

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE OATHS ACT, CAP. O1, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND ENACT THE OATHS ACT, 2023 TO TAKE COGNISANCE OF TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS AND MAKE PROVISIONS FOR DIGITAL AND ELECTRONIC MEANS OF ADMINISTERING OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Benjamin O. Kalu

[] Commencement

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

1 **1.** The oaths to be taken as occasion demands shall be the oaths set Oaths to be taken
2 out in the Schedule to this Act.

3 **2.** A person appointed to an office under this Act shall take the oath Officers to take
4 specified in the first column of the Schedule to this Act which shall be oaths
5 administered by the authority prescribed in this Act.

6 **3.-(1)** Except in the case of the President, a person who has duly Unnecessary
7 taken the Oath of Allegiance or the Judicial Oath in Nigeria as provided in repetition of oath
8 this Act shall not be required again to take that oath on appointment to any
9 other office or on any other occasion.

10 **(2)** A person appointed to act in any office or capacity in the place
11 of any officer or person, shall not be required to take any oath on the
12 occasion of such appointment, unless the oath required to be taken in respect
13 of such appointment is different from or in addition to any oath duly taken by
14 him in respect of any other appointment, permanent or temporary.

15 **(3)** Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), a person
16 holding an office or position specified in the second column of the Schedule
17 to this Act shall, on or as soon as reasonable, after 1 October, 1963 take the
18 oath prescribed for that office in the first column of the Schedule.

Omission or
irregularity as
to oath

1 4.-(1) Nothing in this Act shall render or be deemed to have rendered
2 invalid any act done Omission or which may be done by a public officer in the
3 execution or intended execution of irregularity as to oath his official duties, by
4 reason only of the omission by the public officer to take any oath or to make any
5 affirmation which the officer should take or should have taken or should make
6 or should have made:

7 Provided that any person who declines, neglects, or omits to take the
8 required oath or make the required affirmation under this Act shall, if he has:

9 (a) already entered on his office, be deemed to have vacated that office
10 from the date of refusal; and

11 (b) not already entered on his office, be disqualified from entering on
12 the same.

13 (2) No irregularity in the form in which an oath or affirmation is
14 administered or taken shall:

15 (a) invalidate the discharge of official duties;

16 (b) invalidate proceedings in any court; or

17 (c) render inadmissible evidence in or in respect of which an
18 irregularity took place in any proceedings.

19 (3) The failure to take an oath or make an affirmation, and any
20 irregularity as to the form of oath or affirmation shall in no case be construed to
21 affect the liability of a witness to state the truth.

Form and manner
in which oaths may
be taken

22 5.-(1) Whenever an oath is required to be taken under the provisions
23 of this Act or any other Act, or in order to comply with the requirements of any
24 law in effect for the time being in Nigeria, or any other country, the following
25 provisions shall apply:

26 (a) the person taking the oath may do so in the form and manner
27 following, that is to say, he shall if a:

28 (i) Muslim, place both hands on a copy of the Koran,

29 (ii) Christian, hold in his right hand a copy of the Holy Bible or of the
30 New Testament,

1 (iii) Jew, hold in his uplifted hand a copy of the Old Testament, and
2 shall say or repeat after the person administering the oath the words
3 prescribed by law or by the practice of the court, as the case maybe;

4 (b) in any other manner which is lawful according to any law,
5 customary or otherwise, in effect in Nigeria.

6 (2) Where any person taking an oath is physically incapable of
7 taking the oath as provided in the foregoing subsection, he may touch or hold
8 such copy otherwise, or if necessary, such copy may be held before him by
9 the person administering the oath.

10 (3) In furtherance to subsection (1) of this Act, it shall suffice for
11 such a person to take the Oath via digital or electronic means.

12 (4) Where a person is administered an Oath via digital or electronic
13 means, it shall be deemed as sufficient as though the person was present
14 before the relevant authority administering the oath as provided for in
15 section 10 of this Act.

16 **6.-(1)** Every commissioner for oaths or notary public before whom
17 any oath or affidavit is Place and date of oath taken or made under this Act
18 shall state truly in the jurat or attestation at which place and on what date the
19 oath or affidavit is taken or made.

Place and date
of oath

20 (2) Where an oath is administered in accordance with section 5 (3)
21 of this Act, the relevant authority administering the oath as provided for in
22 section 10 of this Act before whom the oath is taken under this Act, would be
23 required to state the technology used to administer the oath and the date it is
24 taken or made.

25 (3) Where a rule of oath taking requires a signature or provides for
26 certain consequences if an oath under this Act is not signed by the deponent,
27 an electronic signature satisfies that rule or avoids those consequences.

28 (4) For the purpose of subsections (2) and (3), the relevant
29 authority administering the oath as provided for in section 10 of this Act may
30 authenticate same by such electronic signature or electric authentication

1 technique which is considered reliable, provided that:

2 (a) the signature creation data or the authentication data are, within
3 the context in which they are used, linked to the signatory or, as the case may
4 be, the authenticator and of no other person;

5 (b) any alteration to the electronic signature made after affixing such
6 signature is detectable;

7 (c) any alteration to the information made after its authentication by
8 electronic signature is detectable; and

9 (d) the digital signature and seal of the administering authority and the
10 means of authentication accompanies same.

11 (5) For the purpose of subsection (3), electronic signature shall be
12 deemed to be secure if the signature creation data:

13 (a) at the time of affixing signature, was under the exclusive control of
14 signatory and no other person; and

15 (b) was stored and affixed in such exclusive manner as may be
16 prescribed.

Absence of
religious beliefs

17 7. Where an oath has been duly administered and taken the fact that
18 the person to whom the oath was administered had, at the time of taking the
19 oath, no religious belief, shall not for any purpose affect the validity of the oath.

Affirmation

20 8. A person who objects to the taking of an oath and desires to make an
21 affirmation in lieu thereof, may do so without being questioned as to the
22 grounds of such objection or desire, or otherwise, and in any such case the form
23 of the required oath shall be varied by the substitution for the words or
24 swearing, the words, "I solemnly, sincerely, and truthfully affirm that "; and
25 such other consequential variations of form as may be necessary shall be made.

Persons under
age

26 9. Anything to the contrary in this Act notwithstanding, if it appears to
27 a court or officer before whom an oath other than a promissory oath is to be
28 taken or affirmation other than a promissory affirmation is to be made, that the
29 person about to take the oath or make the affirmation ought not, by reason of
30 immature age or for any other sufficient cause, to be allowed to take the oath or

1 make the affirmation as aforesaid, the court or officer shall, if in their free
2 discretion so think fit, allow such person, in lieu of taking the oath or making
3 the affirmation, to give evidence or make a declaration without oath or
4 affirmation and in any such case the court or officer shall enter in the minutes
5 of the proceedings or on the instrument or document concerned, as the case
6 may be, a note of the fact of the evidence or declaration having been given or
7 made without oath or affirmation, and of the reasons therefore:

8 Provided that, if any person declining or objecting to take an oath
9 is, in the opinion of the court or officer as the case may be, competent to
10 make an affirmation, such person shall, on the court or officer so directing
11 him, thereupon make an affirmation as provided by section 8 of this Act.

12 **10.**-(1) The Chief Justice of Nigeria, a Justice of the Supreme
13 Court, the President and Justices of the Court of Appeal and any judge of the
14 Federal High Court, a notary public, and any commissioner for oaths, shall
15 administer any lawful oath or take any lawful affirmation or affidavit which
16 may be required to be taken or made for the purpose of complying with the
17 requirements of any law for the time being in effect throughout Nigeria or
18 elsewhere, except where such procedure is expressly or by necessary
19 implication manifestly excluded by the terms of such law as aforesaid and
20 the presumption shall be against any such exclusion.

Authority to
administer oaths

21 (2) It shall be lawful for any of the persons mentioned in subsection
22 (1) to take any declaration made in the form prescribed in the Schedule to
23 this Act in cases where an oath is or has been abolished by any enactment.

24 **11.**-(1) Any oath or affidavit required for any court or for the
25 purposes of registration of an instrument may be taken or made in any place
26 out of Nigeria before any person having authority to administer an oath in
27 that place.

Taking oaths out
of Nigeria

28 (2) The provisions of subsection (1) shall apply to any declaration,
29 or affirmation in lieu of oath or affidavit so taken or made.

30 (3) In the case of a person having such authority by the law of a

1 country other than Nigeria, judicial and official notice shall be taken of his seal
2 or signature affixed, impressed or subscribed to or on any such oath, affidavit,
3 declaration or affirmation.

4 (4) In furtherance to subsection (1), where a person, who is required to
5 take an oath or affidavit under the provisions of this Act in any place out of
6 Nigeria before any person having authority to administer an oath in that place,
7 it shall suffice for such a person to take the oath via digital or electronic means.

8 (5) Where an oath or affidavit is taken or made by audio-visual means,
9 it shall be deemed as sufficient as though the person was present before those
10 administering the oath as provided for in section 11 (1) of this Act, provided the
11 digital signature and seal of the administering authority and the means of
12 authentication accompanies same.

Power of Nigerian
officials abroad

13 **12.**-(1) Every Nigerian official of the rank of secretary or above in a
14 Nigerian Embassy or legation may in any country where he performs his
15 functions, administer any oath and take any affidavit and also do any notarial
16 act which a notary public can do within Nigeria.

17 (2) Any oath, affidavit and notarial act administered, sworn or done
18 by or, before any such person shall be as effectual as if duly administered,
19 sworn or done by or before any lawful authority in any part of Nigeria.

20 (3) Any document purporting to have affixed, impressed or
21 subscribed on it the seal or signature of any person authorised by this Act to
22 administer an oath in testimony of any oath, affidavit or act being administered,
23 taken or done by or before him shall be admitted in evidence without proof of
24 the seal or signature of that person, or of the official character of that person.

Voluntary
declarations

25 **13.** It shall be lawful for any commissioner for oaths, notary public or
26 any other person authorised by this Act to administer an oath, to take and
27 receive the declaration of any person voluntarily making the same before him
28 either physically or by audio-visual means in the form set out in the Schedule to
29 this Act.

1 **14.**-(1) The President may in writing require the holder of any Additional oaths
2 office to take or affirm the Judicial Oath or the Oath of Allegiance.

3 (2) The President may by order published in the Federal
4 Government Gazette amend the Schedule to this Act, and may by the same
5 or any other order provide that this Act shall apply in relation to persons who
6 are not citizens of Nigeria subject to such modifications as may be
7 prescribed.

8 **15.**-(1) Where a person not a citizen of Nigeria is, while in Nigeria, Effect of oath of
9 for any reason required to take the Oath of Allegiance of Nigeria or other allegiance on
10 oath relevant to his employment, the Oath of Allegiance shall, on the persons and citizens
11 termination of his residence or stay in Nigeria cease to be binding on him but of Nigeria
12 any other oath taken shall continue to have effect according to its tenor.

13 (2) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to the prejudice of the
14 allegiance which any such person may owe irrespective of the taking of the
15 Oath of Allegiance for the time being to Nigeria.

16 **16.** No omission to take any Oath or make any affirmation, no Miscellaneous
17 substitution of anyone for Miscellaneous any of them, and no irregularity
18 whatever the form in which any of them is administered, shall invalidate any
19 proceeding or render inadmissible any evidence whatever, in or in respect
20 which, such omission, substitution or irregularity took place or shall affect
21 the obligation of a witness to the state the truth.

22 **17.**-(1) The Oaths Act 1963, Cap N23, Laws of the Federation of Repeal
23 Nigeria 2004 is repealed. Repeal

24 (2) Subject to the provisions of section 6 of the Interpretation Act,
25 the repeal of the Act referred to in subsection (1) does not affect anything
26 done or purported to have been done under it.

27 **18.** In this Act: Interpretation
28 "Audio-visual communication" means being able to see, hear and
29 communicate with another individual in real time, using electronic means;
30 "Before me" means physically present before or virtually administered by

1 the administering authority;
2 "Electronic signature" means authentication of any electronic record by a
3 subscriber by means of electronic technique and includes digital signature;
4 "In my presence" means physically present or virtual proceedings before the
5 administering authority.

Citation

6 **19.** This Bill may be cited as Oaths Bill, 2023.

7 SCHEDULE

8 *Sections 1,2,3(3), 10(2), 13 and 14(2)*

9 I,.....do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true
10 allegiance to the Federal Republic of Nigeria and that I will preserve, protect
11 and defend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
12 So help me God.

13 OATH OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

14 I,.....do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true
15 allegiance to the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that as President of the Federal
16 Republic of Nigeria, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability,
17 faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of
18 Nigeria and the law, and always in the interest of the sovereignty, integrity,
19 solidarity, well- being and prosperity of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that I
20 will strive to preserve the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of
21 State Policy contained in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
22 that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my
23 official decisions; that I will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and
24 defend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that I will abide by
25 the Code of Conduct contained in the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the
26 Federal Republic of Nigeria; that in all circumstances, I will do right to all
27 manner of people, according to law, without fear or favour, affection or ill- will;
28 that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any
29 matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become known
30 to me as President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, except as may be

1 required for the due discharge of my duties as President; and that I will
2 devote myself to the service and well-being of the people of Nigeria.

3 So help me God.

4 OATH OF OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT, MINISTER, OR SPECIAL ADVISER
5 I,.....do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear
6 true allegiance to the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that as Vice- President of
7 the Federal Republic of Nigeria/Minister of the Government of the
8 Federation/Special..... Adviser to, I will discharge my duties
9 to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitution of
10 the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Law, and always in the interest of the
11 sovereignty, integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of the Federal
12 Republic of Nigeria; that I will strive to preserve the Fundamental
13 Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy contained in the
14 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that I will not allow my
15 personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions;
16 that I will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the
17 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; that I will abide by the Code
18 of Conduct contained in the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal
19 Republic of Nigeria; that in all circumstances, I will do right to all manner of
20 people, according to law, without fear or favour, affection or ill-will; that I
21 will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any
22 matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become
23 known to me as Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria/Minister
24 of the Government of the Federation/Special Adviser to.....except as
25 may be required for the discharge of my duties as Vice-
26 President/Minister/Special Adviser.

27 So help me God.

28 JUDICIAL OATH

29 I,.....swear that in the service of my country in the office
30 of.....

1 facets in and outside the public service.

2 6. I will always follow the path of justice, honesty and concord amongst all
3 the people of Nigeria in all I do.

4 *So help me God.*

5 OATH OF SECRECY

6 I,.....swear that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or
7 reveal any matter to any person which shall be brought under my
8 consideration or shall come to my knowledge in the discharge of my official
9 duties except as may be required for the discharge of my official duties or as
10 may be specially permitted by the President.

11 *So help me God.*

12 OATH OF OFFICER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION

13 I,.....being called upon to exercise the functions of.....to the
14 Federal Executive Council of the Federation swear that I will not directly or
15 indirectly reveal such matters as shall be debated in the Council and
16 committed to my secrecy.

17 *So help me God.*

18 OATH OF A SENATOR OR A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF

19 REPRESENTATIVES

20 I,.....swear that I will give faithful service to this National
21 Assembly and support and uphold the Constitution of the Federal Republic
22 of Nigeria as by law established.

23 *So help me God.*

24 COURT PROCEEDINGS OATH OF ASSESSORS

25 I,.....swear by Almighty God that I will well and truly try the
26 issue joined between the Federation of Nigeria and the prisoner at the bar
27 and a true opinion give according to the evidence.

28 EVIDENCE OATH

29 I,.....do hereby swear by Almighty God that the evidence I
30 shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

1 INTERPRETER'S OATH CIVIL

2 I,.....swear by Almighty God that I will well and faithfully interpret
3 and explain to the court (or commission of) and the witnesses all such matters
4 and things as shall be required of me to the best of my skill and understanding;
5 and that I will truly translate or explain all documents entrusted to me for such
6 purpose to the best of my ability, and, except as authorised by the court
7 (commissioners), will not directly or indirectly reveal the contents of such
8 documents as may be entrusted to me or the evidence given by witness which
9 may have been interpreted by me.

10 CRIMINAL

11 I,.....swear by Almighty God that I will well and faithfully interpret
12 and true explanation make between the court, the assessors, the witnesses and
13 the prisoner at the bar according to the best of my skill and understanding.

14 SHORTHAND WRITERS

15 I,.....swear by Almighty God that I will to the best of my ability take
16 down in shorthand the evidence and such other matters as shall be required of
17 me and make a true and accurate transcript thereof (and that I will not without
18 leave of the court (commission) divulge to any person the notes I shall take of
19 the evidence that the witness shall give to the court (commission) touching
20 matters in question).

21 VOIRE DIRE

22 I,.....swear by Almighty God that I shall true answer make to all such
23 questions as the court (or as the case may be) shall demand.

24 STATUTORY DECLARATION

25 I,.....do solemnly and sincerely declare that (set out in numbered
26 paragraphs if more than one matter) and I make this solemn declaration
27 conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of
28 the Oaths Act.

1 FORM OF ATTESTATION

2 Declared.....at in.....this.....date of.....2023.

3 Before me

4

5 Commissioner for Oaths/Notary Public, etc.

6 OATH FOR AFFIDAVITS

7 FORM A

8 I,.....do hereby solemnly swear by Almighty God that this is
9 my name and handwriting and that the facts deposed by me in this affidavit
10 are the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth

11 FORM B

12 BLIND OR ILLITERATE DEPONENT

13 I,.....do hereby solemnly swear by Almighty God that the facts
14 deposed by me in the affidavit are the truth, the whole truth and nothing but
15 the truth.

16 FORM OF JURAT

17 (a) Where the Commissioner has read the affidavit to deponent

18 Sworn at.....in.....this.....day of.....before
19 me;

20 I,.....having first truly, distinctly and audibly read over the contents
21 of this affidavit to the deponent he being blind or illiterate and explained the
22 nature and contents of the exhibits therein referred to in the language when
23 he appeared perfectly to understand the same, and made his mark (or
24 signature) thereto in my presence.

25

26 Commissioner for Oaths

27 (b) Where a third person has read the affidavit to deponent

28 Sworn at.....in.....this.....day of.....20.....before
29 me; and I certify that this affidavit was read over in my presence to the
30 deponent he being blind or illiterate and the nature and contents of exhibits

1 therein referred to explained to him in the language, when the deponent
2 appeared perfectly to understand the same, and made his mark (or signature)
3 thereto in my presence.

4

5 Commissioner for Oaths

6 FORM C

7 DEPONENT PHYSICALLY INCAPABLE OF TAKING THE OATH WITH
8 UPLIFTED HAND

9 A.B. is that your mark (signature)? You do swear by Almighty God that the
10 contents of this your affidavit are true?

11 FORM OF JURAT

12 Sworn at.....in.....this.....day of.....before
13 me; the deponent A.B. having made his mark to this affidavit in my presence,
14 he being physically incapacitated from writing his name.

15

16 Commissioner for Oaths

17 If the deponent is incapable of affixing any distinguishable mark whatever to
18 the affidavit, the jurat should be as follows:

19 Sworn by the above-named deponent A.B. at.....in.....this.....day
20 of.....without the deponent affixing thereto any mark or signature,
21 he being physically incapable of so doing.

22 Before me

23

24 Commissioner for Oaths

25 FORM D

26 INTERPRETER

27 I swear by Almighty God that I well understand the English language
28 and.....the languages and that I have truly distinctly and audibly
29 interpreted the contents of this affidavit to the deponent in.....language
30 and that I will truly interpret the oath about to be administered unto him/her.

1 FORM OF JURAT
2 Sworn at.....in.....this.....day of.....through
3 the interpretation of.....of (address) the said.....having first
4 been sworn that he had truly and faithfully interpreted the contents of this
5 affidavit to the deponent and that he truly and faithfully interpreted the oath
6 administered to him.
7 Before me
8
9 Commissioner for Oaths

10 ARMED FORCES OATH
11 I,.....swear by Almighty God that in the service of my
12 country:
13 1. I will be faithful and will bear true allegiance to the Federal
14 Republic of Nigeria and the Commander-in- Chief of the Armed Forces of
15 Nigeria at all times.
16 2. I will truly and faithfully serve the Federal Republic of Nigeria
17 as by law established as a.....and will as in duty bound so serve for
18 the period of my engagement or re-engagement, as the case may be, and to
19 wherever ordered by land, sea or air and I will observe and obey commands
20 of the Government of the Federation of Nigeria as by law established and of
21 officers placed over me.
22 3. I will always perform my duties diligently and efficiently and
23 will not engage or be involved in any activity in conflict either directly or
24 indirectly with this pledge.
25 4. I will, in the performance of my duties, eschew and expose
26 corruption and will not corrupt others or aid or abet corruption in all its
27 facets.
28 5. I will not discriminate on the basis of religion, tribe or cult or
29 practise any form of partiality in the performance of my duties and will
30 always follow the path of justice, honesty and concord amongst all the

1 people of Nigeria in all I do.

2 6. I will subject myself to all Acts, Laws, subsidiary legislation and
3 service regulations which now are or shall, from time to time, be in force and
4 applicable to the Arm in which I am to serve during the period of my
5 engagement or re-engagement, as the case may be.

6 So help me God.

7

8 Signature or mark

9 Sworn at.....this.....day of.....20.....

10 Before me

11

12 Signature of Officer

13 ARMED FORCES AFFIRMATION

14 The declaration will follow the form of oath except that the words "swear by
15 Almighty God" are omitted and the words "solemnly, sincerely and truthfully
16 affirm" are substituted.

17 LOCAL FORCES OATH

18 *(To be taken by all ranks)*

19 I,.....swear that I will bear true and faithful allegiance to the
20 President, Commander-in Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria and that I will
21 truly and faithfully serve the Federal Republic of Nigeria as by law established
22 and that I will while residing within Nigeria serve in the Local Forces of
23 Nigeria for the defence of Nigeria against all of its enemies and opposers
24 whatsoever, according to the conditions of my service.

25

26 Signature of person taking oath

27 Sworn at.....this.....day of.....20.....

28

29 Signature of person administering the oath

1 LOCAL FORCES (SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE) OATH
 2 *(To be taken by officers and cadets of the supplementary reserve)*
 3 I,.....swear that I will bear true and faithful allegiance to the
 4 President, Commander-in Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria and that I
 5 will truly and faithfully serve the Federal Republic of Nigeria as by law
 6 established and that I will while residing within Nigeria serve in the Local
 7 Forces of Nigeria for the defence of Nigeria against all of its enemies and
 8 opposers whatsoever, according to the conditions of my service.
 9
 10 Signature of officer or cadet
 11 Sworn at.....this.....day of.....20.....
 12
 13 Signature of person administering the oath

14 POLICE OATH
 15 *(To be taken by superior police officers and inspectors)*
 16 I,.....swear that I will bear true allegiance to the Federal
 17 Republic of Nigeria and that I will truly and faithfully obey all lawful
 18 commands of the Government of the Federation as by law established and of
 19 any officer set over me whilst I am serving in the office of police officer; and
 20 that I will use my best endeavours for the preservation of peace and
 21 prevention of crime and the apprehension of offenders against the peace and
 22 that I will in all respects to the best of my skill and knowledge discharge all
 23 duties of the said office according to law.
 24
 25 Signature or mark
 26 Sworn at.....this.....day of.....20.....
 27
 28 Signature and appointment of person authorised

POLICE DECLARATION

(To be taken by police non-commissioned officers, constables and recruit constables)

I,.....solemnly, sincerely and truthfully affirm and declare that I will bear true allegiance to the Federal Republic of Nigeria and that I will truly and faithfully obey all lawful commands of the Government of the Federation as by law established and of any officer set over me, whilst [am serving in the office of police officer; and that I will use my best endeavours for the preservation of peace and the apprehension of offender against the peace and that I will in all respects to the best of my skill and knowledge discharge all duties of the said office according to law.

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Signature of declarant

Affirmed and Declared at.....this day.....of.....20.....

Before me

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Signature and appointment of person authorised.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to repeal the Oaths Act, Cap. 01, Laws of the Federation, 2004, and enact the Oaths Act, 2023, to take cognisance of technological advancements and make provisions for the digital and electronic means of administering Oaths and affirmations in Nigeria.