

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL VOCATIONAL CENTRE AT OBOROKE, KOGI STATE TO PROVIDE VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT, IN ORDER TO REDUCE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH COST OF LIVING ASSOCIATED WITH CURRENT ECONOMIC REALITIES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL VOCATIONAL CENTRE

2 1.-(1) There is established a Centre to be known as National Establishment
3 Vocational Centre, Oboroke, Kogi State (in this Bill referred to as "the of the Centre
4 Centre").

5 (2) The Centre shall be a corporate body with perpetual succession
6 and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

7 2.-(1) There is established for the Centre a Governing Council (in Establishment
8 this Bill referred to as "the Council"). of the Governing
Council of the
Centre

9 (2) The Council shall consist of-

10 (a) a chairman to be appointed by the President, Commander-in-
11 Chief of the Armed Forces, of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the
12 recommendation of the Minister for youth development;

13 (b) one representative of each of the six geo-political zones, to be
14 appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister;

15 (c) the Director General of the Centre; and

16 (d) one person representing-

17 (i) National Directorate of Employment,

18 (ii) National Youth Service Corps, and

	1	(iii) Small and Medium Scale Enterprises.
Schedule	2	(3) The supplementary provisions contained in the schedule to this
	3	Bill shall have effect concerning the proceedings of the Council and other
	4	matters.
Powers to the Council	5	3. The Council shall have the power to-
	6	(a) determine the general policy of the Centre;
	7	(b) provide for the discipline and general welfare of staff of the
	8	Centre;
	9	(c) constitute relevant committees to assist in executing specific
	10	assignments for the Centre; and
	11	(d) approve the projects and programmes of the Centre.
Tenure and Cessation of Office for members	12	4.-(1) The Chairman and members of the Governing Council
	13	representing the six geo-political zones shall hold office for four years and may
	14	be eligible for re-appointment for of the Council another term of four years and
	15	no more, on such terms and conditions as specified by their letter of
	16	appointment.
	17	(2) The office of the Chairman or any other member of the governing
	18	Council shall become vacant if-
	19	(a) the person resigns his appointment by notice in writing under his
	20	hand addressed to the Minister;
	21	(b) the Minister in consultation with other members of the Council is
	22	satisfied that it is not in the best interest of the Centre for the person to continue
	23	in office and notifies the member to that effect;
	24	(c) the person is incapable of performing the functions of the office
	25	because of disease of body or mind and was declared so by a medical
	26	practitioner; or
	27	(d) because of death, bankruptcy or conviction of a criminal offence.
Allowances of Members of the Council	28	5. Members of the Centre may receive allowances as are applicable
	29	to government agencies or as may be stipulated by the Council under
	30	applicable Federal Government Regulations.

1 PART II - FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE CENTRE

2 6. Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Centre shall have the
3 responsibility of providing vocational training programmes relating to-

Functions, powers
and objectives of
the Centre

4 (a) carpentry;

5 (b) bricklaying;

6 (c) plumbing;

7 (d) welding and fabrication;

8 (e) soap making;

9 (f) palm oil and groundnut oil production;

10 (g) production of cassava flour and related products;

11 (h) shoe making and repairs;

12 (i) tailoring and fashion designing;

13 (j) barbing and hairdressing; and

14 (k) mechanical works such as auto mechanic, wiring and rewiring

15 etc.

16 PART III - STRUCTURE OF THE CENTRE

17 7.-(1) The Centre shall, subject to the approval of the Council,
18 establish such departments as the Centre may deem necessary.

Departments of
the Centre

19 (2) Each Department shall be headed by a Director who shall be
20 professionally qualified to hold the office appointed through a competitive
21 process.

22 (3) Subject to the approval of the Council management committee,
23 established under clause 9 of this Bill, may create additional departments,
24 divisions and units as it may deem necessary to achieve the objective of the
25 Centre.

26 8. There is established for the Centre, a State Office in each of the
27 States of the Federation and Federal Capital for the Centre Territory to carry
28 out some of the functions of the Centre.

Establishment
of State Offices

29 9.-(1) There is established for the Centre, a management
30 committee comprising all the Directors and the Director-General of the

Establishment of
Management and
other Committees
for the Centre

1 Centre who shall be the Chairperson of the Committee.

2 (2) The management committee shall be responsible for the general
3 administration of the Centre.

4 (3) The Council may create additional committees, either standing or
5 ad-hoc, and give them specific functions.

Appointment of
Director-General
and Secretary of
the Centre

6 **10.**-(1) There shall be appointed for the Centre, a Director-General
7 who shall possess appropriate qualifications and cognate working experience
8 as the Council may determine.

9 (2)The Director-General shall-

10 (a) be the chief -Executive officer of the Centre and shall be charged
11 with the general responsibility of matters relating to the day-to-day
12 management and operations of the Centre;

13 (b) be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed
14 Forces, of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, on the recommendation of the
15 Minister;

16 (c) hold office for four years and may be re-appointed for a further
17 term of four years and no more; and

18 (d) be answerable to the Council.

19 (3) There shall be appointed by the Council for the Centre, a
20 Secretary who shall qualify as a legal practitioner and was so qualified for not
21 less than 10 years.

22 (4) The Secretary shall be answerable to the Director-General of the
23 Centre.

The Staff of the
Centre

24 **11.**-(1) The staff of the Centre other than those mentioned in this Bill
25 shall be employed according to the procedure stipulated by the Council.

26 (2) The Staff can be on permanent or temporary appointment on the
27 terms which preclude the grant of pension and gratuity.

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28 (3) The provisions of the Pension Reform Act, 2004 apply to the
29 service of this Centre.

	1	PART V - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
Procedure and limitation of suit against the Centre	2	16. A person who has a cause of action against the Centre must-
	3	(a) give the Centre three months' notice of intention to commence an
	4	action in writing disclosing the cause of action and be served to the principal
	5	office of the Centre; and
	6	(b) any cause of action against the Centre for any claim must
	7	commence within four years from the date the cause of action arose.
Service of process	8	17. Any document, summons, notice, process or any other thing
	9	required or authorized to be served to the Centre shall be served by delivering
	10	same to the office of the Director-General of the Centre.
Indemnity of members etc.	11	18. -(1) Every member of the Council, agent or employee of the
	12	Centre shall be indemnified from the Fund of the Centre against any liability
	13	incurred in defending any proceeding brought against the persons under this
	14	Clause, in the person's capacity as member, agent or employee of the Centre.
Cap. L5 LFN, 2004	15	(2) For official functions of members and staff of the Centre, the
	16	members and the staff of the Centre shall enjoy the provisions of the Public
	17	Officers Protection Act.
Acquisition of property Cap. L40 LFN, 2004	18	19. The Centre may subject to the provisions of the Land Use Act and
	19	any other applicable Law, have powers to lease, rent or acquired an interest in
	20	land and other properties.
Regulations	21	20. The Minister shall have the power to make regulations to give
	22	effect to the provisions of this Bill.
Interpretation	23	21. In this Bill-
	24	"Chairman" means Chairman of the Council;
	25	"Director-General" means Chief Executive Officer of the Centre; and
	26	"Minister" means Minister responsible for youths.
Citation	27	22. This Bill is cited as National Vocational Centre Oboroke
	28	(Establishment) Bill, 2023.

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SCHEDULE

Clause 2(3)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE CENTRE

Proceedings Of The Council

1.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and other applicable laws the Council may make standing orders regulating its proceedings.

(2) The Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman, or if required to do so by at least 6 members of the Council and shall meet for a minimum of 4 times in a year.

(3) The Chairman shall preside over the meetings of the Council and in his absence; members of the Council shall appoint one person among themselves to act for that meeting as the Chairman.

(4) The quorum of the Council shall be formed by the Chairman or a person sitting in his place and five other members of the Council including the Secretary.

Committees

2.-(1) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees to carry out, on its behalf, such functions that the Committee shall so do.

(2) The decision of the sub-committee appointed under paragraph 2(1) shall have no effect until it is approved by the Management Committee.

Miscellaneous

3.-(1) The Secretary of the Council shall be the custodian of the seal of the Centre.

(2) Fixing of the common seal of the Centre shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman of the Council or some other persons authorized to do so.

(3) Any contract or instrument, which if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, shall not be required to be made under seal, shall be executed on behalf of the Centre by the Director-General or any other person authorized to do so.

1 (4) Where the Council desires to obtain an expert opinion from a
2 person not being a member of the Council, the Council may co-opt such person
3 for such period the Council may determine but the co-opted person shall not
4 have the right to vote or to count in forming a quorum.

5 (5) The validity of any proceeding of the Council or a committee shall
6 not be adversely affected by any vacancy in the membership of the Council or
7 Committee or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Council or
8 Committee or by reason that a person not entitled to take part in the proceedings
9 of the Council or the Committee took part.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish National Vocational Centre at Oboroke, Kogi State to provide vocational training in human capital development, in order to reduce rate of unemployment in the North Central high cost of living associated with current economic realities.