that person until the expiration of such period from the date of the direction (and where he has duly made such an application, from the date of his last application) or as may be specified in the direction.

PART VI

Miscellaneous and general

13. Application of Act to enrolled persons

At the commencement of this Act, any person not a member of the former Institute who, but for this Act, would have been qualified to apply for and obtain membership of

the profession may, within a period of three months beginning with the date of commencement of this Act, apply for membership of the Institute in such manner as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council and if approved, he shall be enrolled or registered, as the case may be, according to his qualifications.

14. When person deemed practitioner in personnel management

A person shall be deemed as a personnel management practitioner if, in consideration of remuneration received or to be received, and whether by himself or in partnership with any other person he-

- (a) engages himself in the practice of personnel management or hold himself out to the public as a personnel management practitioner; or
- (b) renders professional service or assistance in or about matters of principle or detail relating to personnel management or data; or
- (c) renders any other service which may by regulations made by the Council be designated as service constituting practice as personnel management practitioner.

15. Rules as to practising fees, etc.

- (1) The Council may make rules for -
 - (a) the training of suitable persons in personnel management ;
 - (b) the licensing people to be employed in personnel management positions;
 - (c) the fees to be paid by personnel management practitioners; and
 - (d) restrictions on the right to practice when all prescribed conditions have not been met.

(2) The Council may also make rules prescribing the amount and due date for payment of the annual subscription and for such purpose, different amounts may be prescribed by the rules according as the member of the Institute is a fellow, member, an associate, or an affiliate, or a registered graduate and student.

(3) Rules when made shall, if the chairman of the Council so directs, be published in the print media.

16. Honorary Membership

The Council shall be free to award honorary membership of the Institute to persons whom it considers worthy of such honour, on terms and conditions prescribed by Council and approved by the Institute in general meeting.

17. Provision of library facilities, etc.

The Institute shall-

- (a) provide and maintain a library comprising books and publications for the advancement of knowledge of personnel management, and such other books and publications as the Council may think necessary for the purpose;
- (b) encourage research into personnel management methods and allied subjects to the extent that the Council may from time to time consider necessary.

18. Regulations and rules

(1) Any regulations made under this Act shall be published in the print media as soon as may be after they are made.

(2) Rules made for the purposes of this Act shall be subject to confirmation by the Institute at its next annual general meeting or at any special meeting of the Institute convened for the purpose, and if then annulled shall cease to have effect on the day after the date of annulment, but without prejudice to anything done in pursuance or intended pursuance of any such rules.

19. Transfer to the Institute of certain property, etc.

(1) On the commencement of this Act-

- (a) all properties held immediately before that day by or on behalf of the former Institute shall, by virtue of this subsection and without any further assurance, vest in the Institute and be held by it for the purposes of the Institute; and
- (b) the former Institute shall cease to exist; and
- (c) subject to the next succeeding subsection, any act, matter or thing made or done by the former Institute shall cease to have effect.

(2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to, and matters arising from the transfer by this section to the Institute of the property of the former Institute and with respect to the other matters mentioned in that Schedule. [Second Schedule.]

20. Offences

(1) If any person for the purpose of procuring the registration of any name, qualification or other matter-

- (a) makes a statement which he believes to be false in a material particular; or
 - (b) recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular,
- that person is guilty of an offence.

(2) If, on or after the commencement of this Act, any person not a member of the Institute practices as a registered member of the profession of personnel management for or in expectation of reward, or takes or uses any name, title, addition or description implying that he is in practice as a registered member of the profession of personnel manage-

ment, he is guilty of an offence:

Provided that, in the case of a person falling within section 14 of this Act-

- (a) this subsection shall not apply in respect of anything done by him during the period of three months mentioned in that section; and
- (b) if within that period he duly applies for membership of the Institute, then, unless within that period he is notified that his application has not been approved, this subsection shall not apply in respect of anything done by him between the end of that period and the date on which he is enrolled or registered or is notified as aforesaid.

(3) If, on or after the commencement of this Act, a registered member of the profession holds himself out as or takes or uses any name, title, addition or description implying that he is a personnel practitioner, he is guilty of an offence.

(4) If the Registrar or any other person employed by or on behalf of the Institute wilfully makes any falsification in any matter relating to the register, he is guilty of an offence.

(5) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable-

- (a) on summary conviction to a fine of an amount not exceeding one thousand naira; or
- (b) on conviction on indictment to a fine of an amount not exceeding five thousand naira or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or both.

(6) Where an offence under this section which has been committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate or any person purporting to act in any such capacity, he as well as the body corporate, shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

21. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

"Board" means the Board of Fellows;

"Council" means the Council established as the governing body of the Institute under section 3 of this Act;

"enrolled" in relation to a fellow, a member, an associate member or an affiliate means registered in the part of the register relating to a fellow, member, associate member or affiliate as the case may be;

"fees" includes annual subscriptions;

"Institute" means the Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria established under section 1 of this Act;

"member" means member of the Institute;

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to labour;

"President" and **"Vice-President"** means respectively the office holders under those names in the Institute;

"register" means the register maintained in pursuance of section 6 of this Act;

"Tribunal" has the meaning assigned thereto by section 11 of this Act.

22. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria Act.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Section 3 (3).]

Supplementary provisions relating to the Council

Qualification and tenure of office of members

1. (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, every elected member of the Council shall hold office for a period of one year in the first instance and shall be eligible for re-election for a further term of two years in the same office beginning with the date of his appointment or election.

(2) Any member of the Institute who ceases to be a member thereof shall, if he is also a member of the Council, cease to hold office on the Council.

(3) Any elected member may by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President resign his office, and any appointed member may likewise resign his office.

(4) A person who retires from or otherwise ceases to be an elected member of the Council shall be eligible again to become a member of the Council, and any appointed member may be reappointed.

(5) Members of the Council shall at its meeting next before the annual general meeting of the Institute arrange for the five members of the Council appointed or elected and longest in office to retire at that annual general meeting.

(6) Elections to the Council shall be held in such manner as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council, and until so prescribed, they shall be decided by a show of hands.

(7) If for any reason there is a vacation of office by a member and such member was elected, the Council may, if the time between the unexpired portion of the term of office and the next meeting of the Institute appears to warrant the filling of the vacancy, co-opt some fit person for such time as aforesaid.

Powers of Council, etc.

2. The Council shall have power to do anything which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying on of the activities of the Institute.

Proceedings of the Council

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Council may in the name of the Institute make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Institute or of the Council, and in the exercise of its powers under this Act, may set up committees in the general interest of the Institute, and make standing orders therefor.

(2) Standing orders shall provide for decisions to be taken by a majority of the members, and in the event of equality of votes, for the President or the chairman, as the case may be shall have a second or casting vote.

(3) Standing orders made for a committee shall provide that the committee is to report back to the Council on any matter not within its competence to decide.

(4) The quorum of the Council shall be five and the quorum of a committee of the Council shall be fixed by the Council.

Meetings

(a) of the Institute

5. (1) The Council shall convene the annual meeting of the Institute on 30 April in every year or on such other day as the Council may, from time to time, appoint so however that if the meeting is not held within one year after the previous annual meeting not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the respective dates of the two meetings.

(2) A special meeting of the Institute may be convened by the Council at any time; and if not less than twenty members of the Institute require it by notice in writing addressed to the Registrar of the Institute setting out the objects of the proposed meeting, the chairman of the Council shall convene a special meeting of the Institute.

(3) The quorum of any meeting of the Institute shall be ten financial members and that of any special meeting of the Institute shall be fifteen financial members.

(b) of the Council

6. (1) Subject to the provisions of any standing orders of the Council, the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the chairman, and if the chairman is required to do so by notice in writing given to him by not less than five other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within seven days from the date on which the notice is given.

(2) At any meeting of the Council, the chairman or in his absence the vice-chairman shall preside, but if both are absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their number to preside at that meeting.

(3) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a member for such period as the Council thinks fit; but a person who is a member by virtue of this sub-paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.

(4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the first meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the Minister, who may give such directions as he thinks fit as to the procedure which shall be followed at the meeting.

Committees

7. (1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out on behalf of the Institute or of the Council, such functions as the Council may determine.

(2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the number of persons determined by the Council and a person other than a member of the Council shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

(3) A decision of a committee of the Council shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Council.

Miscellaneous

8. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the signature of the President or of some other member of the Council authorised generally or specially by the Institute to act for that purpose.

(2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Institute or of the Council as the case may require, by any person generally or specially authorised to act for that purpose by the Council.

(3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.

9. The validity of any proceedings of the Institute or the Council or of a committee of the Council shall not be adversely affected by any vacancy in membership, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Institute or of the Council or of a person to serve on the committee or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.

10. Any member of the Institute or of the Council, and any person holding office on a committee of the Council, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council on behalf of the Institute, or on behalf of the Council or a committee thereof, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the President of the Institute or to the Council, as the case may be, and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.

11. A person shall not by reason only of his membership of the Institute be required to disclose any interest relating solely to the audit of the accounts to the Institute.

SECOND
SCHEDULE
[Section 19 (2).]

Transition provisions as to property, etc.

Transfer of property

1. (1) Every agreement to which the former Institute was a party immediately before the commencement of this Act, whether in writing or not and whether or not of such a nature that the rights, liabilities and obligations thereunder' could be assigned by the former Institute, shall, unless its terms or subject matter make it impossible that it should have effect as modified in the manner provided by these subparagraphs, have effect from the commencement of this Act so far as it relates to assets and liabilities transferred by this Act to the Institute, as if-

- (a) the Institute had been a party to the agreement;
- (b) for any reference (however worded and whether express or implied) to the former Institute, there were substituted as respects anything falling to be done on or after the commencement of this Act a reference to the Institute; and
- (c) for any reference (however worded and whether express or implied) to a member or members of the Council of the former Institute or an officer of the Association, there were substituted, as respects anything falling to be done on or after the commencement of this Act, a reference to a member or members of the Council under this Act or the officer of the association who corresponds as nearly as may be to the member or officer in question of the association.

(2) Other documents which refer, whether specially or generally, to the former Institute shall be considered in accordance with subparagraph (1) of this paragraph so far as applicable.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this Schedule, where, by the operation of section 5 of this Act, any right, liability or obligation vests in the

Institute, the Institute and all other persons shall, as from the commencement of this Act have the same rights, powers and remedies (and, in particular, the same rights as to the taking or resisting of legal proceedings or the making or resisting of applications to any authority) for ascertaining, perfecting or enforcing that right, liability or obligation as they would have had if it had at all times been a right, liability or obligation of the Institute.

(4) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending on the commencement of this Act by or against the former Institute and relating to property transferred by this Act to the Institute may be continued on or after that day by or against the Institute.

(5) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Act is situated provides for the registration of transfers or property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far it provides for alterations of a register (but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees or any other matter) apply, with the necessary modifications, to the transfer of the property aforesaid; and it shall be the duty of the Council to furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and of that officer to register the transfer accordingly.

Transfer of functions, etc.

2. (1) At its first meeting, the Council of the Institute shall fix a date, not later than six months after the commencement of this Act, for the annual general meeting of the Institute.

(2) The members of the Council of the former Institute shall be deemed to be the members of Council of the Institute until the date determined in pursuance of the foregoing subparagraph when the Institute shall have its first annual general meeting, and they shall cease to hold office at the conclusion of such meeting.

(3) Any person who, immediately before the commencement of this Act, held office as the President or Vice-President of the Council of the former Institute by virtue of the articles of association of the association shall on that day become the President or as the case may be, the Vice-President of the Institute and shall be deemed-

- (a) to have been appointed to that office in pursuance of the provision of this Act corresponding to the relevant provision in the said articles of association; and
- (b) to have been so appointed on the date on which he took office, or last took office, in pursuance of the relevant provision of those articles.

(4) The members of the former Institute shall, as from the commencement of this Act, be registered as members of the Institute; and without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of this Schedule relating to the transfer of property, any person who, immediately before the commencement of this Act, was a member of the staff of the former Institute shall on that day become the holder of an appointment with the Institute with the status, designation and functions which correspond as nearly as may be to those which appertained to him in his capacity as a member of that staff.

(5) Any person being an office-holder on, or member of, the Council of the former Institute immediately before the commencement of this Act and deemed under this paragraph to have been appointed to any like position in the Institute, or the Council of the Institute, and thereafter ceasing to hold office otherwise than by reason of his misconduct, shall be eligible for appointment to office in the Institute or to membership of the Council, as the case may be.

(6) All regulations, rules and similar instruments made for the purposes of the former Institute and in force immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall, except in so far as they are subsequently revoked or amended by any authority having power in that behalf, have effect, with any necessary modifications, as if duly made for the corresponding purposes of the Institute.

THIRD
SCHEDULE
[Section 11 (5).]

*Supplementary Provisions relating to the Disciplinary
Tribunal*

and Investigating Panel

The Tribunal

1. The quorum of the Tribunal shall be four of whom at least two shall be registered members.
2. (1) The Chief Justice of Nigeria shall make rules as to the selection of members of the Tribunal for the purposes of any proceedings and as to the procedure to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed in proceedings before the Tribunal.
(2) The rules shall in particular provide-
 - (a) for securing that notice of the proceedings shall be given at such time and in such manner as may be specified by the rules, to the person who is the subject of the proceedings;
 - (b) for determining who in addition to the person aforesaid, shall be a party to the proceedings;
 - (c) for securing that any party to the proceedings shall, if he so requires be entitled to be heard by the Tribunal;
 - (d) for enabling any party to the proceedings to be represented by a legal practitioner;
 - (e) subject to the provisions of section 12 (5) of this Act, as to the costs of proceedings before the Tribunal;
 - (f) for requiring in a case where it is alleged that the person who is the subject of the proceedings is guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, that where the Tribunal adjudges that the allegation has not been proved it shall record a finding that the person is not guilty of such conduct in respect of the matters to which the allegation relates;
 - (g) for publishing in the *Gazette* notice of any direction of the Tribunal which has taken effect providing that a person's name shall be struck off a register.
3. For the purposes of any proceedings before the Tribunal, any member of the Tribunal may administer oaths and any party to the proceedings may issue out of the registry of the High Court writs of subpoena *ad testificandum* and *duces tecum*; but no person appearing before the Tribunal shall be compelled-
 - (a) to make any statement before the Tribunal tending to incriminate himself; or
 - (b) to produce any document under such a writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action.
4. (1) For the purpose of advising the Tribunal on questions of law arising in the proceedings before it, there shall in all such proceedings be an assessor to the Tribunal who shall be appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Attorney-General of the Federation and shall be a legal practitioner of not less than seven years' standing.

(2) The Attorney-General of the Federation shall make rules as to the functions of assessors appointed under this paragraph, and in particular, such rules shall contain provisions for securing-

- (a) that where an assessor advises the Tribunal on any question of law as to evidence, procedure or any other matters specified by the rules, he shall do so in the presence of every party or person representing a party to the proceedings who appears thereat or, if the advice is tendered while the Tribunal is deliberating in private, that every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed what advice the assessor has tendered;
- (b) that every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed if in any case the Tribunal does not accept the advice of the assessor on such a question as aforesaid.

(3) An assessor may be appointed under this paragraph either generally or for any particular proceedings or class of proceedings and shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

The Panel

5. The quorum of the Panel shall be three.

6.(1) The Panel may, at any meeting of the Panel attended by the members of the Panel, make standing orders with respect to the Panel.

(2) Subject to the provisions of any such standing orders, the Panel may regulate its own procedure.

Miscellaneous

7. (1) A person ceasing to be a member of the Tribunal or the Panel shall be eligible for re-appointment as a member of that body.

(2) A person may, if otherwise eligible, be a member of both the Tribunal and the Panel; but no person who acted as a member of the Panel with respect to any case shall act as a member of the Tribunal with respect to that case.

8. The Tribunal or the Panel may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership; and the proceedings of either body shall not be invalidated by any irregularity in the appointment of a member of that body, or (subject to paragraph 7 (2) of this Schedule) by reason of the fact that any person who was not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of that body.

9. Any document authorised or required by virtue of this Act to be served on the Tribunal or the Panel shall be served on the Registrar appointed in pursuance of section 6 of this Act.

10. Any expenses of the Tribunal or the Panel shall be defrayed by the Institute.

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CHAPTER I16

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CHAPTER I16

INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ANALYSTS OF NIGERIA ACT

An Act to establish the Institute of Public Analysts of Nigeria to regulate the profession and for other matters connected therewith.

1. Establishment of the Institute of Public Analysts Institute of Nigeria

(1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Institute of Public Analysts of Nigeria (in this Act referred to as "the Institute") which shall be a body corporate under that name and be charged with the general duty of-

- (a) determining what standards of knowledge and skill are to be attained by persons seeking to become registered as public analysts and raising those standards from time to time as circumstances may permit;
- (b) securing in accordance with the provisions of this Act the establishment and maintenance of a register of honorary fellows, associate members, fellows, members, ordinary members and students of the profession and the publication from time to time of the lists of those persons; and
- (c) performing through the Council established by section 3 of this Act the functions conferred on it by this Act.

(2) The Institute shall have perpetual succession and a common seal which shall be kept in such custody as the Council may, from time to time, authorise.

(3) The Institute may sue and be sued in its corporate name and may, subject to the Land Use Act, hold, acquire and dispose of any property, movable or immovable.

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2. Governing Council of the Institute and membership, etc.

(1) There is hereby established for the Institute a Governing Council of the Institute (in this Act referred to as "the Council") which shall be charged with responsibility for the administration and general management of the Institute.

(2) The Council shall consist of the following members, that is-

- (a) the President of the Institute, who shall be the chairman;
- (b) the two Vice-Presidents of the Institute;
- (c) ten persons to be elected by the Institute;
- (d) a representative each of the following Federal Ministries, that is-
 - (i) Health;
 - (ii) Finance; and
 - (iii) Internal Affairs; and

- (e) past Presidents of the Institute who shall be entitled to serve on the Council for a maximum period of three years from the expiration of their term of office as President of the Institute;
- (f) two persons to represent institutions of higher learning in Nigeria offering courses leading to approved qualifications, to be appointed by the Minister on rotation; and
- (g) the Registrar of the Institute who shall also be the secretary to the Council.

(3) The provisions set out in the First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the qualifications and tenure of office of members of the Council and the other matters therein mentioned.

[First Schedule.]

3. Election of President and Vice-Presidents of the Institute

(1) There shall be for the Institute a President and two Vice-Presidents who shall be fellows of the Institute, to be elected by the Council and hold office each for a term of two years from the date of election.

(2) The President shall be the chairman at meetings of the Institute, so however that in the event of the death, incapacity or inability for any reason of the President, the First Vice-President shall act in his stead for the unexpired portion of the term of office, or as the case may require, and references in this Act to the President shall be construed accordingly.

(3) The President and one of the Vice-Presidents shall respectively be chairman and vice-chairman of the Council established by section 2 of this Act.

(4) If the President or Vice-President ceases to be a member of the Institute he shall *ipso facto* cease to hold any of the offices designated under this section.

4. Admission into the Institute

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, members admitted to the Institute shall possess an adequate knowledge of the practice of public analysis and be registered as members of the Institute in the category of-

- (a) fellows; or
- (b) associates; or
- (c) members; or
- (d) honorary members;
- (e) honorary fellows.

(2) A person accorded by the Council established by this Act status as a public analyst shall be entitled to the use of that name and shall be registered as-

- (a) a fellow if-
 - (i) he has spent at least seven years as an associate of the Institute and he satisfies the Council that for a continuous period of five years immediately preceding the application he has been in active practice as a public analyst; and

- (ii) he is otherwise considered by the Council to be a fit person to be so registered;
- (b) an associate if-
 - (i) he has spent at least six years as a member of the Institute and satisfies the Council that he possesses adequate knowledge of public analysis; and
 - (ii) he is otherwise considered by the Council to be a fit person to be so registered;
- (c) a member if-
 - (i) he holds a certificate of the examination of the Institute or has any other qualification approved by the Council;
 - (ii) he satisfied the provisions of section 8 of this Act; and
 - (iii) he is otherwise considered by the Council to be a fit person to be so registered.

(3) An honorary fellow and honorary member of the Institute shall be a person admitted as such by a resolution of the Council.

(4) A person accorded by the Council under this Act status as a member of the Institute shall be entitled to the use of that name and shall be enrolled as-

- (a) a fellow-
 - (i) if he satisfies the Council that for a continuous period of five years immediately preceding the application he has been in continuous active practice as a public analyst;
 - (ii) if he is the holder of the certificate of the examination of the Institute and approved professional qualification;
 - (iii) if he is otherwise considered by the Council to be a fit person to be so enrolled;
- (b) a member-
 - (i) if he is the holder of the certificate of the examination of the Institute and approved academic professional qualification; and
 - (ii) if he is otherwise considered by the Council to be a fit person to be so enrolled;
- (c) an associate-
 - (i) if for a continuous period of not less than three years immediately preceding the application (the period of membership of the Institution in the discretion of the Council, counting in that behalf) he has been enrolled as associate;
 - (ii) if he is otherwise considered by the Council to be a fit person to be so enrolled.

(5) An honorary fellow and honorary member of the Institute shall be a person admitted as such by a resolution of the Council.

(6) The Council may with the approval of the Minister make regulations to provide for an increase or reduction in the membership of the Council and may make such amendments of subsection (2) of this section and the First Schedule to this Act as the Minister considers expedient for the purposes of or in consequence of the increase or reduction.

5. Fund of the Council

(1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund for the Institute.

(2) There shall be paid and credited into the fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section-

- (a) all fees and other moneys payable to the Council in pursuance of this Act;
- (b) such moneys as may be provided by the Federal Government to the Council by way of grant or by way of loan or otherwise; and
- (c) such moneys as may be payable to the Council in the course of the discharge of its functions under this Act.

(3) There shall be paid out of the fund of the Institute-

- (a) all expenditure incurred by the Council in the discharge of its functions under this Act; and
- (b) the remuneration and allowances of the Registrar and other staff of the Institute; and
- (c) such reasonable travelling and subsistence allowances of members of the Council in respect of the time spent on the duties of the Council, as the Council may determine.

(4) The Council may invest moneys in the fund in any security created or issued by or on behalf of the Government of the Federation or in any other securities in Nigeria as may be approved by the Council.

(5) The Council may, from time to time, borrow money for the purposes of the Institute and any interest payable on moneys so borrowed shall be paid out of the fund of the Institute.

(6) The Council shall keep proper accounts on behalf of the Institute in respect of each year and proper records in relation to these accounts; and the Council shall cause the accounts to be audited by an auditor appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation.

(7) The auditor, appointed for the purposes of this section, shall not be a member of the Council.

(8) The Council shall prepare and submit to the Minister not later than twelve months after its establishment and once in each year thereafter a report on the activities of the Council in the last preceding year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Council for that year and of the auditor's report thereon.

6. Appointment of Registrar, etc., and preparation of the register

(1) It shall be the duty of the Council to appoint-

- (a) a fit and proper person who shall be a member of the Institute to be the Registrar for the purposes of this Act; and
- (b) such other persons as the Institute may, from time to time, think necessary.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to prepare and maintain, in accordance with rules made by the Council, a register of names, addresses and approved qualifications and of such other particulars, as may be specified in the rules, of all persons who are entitled in accordance with the provisions of this Act to be registered as members of the profession in the category of fellows, members, fellow associates, honorary members, honorary fellows and students and ordinary members and, who, in the manner prescribed by such rules, apply to be so registered.

(3) The register shall consist of five parts of which the first part shall be in respect of honorary fellows, the second part shall be in respect of fellows, the third part shall be in respect of associates members, the fourth part in respect of student members, the fifth part shall be in respect of ordinary members.

(4) Subject to the following provisions of this section, the Council may make rules with respect to the form and keeping of the register and the making of entries therein and in particular-

- (a) regulating the making of applications for or registration, and providing for the evidence to be produced in support of applications;
- (b) providing for the notification to the Registrar, by the person to whom any registered particulars relate, of any change in those particulars;
- (c) authorising a registered person to have any qualification which is in relation to public analysis, either an approved qualification for the purposes of this Act, registered in relation to his name in addition to or, as he may elect, in substitution for any other qualifications so registered;
- (d) specifying the fees, including any annual subscription, to be paid to the Institute in respect of the entry of names on the register, and authorising the Registrar to refuse to enter a name on the register until any fee specified for the entry has been paid;
- (e) specifying anything falling to be specified under the foregoing provisions of this section.

(5) Any rules made for the purposes of paragraph (d) of subsection 4 of this section shall not come into force until they are confirmed at a special meeting of the Institute convened for the purpose or at the next annual general meeting, as the case may be.

(6) It shall be the duty of the Registrar-

- (a) to correct, in accordance with the directions of the Council, any entry in the register which the Council directs him to correct as being in the opinion of the Council an entry which was incorrectly made;
- (b) to make, from time to time, any necessary alterations to the registered particulars of registered persons;
- (c) to record the names of members of the Institute who are in default for more than six months in the payment of annual subscriptions, and to take such action in relation thereto (including removal of the names of defaulters from the register) as the Council may direct or require.

(7) If the Registrar-

- (a) sends by post to any registered person a registered letter addressed to him at his address on the register inquiring whether the registered particulars relating to him are correct and received no reply to the letter within the period of six months from the date of posting it; and
- (b) upon the expiration of that period sends in the like manner to the person in question a second similar letter and receives no reply to that letter within three months from the date of posting it,

the Registrar may remove the particulars relating to the person in question from the register:

Provided that the Council may for any reason which seems to it sufficient, direct the Registrar to restore to the appropriate part of the register any particulars removed therefrom under this subsection.

7. Publication of register and list of corrections

(1) It shall be the duty of the Registrar-

- (a) to cause the register to be printed, published and put out on sale to members of the public not later than two years from the coming into force of this Act;
- (b) in each year after that in which a register is first published under paragraph (a) of this subsection, to cause to be printed, published and put on sale as afore-said, either a corrected edition of the register or list of alterations made to the register since it was last printed; and
- (c) to cause a print of each edition of the register and of each list of corrections to be deposited at the principal office of the Institute, and it shall be the duty of the Council to keep the register and lists so deposited available at all reasonable times for inspection by members of the public.

(2) A document purporting to be a print of an edition of a register published under this section by authority of the Registrar or documents purporting to be prints of an edition of a register so published and of a list of corrections to that edition so published, shall (without prejudice to any other mode of proof) be admissible in any proceedings as evidence that any person specified in the document, or documents read together, as being registered, is so registered at the date of the edition or of the list of corrections, as the case may be, and that any person not so specified was not so registered.

(3) Where in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, a person is in any proceedings, shown to have been or not to have been registered at a particular date, he shall, unless the contrary is proved, be taken for the purposes of those proceedings as having at all material times thereafter continued to be or not to be so registered.

8. Registration of members of the profession

(1) Subject to section 15 of this Act and to rules made under section 6 of this Act, a person shall be entitled to be registered as a member of the profession if-

- (a) he passes the qualifying examination for registration recognised or conducted by the Council under this Act and completes the practical training prescribed; or
- (b) he holds a qualification granted and for the time being accepted by the Institute and satisfies the Council that he has had sufficient practical experience as a member of the profession; or
- (c) he holds a qualification granted outside Nigeria and for the time being accepted by the Institute which entitles him to practise for all purposes as a public analyst in the country in which the qualification was granted,

and he qualifies for registration as a member in any of the categories, specified in section 4 of this Act.

(2) An applicant for registration under this Act shall, in addition to evidence of qualification, satisfy the Council that-

- (a) he is of good character;
- (b) he had attained the age of 21 years; and
- (c) he has not been convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty.

(3) The Council may, in its sole discretion, provisionally accept a qualification produced in respect of an application for registration under this section, or direct that the application be renewed within such period as may be specified in the direction.

(4) Any entry directed to be made in the register under subsection (3) of this section shall show that the registration is provisional and no entry so made shall be converted to full registration without the consent of the Council, signified in writing in that behalf.

(5) The Council shall, from time to time, publish in the *Gazette* particulars of qualifications for the time being acceptable for registration by the Institute.

9. Approval of qualifications, etc.

(1) The Council may approve any qualification for the purposes of this Act and may for those purposes approve-

- (a) any course of training at an approved institution which is intended for persons who are seeking to become or are already members of the profession and which the Council considers is designed to confer on persons completing it sufficient knowledge and skill for the practice of public analyst;
- (b) any qualification which, as a result of examination taken in conjunction with the course of training approved by the Council under this section, is granted to candidates reaching a standard at the examination, indicating in the opinion of the Council; that the candidates have sufficient knowledge and skill for the practice of public analyst.

(2) The Council may, if it thinks fit, withdraw any approval given under this section in respect of any course, qualification or institution but before withdrawing such an approval the Council shall-

- (a) give notice that it proposes to do so to persons in Nigeria appearing to the Council to be a person by whom the course is conducted or the qualification is granted or the institution is controlled, as the case may be;
- (b) afford each such person an opportunity of making to the Council representations with regard to the proposal; and
- (c) take into consideration any representations made as respects the proposal in pursuance of paragraph (b) of this subsection.

(3) As respects any period during which the approval of the Council under this section for a course, qualification or institution is withdrawn, the course, qualification or institution shall not be treated as approved under this section; but the withdrawal of such an approval shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of any person who, by virtue of the approval, was registered or eligible for registration immediately before the approval was withdrawn.

(4) The giving or withdrawal of an approval under this section shall have effect from such date, either before or after the execution of the instrument signifying the giving or withdrawal of the approval, as the Council may specify in the instrument and the Council shall-

- (a) as soon as may be publish a copy of every such instrument in the *Gazette*; and
- (b) not later than seven days before its publication, send a copy of the instrument to the Minister.

10. Supervision of instruction, etc.

(1) The Council shall, subject to the provisions of section 11 of this Act, keep itself informed of the nature of-

- (a) the instruction given at approved institutions to persons attending approved courses of training; and
- (b) the examinations as a result of which approved qualifications are granted, and for the purposes of performing that duty the Council may appoint, either from among its own members or otherwise, persons to visit approved institutions or to attend such examinations.

(2) It shall be the duty of the person appointed under subsection (1) of this section to report to the Council on-

- (a) the sufficiency or otherwise of the instruction given to persons attending approved courses of training at institutions visited by him;
- (b) the adequacy or otherwise of the examinations conducted at any institution inspected by him; and
- (c) any other matter relating to the institutions or examinations on which the Council may, either generally or in a particular case, request him to report,

but no person shall interfere with the giving of any instruction or the holding of any examination.

(3) On receipt of a report made in pursuance of this section, the Council may, if it thinks fit and shall, if so required by the Institute, send a copy of the report of the person appearing to the Council to be in charge of the institution or responsible for the examinations to which the report relates; requesting that person to make observations on the report to the Council within such period as may be specified in the request, not being less than one month beginning with the date of the request.

11. Establishment of Disciplinary Tribunal and Investigating Panel

(1) There shall be established a body to be known as the Institute of Public Analysts of Nigeria Disciplinary Tribunal (in this Act referred to as "the Tribunal"), which shall be charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the Panel established under subsection (3) of this section, and any other case of which the Tribunal has cognisance under the following provisions of this Act.

(2) The Tribunal shall consist of the President of the Council and six other members of the Council appointed by the Council.

(3) There shall be a body to be known as the Institute of Public Analysts of Nigeria Investigating Panel (in this Act referred to as "the Panel") which shall be charged with the duty of-

- (a) conducting a preliminary investigation into any case where it is alleged that a member of the profession has misbehaved in his capacity as such a member or should for any other reason be the subject of proceedings before the Tribunal;
- (b) deciding whether the case should be referred to the Tribunal; and
- (c) submitting a report on any action taken in the past to the Tribunal.

(4) The Panel shall be appointed by the Council and shall consist of two members of the Council and one member of the profession who is not a member of the Council.

(5) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Act shall, so far as they are applicable to the Tribunal and Panel respectively, have effect with respect to those bodies.

[Second Schedule.]

(6) The Council may make rules not inconsistent with this Act as to acts which constitute professional misconduct.

12. Penalties for unprofessional conduct, etc.

(1) Where-

- (a) a person registered under this Act is adjudged by the Tribunal to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect; or
- (b) a person registered under this Act is convicted, by any court in Nigeria or elsewhere by any court or tribunal having power to award punishment for an offence (whether or not such offence is punishable with imprisonment) which in the opinion of the Tribunal is incompatible with the status of a member of the profession; or
- (c) the Tribunal is satisfied that the name of any person has been fraudulently registered,

the Tribunal may, if it thinks fit, give a direction reprimanding that person or ordering the Registrar to strike his name off the relevant part of the register.

(2) The Tribunal may, if it thinks fit, defer its decision as to the giving of a direction under subsection (1) of this section until a subsequent meeting of the Tribunal.

(3) No decision of the Tribunal shall be deferred under subsection (2) of this section for periods exceeding one year in the aggregate.

(4) As far as possible one person shall be a member of the Tribunal for the purposes of reaching a decision which has been deferred or further deferred, unless he was present as a member of the Tribunal when the decision was deferred.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (1) of this section, a person shall not be treated as convicted unless the conviction stands at a time when no appeal or further appeal is pending or may (without extension of time) be brought in connection with the conviction.

(6) When the Tribunal gives a direction under subsection (1) of this section, the Tribunal shall cause notice of the direction to be served on the person to whom it relates.

(7) The person to whom such a direction relates may, at any time within 28 days from the date of service on him of the direction, appeal against the direction to the Federal High Court and the Tribunal may appear as respondent to the appeal and, for the purpose of enabling directions to be given as to the costs of the appeal and of proceedings before the Tribunal, the Tribunal shall be deemed to be a party thereto whether or not it appeals on the hearing of the appeal.

(8) A direction of the Tribunal given under subsection (1) of this section shall take effect where-

- (a) no appeal under this section is brought against the direction within the time limited for such an appeal, or on the expiration of that time; or
- (b) such an appeal is brought and is withdrawn or struck out for want of prosecution, on the withdrawal of striking out of the appeal;
- (c) such an appeal is brought and is not withdrawn or struck out as aforesaid, if and when the appeal is dismissed.

(9) A person whose name is removed from the register in pursuance of a direction of the Tribunal under this section shall not be entitled to be registered again except in pursuance of a direction in that behalf given by the Tribunal on the application of that person.

(10) A direction under this section for the removal of a person's name from the register, may prohibit an application under subsection (9) of this section by that person until the expiration of such period from the date of the direction (and where he has duly made such an application, from the date of his last application) or as may be specified in the direction.

13. Application of Act to unenrolled persons

(1) Any person not being a member of the Association of Public Analysts who, but for this Act, would have been qualified to apply for and obtain membership of the Incorporated Institute may, within a period of three months from the commencement of this

Act, apply for the membership of the Institute in such a manner as may be prescribed by the Council.

(2) Where an application under subsection (1) of this section is approved by the Council, the applicant shall be registered, as the case may be, according to his qualification.

14. When persons are deemed to practise as members of the profession

(1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, a person shall be deemed to practise as a public analyst if, in consideration of remuneration to be received, and whether by himself or in partnership with any person, he-

- (a) engages himself in the practice of public analysis or holds himself out to the public as a public analyst; or
- (b) renders professional service or assistance in or about matters of principle or detail relating to public analysis;
- (c) renders any other service which may by regulations made by the Council, with the approval of the Minister, be designated as service constituting practice as a public analyst.

(2) A person registered as a member shall be eligible to practise the analysis of food, drugs, cosmetics and medical devices and a certificate issued under the hand of a registered member shall constitute sufficient evidence as to the validity of the contents in any court of law or tribunal provided that the laboratory where the analysis was effected has been designated, registered and fully licensed by the appropriate authority.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to apply to persons who, while in the employment of any government or person, are required under the terms or in the course of such employment, to perform the duties of a public analyst.

15. Rules as to articles, etc.

(1) The Council may make rules for-

- (a) the training with registered members of the Institute of suitable persons in the practice of public analysis;
- (b) the supervision and regulation of the engagement, training and transfer of such person.

(2) The Council may also make rules-

- (a) prescribing the amount and date for payment of the annual subscription and annual renewal of a studentship and for such purpose, different amounts may be prescribed by the rules for a fellow, member, associate, honorary member, honorary fellow or student of the Institute;
- (b) prescribing the form of licence to practice to be issued annually or, if the Council thinks fit, by endorsement on an existing licence;
- (c) restricting the right to practise as a member of the profession if in default of payment of the amount of the annual subscription where the default continues for longer than such period as may be prescribed by the rules;

- (d) restricting the right to practise as a member of the profession if the qualification granted outside Nigeria does not entitle the holder to practise as a public

analyst; and

- (e) prescribing the period of practical training in the office of a member of the Institute in practice to be completed before a person qualified for a licence to practise as a public analyst.

(3) Rules when made shall, if the chairman of the Council so directs, be published in the *Gazette*.

16. Provision of the Library

The Institute shall-

- (a) provide and maintain a library comprising books and publications for the promotion and advancement of knowledge of the profession, and such other books and publications as the Council may think necessary for the purpose;
- (b) encourage research into public analysis methods and allied subjects to the extent that the Council may, from time to time, determine.

17. Powers of the Minister to give directives to the Council

The Minister may give to the Council directions of a general character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual person or case) with regard to the exercise by the Council of its functions and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with the directives.

18. Regulations

(1) Any regulations made under this Act shall be published in the *Gazette* as soon as may be after they are made and a copy of such regulations shall be sent to the Minister not later than seven days before they are so published.

(2) Rules made for the purposes of this Act shall be subject to confirmation by the Institute at its next annual meeting or at any special meeting of the Institute convened for the purpose, and if then annulled shall cease to have effect on the day after the date of annulment, but without prejudice to anything done in pursuance or intended pursuance of any such rules.

19. Offences and penalties

(1) If any person for the purpose of procuring the registration of any name, qualification or other matter-

- (a) makes a statement which he believes to be false in a material particular; or
- (b) recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular,

he is guilty of an offence.

(2) If, on or after the relevant date, any person who is not a member of the Institute practises as a public analyst for or in expectation of reward or takes or uses any name, title, addition or description implying that he is in practice as public analyst, he is guilty of an offence.

(3) In the case of a person falling within section 13 of this Act-

- (a) the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall not apply in respect of anything done by him during the period of three months mentioned in that section; and
- (b) if within that period he duly applies for membership of the Institute, then unless within that period he is notified that his application has not been approved, the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall not apply in respect of anything done by him between the end of that period and the date which he is registered or is notified as aforesaid.

(4) If the Registrar or any other person employed by or on behalf of the Institute wilfully makes any falsification in any matter relating to the register, he is guilty of an of-

fence.

(5) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable-

(a) on summary conviction, to a fine of an amount not exceeding ₦1000; or

(b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine of an amount not exceeding ₦5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(6) Where an offence under this section which has been committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate or any person purporting to act in any such capacity, he, as well as the body corporate, shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

20. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

"**Council**" means the Council established as the governing body of the Institute under section 2 of this Act;

"**fees**" includes annual subscriptions;

"**Institute**" means the Institute of Public Analysts of Nigeria established under section 1 of this Act;

"**member**" means a fellow, associate member, honorary fellow or honorary member of the Institute;

"**Minister**" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to health;

"**Panel**" has the meaning assigned thereto by section 11 of this Act;

"**President**" and "**Vice-President**" means respectively the office holders under those names in the Institute;

"register" means the register maintained in pursuance of section 6 of this Act;

"Tribunal" has the meaning assigned thereto by section 11 of this Act.

21. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Institute of Public Analysts of Nigeria Act.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Sections 2 (3) and 4 (6).]

Supplementary provisions relating to the Council, qualifications and tenure of office of members

1. (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a member of the Council shall hold office for a period of three years beginning with the date of his appointment or election.
 - (2) In the case of a person who is a member by virtue of having been President of the Institute, he shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of his having ceased to be President of the Institute.
 - (3) Any member of the Institute who ceases to be a member thereof shall, if he is also a member of the Council, cease to hold office on the Council.
 - (4) Any elected member may, by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President of the Institute, resign his office, and any appointed member may, with the consent of the Minister, in the same manner resign his office.
 - (5) A person who retires from or otherwise ceases to be an elected member of the Council shall be eligible again to become a member of the Council and any appointed member may be reappointed.
 - (6) Members of the Council shall at its meeting next before the annual meeting of the Institute arrange for the five members of the Council appointed or elected and longest in office to retire at that annual meeting.
 - (7) Elections to the Council shall be held in such manner as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council, and until so prescribed, they shall be decided by a show of hands.
 - (8) If for any reason there is a vacation of office by a member and-
 - (a) such member was appointed by the Minister, the Minister shall appoint another fit and proper person to replace such member; or
 - (b) such member was elected, the Council may, if the time between the unexpired portion of the term of office and the next meeting of the Institute appears to warrant the filling of the vacancy, co-opt some fit and proper person for such time as aforesaid.

Powers of Council

2. The Council shall have power to do anything which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying on of the activities of the Institute.

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Council may in the name of the Institute make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Institute, the Council or any of the Institute's committees.

(2) The standing orders shall provide for decisions to be taken by a majority of the members, and in the event of equality of votes, the President of the Institute or the chairman, as the case may be shall have a second or casting vote.

(3) The standing orders made for a committee shall provide that the committee reports back to the Council on any matter within its competence to decide.

4. The quorum of the Council shall be seven and the quorum of a committee of the Council shall be determined by the Council.

Meeting of the Institute

5. (1) The Council shall convene the annual meeting of the Institute on 30 April in every year or on such other day as the Council may, from time to time, appoint so however that if the meeting is not held within one year after the previous annual meeting not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the respective dates of the two meetings.

(2) A special meeting of the Institute may be convened by the Council at any time, and if not less than twenty members of the Institute require it by notice in writing addressed to the Registrar of the Institute setting out the objects of the proposed meeting, the chairman of the Council shall convene a special meeting of the Institute.

(3) The quorum of any meeting of the Institute shall be ten members and that of any special meeting of the Institute shall be fifteen members.

6. (1) Subject to the provisions of any standing orders of the Council, the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the chairman, and if the chairman is required to do so by notice in writing given to him by not less than seven other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within seven days from the date on which the notice is given.

(2) At any meeting of the Council, the chairman or in his absence the vice-chairman shall preside, but if both are absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their number to preside at that meeting.

(3) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a member for such period as the council thinks fit; but a person who is a member by virtue of this sub-paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.

(4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the first meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the Minister, who may give such directions as he thinks fit as to the procedure which shall be followed at the meeting.

Committees

7. (1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out on behalf of the Institute or of the Council, such functions as the Council may determine.

(2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the number of persons determined by the Council, of whom not more than one third shall be persons who are not members of the Council and a person other than a member of the Council shall hold office on

the Committee in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

(3) A decision of a committee of the Council shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Council.

Miscellaneous

8. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the signature of the President of the Institute or of some other member of the Council authorised generally or specially by the Institute to act for that purpose.

(2) Any contact or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Institute or of the Council as the case may require, by any person generally or specially authorised to act for that purpose by the Council.

(3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be executed.

9. The validity of any proceedings of the Institute or the Council or of a committee of the Council shall not be adversely affected by any vacancy in membership, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Institute or of the Council or of a person to serve on the Committee or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.

10. Any member of the Institute or of the Council, and any person holding office on a committee of the Council, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council on behalf of the Institute, or on behalf of the Council or a committee thereof, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the President of the Institute or to the Council, as the case may be, and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.

SECOND SCHEDULE

[Section 11 (5).]

*Supplementary provisions related to the Disciplinary Tribunal
and Investigating Panel of the Tribunal*

1. The quorum of the Tribunal shall be four of whom at least two shall be members of the profession.

2. (1) The Attorney-General of the Federation may make rules as to the selection of members of the Tribunal for the purposes of any proceedings and as to the procedure to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed in proceedings before the Tribunal.

(2) The rules shall in particular provide-

- (a) for securing that notice of the proceedings shall be given at such time and in such manner as may be specified by the rules, to the person who is the subject of the proceedings;
- (b) for determining who in addition to the person aforesaid, shall be party to the proceedings;
- (c) for securing that any party to the proceedings shall, if so required be entitled to be heard by the Tribunal;
- (d) for enabling any party to the proceedings to be represented by a legal practitioner;
- (e) subject to the provisions of section 12 (5) of this Act, as to the costs of proceedings before the

Tribunal;

(f) for requiring in a case where it is alleged that the person who is subject of the proceedings is guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, that where the Tribunal adjudges that the allegation has not been proved it shall record a finding that the person is not guilty of such conduct in respect of the matters to which the allegation relates;

(g) for publication in the *Gazette* notice of the direction of the Tribunal which has taken effect providing that a person's name shall be struck off a register.

3. For the purposes of any proceedings before the Tribunal, any member of the tribunal may administer oaths and any party to the proceedings may issue out of the registry of the Court of Appeal writs of subpoena *ad testificandum* and *duces tecum*; but no person appearing before the Tribunal shall be compelled-

- (a) to make any statement before the Tribunal tending to incriminate himself; or
- (b) to produce any document under such a writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action.

4. For the purpose of advising the Tribunal on questions of law arising in the proceedings before it, there shall in all such proceedings be an assessor to the Tribunal who shall be appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Attorney-General of the Federation and shall be a legal practitioner of not less than ten years' standing.

5. If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Act is situate provides for the registration or transfer of property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees or any other matter) apply, with the necessary modifications, to the transfer of the property aforesaid; and it shall be the duty of the Council to furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and for that officer to register the transfer accordingly.

6. (1) At its first meeting, the Council of the Institute shall fix a date (not later than six months after the commencement of this Act) for the annual meeting of the Institute.

(2) The Attorney-General of the Federation shall make rules as to the functions of assessors appointed under this paragraph, and in particular such rules shall contain provisions for securing that-

- (a) where an assessor advises the Tribunal on any question of law as to evidence, procedure or any other matters specified by the rules, he shall do so in the presence of every party or person representing a party to the proceedings who appears thereat or, if the advice is tendered while the Tribunal is deliberating in private, that every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed what advice the assessor has tendered;
- (b) every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed if in any case the Tribunal does not accept the advice of the assessor on such a question as aforesaid.

(3) An assessor may be appointed under this paragraph either generally or for any particular proceedings or class of proceedings and shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

The Panel

7. The quorum of the Panel shall be three.

8. (1) The Panel may, at any meeting of the Panel attended by all the members of the Panel, make standing orders with respect to the Panel.

(2) Subject to the provisions of any such standing orders, the Panel may regulate its own procedure.

Miscellaneous

9. (1) A person ceasing to be a member of the Tribunal or the Panel shall be eligible for re-appointment as a member of that body.

(2) A person may, if otherwise eligible, be a member of both the Tribunal and the Panel; but no person who acted as a member of the Panel with respect to any case shall act as a member of the Tribunal with respect to that case.

10. The Tribunal or the Panel may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership; and the proceedings of either body shall not be invalidated by any irregularity in the appointment of a member of that body, or (subject to paragraph 8 (2) of this Schedule) by reason of the fact that any person who was not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of that body.

11. Any document authorised or required by virtue of this Act to be served on the Tribunal or the Panel shall be served on the Registrar appointed in pursuance of section 6 of this Act.

12. Any expenses of the Tribunal or the Panel shall be defrayed by the Institute.

INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ANALYSTS OF NIGERIA ACT

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

No Subsidiary Legislation