

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CHARTERED INSTITUTE FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONSULTANTS CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ADVANCING THE STUDY, TRAINING AND PRACTICE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACTIVITIES AND DETERMINE THE STANDARDS OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO BE ATTAINED BY PERSONS SEEKING TO BECOME REGISTERED MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[ ] Commencement

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

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF  
2 ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONSULTANTS

3 1.-(1) There is established the Chartered Institute of  
4 Entrepreneurship Consultants (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute").

Establishment of the Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurship Consultants

5 (2) Shall be a body corporate with-

6 (i) Perpetual Succession;

7 (ii) A common seal which shall be kept in such Custody as The  
8 Council may direct

9 (b) Can sue and be sued in its corporate name; and

10 (c) Will subject to the Land Use Act acquire, hold and dispose of  
11 any property, moveable or immovable

12 2.-(1) The objectives of the Institute shall be to-

Objectives of the Institute

13 (a) To offer professional and vocational training for  
14 entrepreneurship and management;

15 (b) To build entrepreneurship capacity by exposing entrepreneur to  
16 skills and management techniques;

17 (c) To encourage, increase, disseminate and promote

1 entrepreneurship information through organizations, seminars, conferences,  
2 symposiums, workshops, public, journals, books that promotes continue  
3 professional education and of attendances;

4 (d) To identify and promote areas of co-operation and collaboration  
5 between the institute and the institutions, professional bodies and the private  
6 sector to provide practical training for unemployed graduates with  
7 opportunities to gain relevant experience and award certificate of attendance.

Membership  
of the Institute

8 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, persons admitted to  
9 Membership of the institute shall be registered as members in the following  
10 categories:

11 (a) Student Members;

12 (b) Technical Affiliate Members;

13 (c) Graduate Members;

14 (d) Associate Members;

15 (e) Professional members;

16 (f) Fellow Members;

17 (g) Fellow Corporate Governance Members.

18 (2) Persons accorded the status of Chartered Institute of  
19 Entrepreneurship Consultants by the Council shall be entitled to the use of that  
20 name thus shall enrolled as-

21 (a) Student Members: This shall be opened to any undergraduate or  
22 secondary school leaver who have an interest in the field of Entrepreneurship;

23 (b) Technical Affiliate Members: This shall constitute individuals  
24 who are engaged in the practice of Entrepreneurship Consulting with the basic  
25 knowledge and skills of technologies, craftsmanship, maintenance,  
26 commercial trades, production, operations, logistics, workshops, business  
27 office, project management practice or in a related field with a minimum of  
28 SSCE/OND/NCE/NTC/Advanced Level certificates or equivalent;

29 (c) Graduate Member: Must have at least two (1) years of work  
30 experience in Entrepreneurship Consulting or related role with minimum of

1 HND/BSC DEGREE certificates or equivalents;

2 (d) Associate Member: Must have at least 3 years of work  
3 experience in the Practice of Entrepreneurship Consulting or related role  
4 with minimum of HND/BSC DEGREE certificates or equivalents;

5 (e) Professional members: Must have at least 5 years of work  
6 experience in the Practice of Entrepreneurship Consulting or related role as  
7 a manager, supervisor, leader, with minimum of HND/BSC DEGREE  
8 certificates or equivalent membership of other recognized professional  
9 institutions;

10 (f) Fellow Members: A Member must have at least five (10) years  
11 of experience as a Professional Member and be in Managerial leadership  
12 position for at least five (5) years. In addition, a Fellow Member must pass  
13 knowledge, Skills Assessment and an oral interview considered as suitable  
14 by the Institute's standard of certification;

15 (g) Fellow Corporate Governance Member: This shall be opened  
16 as an award of excellence only to Chartered Fellow members and  
17 recognized dignitaries who demonstrated an outstanding commitment to  
18 Corporate Governance in Entrepreneurship Consulting and global  
19 leadership management, The Corporate Governance Fellows go "above and  
20 beyond" the call of duty and are the Corporate Ambassadors who stand as  
21 the Board of Trustees of the Institute. The Honorary designatory letters for  
22 this category of members shall be Fellow Corporate Governance  
23 Entrepreneur, FCGE;

24 (h) The full professional designatory letters of the different  
25 categories of members shall be-

26 (a) Fellow Corporate Governance Entrepreneurship Consultant,  
27 FCGEC;

28 (b) Fellow Chartered Entrepreneurship Consultant, FCEC;

29 (c) Member Chartered Entrepreneurship Consultant, MCEC;

1 (d) Technical Affiliate Chartered Entrepreneurship Consultant,  
2 TACEC;

3 (e) Associate Chartered Entrepreneurship Consultant, ACEC;

4 (f) Graduate Chartered Entrepreneurship Consultants, Grad-CEC;

5 PART II - ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE  
6 CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONSULTANTS

Office and tenure  
of President and  
Vice-President  
of the Institute

7 **3.**-(1) There shall be a President and two Vice-Presidents of the  
8 Institute Who shall be Fellows of the Institute, to be elected by the Council and  
9 to Hold office each for a term of two (2) years from the date of election.

10 (2) (a) The President of the Institute shall serve as the President of the  
11 Institute and Chairman of Council;

12 (b) The two Vice-Presidents shall be elected at the Annual General  
13 Meeting of The Institute and shall each hold office for such terms and under  
14 such conditions as may be determined or prescribed by the Council.

15 (3) The President shall be the Chairman of the Council Established  
16 under this Act and in his absence; the 1st Vice-President shall be the Chairman  
17 of the Governing Council Governing.

18 (4) The President shall preside at meetings of the Institute and in the  
19 event of his absence, death, permanent incapacity or disability, the 1st Vice-  
20 President shall preside.

21 (5) The 1st Vice-President shall in the event of the death, permanent  
22 incapacity of the President act for the unexpired term of his office as the case  
23 maybe and reference in the Act to the President shall be construed accordingly.

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

Governing  
Council of the  
Institute etc.

27 **4.**-(1) There is hereby established for the Institute a Governing  
28 Council (in this Act referred to as "the Council") which shall be charged with  
29 the responsibility for the administration and general management of the  
30 Institute.

- 1 (2) The Council shall consist of the following members:-
- 2 (a) (a) A President of the Institute;
- 3 (b) Two Vice-Presidents;
- 4 (c) A Treasurer who shall be elected by the Institute;
- 5 (d) One representative each from the following Federal Ministries
- 6 of:-
- 7 (i) Education;
- 8 (ii) Finance.
- 9 (e) The President of the Institute shall be entitled to serve on the
- 10 Council as the Chairman and President of the Council;
- 11 (g) Two persons to represent institutions of higher learning
- 12 offering courses leading to approved qualifications, to be appointed by the
- 13 Federal Ministry of Education on rotation, so however that the two shall not
- 14 be from the same institution; and
- 15 (h) The Registrar of the Institute.
- 16 (3) The provision of First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with
- 17 respect to the qualifications and tenure of office of members of the Council
- 18 and the other matters therein mentioned.
- 19 (4) The Council shall have power to do anything which in its
- 20 opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying on of the activities of the
- 21 institute.
- 22 (5) The Council shall appoint other principal officers as-
- 23 (a) Director, Education, Training and Consultancy;
- 24 (b) Director, Finance and Administration;
- 25 (c) Director, Research, Planning and Development; and
- 26 (d) Director, Membership & Corporate Services;
- 27 (e) Any other position that may be deemed necessary by the
- 28 Council.

29 PART III - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

- 30 5.-(1) There shall be established for the Institute, a fund which shall

Establishment  
of the Fund

1 be managed and controlled by the Council.

2 (2) Pursuant to subsection (1) there shall be paid into the fund  
3 established:

4 (a) All fees and other monies payable to the Institute in pursuance of  
5 this Act; and

6 (b) Such other monies as may be payable to the Institute in the course  
7 of its operations or in relation to the exercise of any of its functions under this  
8 Act;

9 (c) All members of the Institute in Nigeria shall cause to be paid to the  
10 fund, an annual subscription as may be determined by the Council from time to  
11 time.

12 (3) The Council may invest monies in the fund in any securities  
13 created or issued by or on behalf of the government of the Federation or in any  
14 other Securities or in any area of investment in Nigeria approved by the  
15 Council, provided that the purpose is to raise fund for the operations of the  
16 Institute activities.

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

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

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

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

28 (a) The remuneration and allowances of the Registrar and other  
29 employees of the Institute;

30 (b) such reasonable travelling and subsistence allowances of

1 members of the Council in respect of the time spent on the business of the  
2 Council as the Council may determine; and

3 (c) Any other expenses incurred by the Council in the discharge of  
4 its functions under this Act.

5 6.-(1) It shall be the duty of the Council to appoint a fit and proper  
6 person who shall be a member of the Institute to be the Registrar for the  
7 purpose of this Bill.

The Registrar  
and the Register

8 (2) It shall be duty of the Registrar to prepare and maintain in  
9 accordance with rules made by the Council, a register of names, addresses  
10 and approved qualifications and of such other particulars as may be  
11 specified in the rules, of all persons who are entitled in accordance with the  
12 provisions of this Bill to be enrolled Members Chartered as Fellows;  
13 Members; Associate; Graduate Technical/Affiliate; Student Members and  
14 who, in the manner prescribed by such rules, apply to be registered.

15 (3) The Register shall consist of several parts in respect of all  
16 members.

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

20 (a) Regulate the applications for enrolment and provide for the  
21 evidence to be produced in support of applications;

22 (b) Provide that notification must be given to the Registrar by any  
23 person whose earlier information supplied to the Registrar has changed;

24 (c) That an enrolled or a registered person must have any  
25 qualification in relation to the relevant division of the profession, either an  
26 approved qualification for the purposes of this Bill, registered in relation to  
27 his name in addition to or, as he may elect, in substitution for any other  
28 qualification registered;

29 (d) Specifying the fees, including any annual subscription, to be  
30 paid to the Institute in respect of the entry of names on register, and direct the

1 Registrar to refuse to enter a name on the register until any fee specified for the  
2 entry has been paid;

3 (e) Specifying any other thing failing to be specified under the  
4 forgoing provisions of this section.

5 (5) Ensure that Rules made for the purposes of paragraph (d) of  
6 subsection 4 of this section shall not come into force until confirmed at a  
7 special meeting of the Institute convened for the purpose thereafter, or at the  
8 next annual general meeting, whichever held earlier in time.

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

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

13 (b) To make, from time to time, any necessary alterations in the  
14 register of members;

15 (c) To record the names of members of the Institute who are in default  
16 for more than six months in the payment of annual subscriptions, and to take  
17 such action in relation thereto (including removal of the names of defaulters  
18 from the register) as the Council may direct or request.

19 (7) If the Registrar-

20 (a) sends by post to any registered person a registered letter addressed  
21 to that person at his address on the register enquiring whether the registered  
22 particulars relating to him are correct and receives no reply to the letter within  
23 the period of six months from date of posting it; and

24 (b) Upon the expiration of that period sends in the like manner to the  
25 person in question a second similar letter and receives no reply to that letter  
26 within three months from the date of posting it, then;

27 (c) The registrar may remove the particulars relating to the person  
28 from the register. However, the Council; may direct;

29 (d) the Registrar to restore to the appropriate part of the register any  
30 particulars removed there from under this subsection.



1 involving fraud, dishonesty or gross misconduct.

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

6 (4) Any entry directed to be made in the register under this subsection  
7 shall show that the registration is provisional and no entry so made shall be full  
8 Registration without the consent of the Council signified in writing in that  
9 regard.

10 (5) The Council shall from time to time publish qualification for the  
11 time being acceptable for enrolment or registration by the Institute.

Approval of  
qualification,  
etc.

12 **9.**(1) The Council may approve any qualifications for the purpose of  
13 this Act and may for those purposes approve-

14 (a) Any course of training in an approved institution which is intended  
15 for persons who are seeking to become or are already Chartered  
16 Entrepreneurship Consultants and which the Council considers is designed to  
17 confer on completing it sufficient knowledge and skill for admission into the  
18 Institute.

19 (b) Any qualification which, as a result of an examination taken in  
20 conjunction with a course of training approved by the Council under this  
21 section, is granted to candidates reaching a standard at the examination,  
22 indicating in the opinion of the Council that the candidates have sufficient  
23 knowledge and skill to practice as Chartered Entrepreneurship Consultants.

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

27 (a) Give notice that it proposes to do so to each person in Nigeria  
28 appearing of the Council to be a person to whom the course is conducted, or the  
29 qualification granted, or the Faculty is controlled, as the case may be;

30 (b) Afford such person an opportunity of making to the Council

1 representations with regard to the proposal; and

2 (c) Take into consideration any representation made as regards the  
3 proposal in pursuance to paragraph (b) of this subsection.

4 (3) As regards any period during which the approval of the Council  
5 under this section for a course qualification or Faculty is withdrawn, the  
6 course, qualification or Faculty shall not be treated as approved under this  
7 section but the withdrawal of such an approval shall not prejudice the  
8 registration or eligibility for registration of any person who, by virtue of the  
9 approval was registered or eligible for registration (either unconditionally or  
10 subject to his obtaining a certificate or experience) immediately before the  
11 approval was withdrawn.

12 (4) The giving or withdrawal of an approval under this section shall  
13 have effect on such date, from either before or after the execution of the  
14 instrument and the Council shall-

15 (a) As soon as possible publish a copy of every such instrument.

16 **10.**-(1) It shall be the duty of the Council to keep itself informed of Super vision of  
17 the Nature of- instruction etc.

18 (a) The instruction given at approved institutions and Faculties of  
19 the Institute to persons attending approved courses of training; and !

20 (b) The examination as a result of which approved qualifications  
21 are granted and for the purposes of performing that duty the Council may  
22 constitute a Committee of Assessors/Evaluators, either from amongst its  
23 own members or otherwise to visit approved institutions/ Faculty or to  
24 attend such examination.

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

27 (a) The adequacy of the instruction given to persons attending  
28 approved courses of training at institutions or Faculties visited by it;

29 (b) The adequacy of the examinations attended by it; and any  
30 matters relating to the institutions or examinations which the Council may,

1 either generally or in a particular case, request it to report.

2 (c) But no member of the committee shall interfere with the giving of  
3 any instruction or the holding of any examination.

4 (3) On receipt of a report made in pursuance of this section, the  
5 Council may, if it thinks fit and proper and if so requiring by the Institute, send a  
6 copy of the report to the person appearing to the Council to be in charge of the  
7 institutions/Faculties or responsible for the examinations to which the report  
8 relates requesting that person to make observations and report to the Council  
9 within such period as may be specified in the request not being less than one  
10 month beginning from the date of the request.

11 PART IV - DISCIPLINE AND ISSUES

Establishment  
of Chartered of  
Entrepreneurship  
Consultants  
Disciplinary  
Tribunal

12 **11.**-(1) There shall be established a body to be known as the Chartered  
13 Institute of Entrepreneurship Consultants Disciplinary Tribunal (in this Bill  
14 referred as "the; Tribunal") which shall be charged with the duty of considering  
15 and determining any case referred to it by the panel established under  
16 subsection (3) of this section and any other case of which the Tribunal has  
17 cognizance under the following provision of this Bill.

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

20 (3) There shall be a body, to be known as the Chartered  
21 Entrepreneurship Consultants Investigating Panel (in this Bill referred to as  
22 "the panel") which shall be charged with the duty of-

23 (a) Conducting a preliminary investigation into any case where it is  
24 alleged that a member has misbehaved in his capacity as a Chartered  
25 Entrepreneurship Consultants or should for any other reason be the subject of  
26 proceedings before the Tribunal; and Deciding whether the case should be  
27 referred to the Tribunal.

28 (4) The panel shall be appointed by the Council, and shall consist of  
29 two members of the Council and one Chartered Entrepreneurship Consultants  
30 of the Institute.

1 (5) The provisions of the Third Schedule to this Bill n so far as it  
2 relates to the Tribunal and Panel respectively shall have effect with respect  
3 to those bodies

4 (6) The Council may make rules not inconsistent with this Bill to  
5 acts which constitute professional misconduct.

6 **12.-(1)Where-**

Penalties for  
unprofessional  
conduct, etc.

7 (a) A person enrolled or registered under this Bill is adjudged by the  
8 Tribunal to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect; or

9 (b) A person enrolled or registered under this Bill is convicted, by  
10 any Court in Nigeria or elsewhere having power of competent jurisdiction,  
11 of an offence (whether or not punishable with imprisonment) which in the  
12 opinion of the Tribunal is incompatible with the status of a Chartered  
13 Entrepreneurship Consultants; or

14 (c) The Tribunal is satisfied that the name of any person has been  
15 fraudulently enrolled or registered;

16 (d) The Tribunal may, if it thinks, give a direction reprimanding  
17 that person or instruct the Registrar to strike his name off the relevant part of  
18 the register.

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

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

24 (4) In so far as possible, no person shall be a member of the  
25 Tribunal for the purposes of reaching a decision which has been deferred or  
26 further deferred, unless he was present as a member of the Tribunal when the  
27 decision was deferred

Qualification for  
Membership of  
Tribunal on  
deferment

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

1 brought in connection with the conviction.

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

5 (7) The person to whom a direction given under subsection (1) of this  
6 section relates may, at any time within 28 days from the date of service on him  
7 of notice of the directive appeal against the direction to the Federal High Court;  
8 and the Tribunal may appear as respondent to the appeal and, for the purpose of  
9 enabling directions to be given as to the costs of the appeal and of proceedings  
10 before the Tribunal, the Tribunal shall be deemed to be a party thereto whether  
11 or not it appears on the hearing of the appeal.

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

14 (a) No appeal under this section is brought against the direction within  
15 the time limited for such an appeal, or on the expiration of that time;

16 (b) Such an appeal is brought but withdrawn or struck out for want of  
17 prosecution, on the withdrawal or striking out of the appeal;

18 (c) Such an appeal is brought and is not withdrawn or struck out as  
19 aforesaid, but dismissed.

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

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

When persons are  
deemed to practice  
as Chartered  
Entrepreneurship  
Consultant

29 **13.-(1)** Subject to subsection (2) of this section a person shall be  
30 deemed to practice as such if, in consideration of remuneration received or to

1 be received, and whether by himself or in partnership with any other person,  
2 he-

3 (a) Engages himself in the practice as a Chartered  
4 Entrepreneurship Consultants;

5 (b) Renders professional service or assistance in or about matters  
6 of principle or details relating to Entrepreneurship Consulting;

7 (c) Renders any other service which may by regulations made by  
8 the Council, be designated as service constituting practice as Chartered  
9 Entrepreneurship Consultants. (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed  
10 so as to apply to persons who, while in employment of any government or  
11 person, are required under the terms or in such employment, to perform the  
12 duties of a Chartered Entrepreneurship Consultants or any of them.

13 (3) A person who is not a member of the Institute or Faculty  
14 established before the commencement of this Act, but is qualified to apply  
15 for and obtain membership of the Institute, may apply for membership of the  
16 Institute established by this Act, in such a manner as may be prescribed by  
17 rules made by the Council and shall be registered in the category of  
18 membership appropriate in the current period for holders of the qualification  
19 he possesses.

20 **14.**-(1) The Council may make rules for-

Rules as to  
Articles, etc.

21 (a) The training of Chartered Entrepreneurship Consultants;

22 (b) The supervision and regulation and or engagement and training  
23 of such persons; and

24 (c) The provision of articles.

25 (2) The Council may also make rules-

26 (a) Prescribing the amount and date for payment of the annual  
27 subscription and annual renewal of studentship and for such purpose  
28 different amount may be prescribed by the rules accorded to different  
29 categories of membership of the Institute;

30 (b) Prescribing the form of license to practice to be issued as the

1 Council thinks fit, by endorsement on an existing license;

2 (c) restricting the right to practice as a Chartered Entrepreneurship  
3 Consultant for any default in payment of the amount of the annual subscription  
4 or any fee (s) which continue a longer time than such period as may be  
5 prescribed by the rules;

6 (d) Prescribing the period of practical training for a Chartered  
7 Entrepreneurship Consultant for such that when the training is completed such  
8 a person qualifies for enrolment or a license to practice as a Chartered  
9 Entrepreneurship Consultants.

Provision of  
Library

10 **15.**-(1) The Institute shall-

11 (a) Provide and maintain a library comprising books and publications  
12 the advancement of knowledge of Entrepreneurship Consultant and leadership  
13 as well as such other books and publication as the Council may think necessary  
14 for the purpose;

15 (b) Encourage research into the skill and knowledge of  
16 Entrepreneurship Consultant and leadership and allied subjects to the extent  
17 that the Council may, from time to time, consider necessary.

Regulations

18 **16.**-(1) Any regulations, made under this Bill shall be published as  
19 soon they are made; and the Council shall as soon they are published make  
20 available copies of any such regulations to the President of the Institute.

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

26 **PART V - INDISCIPLINE, OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

Offences and  
Penalties

27 **17.**-(1) If any person for the purpose of procuring the enrolment or  
28 registration of any name, qualification or other matters-

29 (a) Makes a statement which he believes to be false in a material  
30 particular, or

1 (b) Recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material  
2 particular, is guilty

3 (2) If on or after relevant date, any person who is not a member of  
4 the Institute practices as a Chartered Entrepreneurship Consultant or in  
5 expectation of reward or uses any name, title, additional description  
6 implying that he is in practice as a Chartered Entrepreneurship Consultant is  
7 guilty of an offence.

8 (3) If the registered or any other person employed by or on behalf  
9 of the Institute willfully makes any falsification in any matter relating to the  
10 Institute he is guilty of the offence.

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

12 (a) on conviction after investigation and trial, to a fine of an amount  
13 not exceeding N100,000; or

14 (b) on conviction or on indictment to a fine of an amount not  
15 exceeding N100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years,  
16 or to both such fine and imprisonment.

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

24 **18.-(1)** As from the commencement of this Act-

25 (a) all assets and liabilities held or incurred immediately before the  
26 commencement" date, by or on behalf of the incorporated Institute shall, by  
27 virtue of this subsection and without further assurance, vest in the Institute  
28 and be held by it for the benefit and purpose of the Institute;

29 (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Act shall have  
30 effect with matters arising from their transfer by this section to the Institute

Transfer to the  
Institute of certain  
properties, liabilities,  
expenses, pre-  
commencement  
promotional,  
pre-incorporations,  
etc.

1 of all pre-commencement costs, corporate promotion and consultancy  
2 expenses incurred for and during the past years of formation of the  
3 Incorporated Institute and with respect to other matters mentioned in that  
4 schedule.

Interpretation

5 **19.** In this act, unless the context otherwise requires-  
6 "Entrepreneurship" someone who organizes a business venture and assumes  
7 the risk for it;  
8 "Council" means the Council established as the governing body of the Institute  
9 under section 4 of this Bill;  
10 "enrolled" In relation to a full member, means registered in the part of the  
11 register relating to fellow or full or associate members, as the case may be;  
12 "fees" includes annual subscription;  
13 "Institute" means the Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurship Consultants  
14 "Member" means a member of the Institute and includes the President:  
15 "Panel" has the meaning assigned thereto under section 14 of this Act;  
16 "President" and "Vice-Presidents" means respectively the office holders under  
17 these names in the Institute;  
18 "Registered graduate" means a member of the Institute who is not a Fellow or  
19 full member; and  
20 "Tribunal" has the meaning assigned thereto under section 14 of this Act.

Citation

21 **20.** This Bill may be cited as the Chartered Institute of  
22 Entrepreneurship Consultants (Establishment etc.) Bill, 2024.

1 SCHEDULES

2 FIRST SCHEDULE

3 1.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a member of the  
4 Council apart from the president shall hold office for a period of two years  
5 beginning with the date of his appointment or election:

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

9 (3) Any elected member may by notice in writing under his hand  
10 addressed to the President of the Institute of his or her intention to resign his  
11 office.

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

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

18 *Power of Council*

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

22 3.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council may in the  
23 name of the Institute make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the  
24 Institute, the Council or any of the Institute's committees.

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

29 (3) The standing orders made for a committee shall provide that the  
30 committee reports back to the Council on any matter not within its

1 competence to decide.

2 (4) The quorum of the Council shall be seven and the quorum of a  
3 committee of the Council shall be determined by the Council.

4 *Meeting of the Institute*

5 4.-(1) The Council shall convene the annual meeting of the Institute  
6 on 30th of June in every year or on such other day as the Council may from time  
7 to time appoint so however that if the meeting is not held within one year after  
8 the previous annual meeting, not more than fifteen months shall elapse  
9 between the respective dates of the two meetings.

10 (2) A special meeting of the Institute may be convened if members of  
11 the Institute require it by notice in writing addressed to the Registrar of the  
12 Institute setting out the objects of the proposed meeting, the chairman of the  
13 Council shall convene a special meeting of the Institute.

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

16 *Meetings of the Council*

17 5.-(1) Subject to the provisions of any standing orders of the Council,  
18 the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the chairman and if the  
19 chairman is required to do so by notice in writing given to him by not less than  
20 seven other members, he shall summon a meeting of Council to be held within  
21 seven days from the date on which the notice is given.

22 (2) At any meeting of the Council the Chairman or in his absence the  
23 1st and 2nd Vice-Chairman shall preside, but if both are absent the members  
24 present at the meeting shall appoint one of their members to preside at the  
25 meeting.

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

1 (4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions, the meetings of  
2 the Council may be summoned by the Minister, who may give such direction  
3 as he thinks fit as to the procedure which shall be followed at the meeting.

4 6.-(1) The Council may appoint one more committees to carry out  
5 such functions as the Council may determine.

6 (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the  
7 number of persons determined by the Council of whom not more than one  
8 third shall be members of the Council and shall hold office in the committee  
9 in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

10 *Miscellaneous*

11 7.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated  
12 by the signature of the President of the Institute or of some other member of  
13 the Council authorized generally or specially by the Council to act for that  
14 purpose.

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

19 8. The validity of any proceedings of the Institute or the Council or  
20 of a Committee of the Council shall not be adversely affected by any  
21 vacancy in membership or by any defect in the appointment of a member of  
22 the institute or of the cancelling of a person's name to serve on the  
23 Committee, or by reason that the person not entitled to do so took part in the  
24 proceeding.

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

1 to the contract or arrangement

2 SECOND SCHEDULE

3 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL  
4 AND INVESTIGATING PANEL OF THE TRIBUNAL

5 1: The quorum of the tribunal shall be four out of which at least two  
6 shall be "Chartered Entrepreneurship Consultants"

7 2.-(1) The Attorney-General of the Federation may make rules as to  
8 the selection of members of the Tribunal for the purposes of any proceedings  
9 and as to the procedure to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed  
10 in the proceedings before the Tribunal.

11 (2) The rules in particular provide-

12 (a) For securing that notice of the proceedings shall be given at such  
13 time and in such manner as may be specified by the rules, to the person who is  
14 the subject of the proceedings;

15 (b) For determining who in addition to the person aforesaid, shall be  
16 party to proceedings;

17 (c) For securing that any party to the proceedings shall, if he so  
18 requires,

19 (d) be entitled to be heard by the Tribunal.

20 (e) (d) For enabling any party to the proceedings to be represented by  
21 a legal practitioner;

22 (f) Subject to the provisions of section 12 (5) of this Act, as to the costs  
23 of proceedings before the Tribunal.

24 (g) For requiring in a case where it is alleged that the person who is in  
25 any professional respect, that where the Tribunal adjudge that the allegation  
26 has not been proven, it shall record a finding that the person is not guilty of such  
27 conduct in respect of the matter to which the allegation relates;

28 (h) For publication in the Gazette notice of any direction of the  
29 tribunal which has taken effect providing that a person's name shall be struck  
30 off a register.



1 member of both the Tribunal and the panel but no person who acted as a  
2 member of the panel with respect to any case shall act as a member of the  
3 Tribunal with respect to that case.

4           7. The Tribunal or the panel may act notwithstanding any vacancy in  
5 its membership; and the proceedings of either body shall not be invalidated by  
6 any irregularity in its composition if not challenged by a party who has the right  
7 to do so.

8           8. Any expenses of the Tribunal or the panel shall be defrayed by the  
9 institute.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurship Consultants charged with the responsibility of advancing the study, training and practice of entrepreneurship consulting and determine the standards of knowledge and skills to be attained by persons seeking to become registered members of the institute.