

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL VOCATIONAL AND SKILLS ACQUISITION COLLEGE DANBATT, KANO STATE 2024, TO PROVIDE FOR RESEARCH, TEACHING, INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING ON VOCATIONAL AND SKILLS ACQUISITION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ibrahim Hamisu Chidari

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is follows-

1 PART 1- ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND THE GOVERNING

2 COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE

3 1.-(1) There is established in Danbatta, Kano State the Federal
4 Vocational and Skills Acquisition College (herein referred to as "the
5 College").

Establishment
of Federal Vocational
and Skills Acquisition
College Danbatta,
Kano State

6 (2) The College shall be-

7 (a) a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal
8 and may sue and be sued in its corporate name;

9 (b) shall be capable of-

10 (i) acquiring, holding and disposing of the College's property; and

11 (ii) perform such other acts and things as a body corporate may by
12 law and by the provision of this Act do or perform.

13 2.-(1) The objectives of the College shall be to-

Objects of the
College

14 (a) teach, research, instruct, and train students in both full-time and
15 part-time courses in:

16 (i) Vocational, Skills Acquisition in areas, but not limited to:

17 (a) Automobile Servicing;

18 (b) Fabrication and Welding. Photography; Fashion Design and
19 Cosmetology; Plumbing;

- 1 (c) Catering; Carpentry/woodwork, and Electrical and Solar Maintenance;
2 (ii) in such other applied fields connected to the implementation of the
3 objectives set out in this Bill;
- 4 (b) develop and conduct courses for training of students as well as
5 teachers in the area of its objectives;
- 6 (c) expand the horizon for indigenous research and provide the basis
7 for cooperation, partnership, and collaboration with relevant institutions,
8 researchers, and stakeholders in Nigeria as well as the global arena; and
- 9 (d) organize workshops, seminars, and conferences connected to the
10 development of approved courses and the educational sector in general.
- 11 (2) to carry out the objectives set out in subsection (1) of this section,
12 the College shall have the power to-
- 13 (a) erect campuses, relevant teaching and research departments, and
14 units as circumstances so dictate in accordance with the guidelines and
15 approval of the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE);
- 16 (b) conduct examinations and grant Certificates, National Diplomas,
17 Higher National Diplomas, Professional Certificates, and other marks of
18 distinctions to students or persons who have passed and completed an
19 approved course of study of the College;
- 20 (c) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, bursaries, medals,
21 titles, prizes, distinctions, and other relevant awards related thereto;
- 22 (d) provide for the welfare, discipline, and promotion of members,
23 staff, and children of members or staff of the college,
- 24 (e) receive from students and other persons pursuing an approved
25 course of study in the College, fees and other charges subject to periodic review
26 as may, from time to time, be directed by the Governing Council;
- 27 (f) grant and award honorary fellowship or academic titles to
28 reputable individuals that have contributed to the growth and sustainability of
29 the Centre and humanity in general;
- 30 (g) build, equip, and maintain lecture theatres, residential halls,

1 laboratories, refectories, sports and leisure facilities, printing and
2 publishing facilities, and other facilities that are necessary or incidental to
3 the growth, development, and sustainability of the College;

4 (h) invest disposable incomes on projects that are meaningful and
5 significant to the growth, development, and financial freedom of the
6 College;

7 (i) borrow at interest, or on the security of the College's landed
8 property or funds, amounts of money needed for projects connected to the
9 development of the College but subject to the approval of two third-majority
10 of members of the governing council after due consultation with economic
11 and financial experts;

12 (j) encourage and make provision for research;

13 (l) consider and approve the annual estimates of the College;

14 (m) accept gifts and donations whose terms and conditions are
15 consistent with the objectives set out in this Act; and

16 (n) enter into a contract and do all things necessary or incidental to
17 the implementation of the objectives of the College

18 (3) The powers conferred on the College by the provision of sub
19 section (2) of this section shall be exercised by the Council on behalf of the
20 College or by other manner prescribed by the Council.

21 3.-(1) There is to be established for the College a governing body
22 herein referred to as "the council" to give effect to the provisions of the Act;

Establishment and
Composition of
the Governing
Council

23 (2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section the
24 Council shall comprise of the following members-

25 (a) the Chairman and other members who shall be persons with
26 both the requisite knowledge and practical experience to be appointed by the
27 President;

28 (b) the College's Officer in charge of policy, planning and strategy;

29 (c) the Rector of the College;

1 (d) the Registrar of the College who shall be the Secretary of the
2 Council;

3 (e) one representative of the National Board for Technical Education
4 (NBTE); and

5 (f) one representative of the Federal Ministry of Education.

6 (2) The members of the Council shall receive remuneration and
7 allowances as may be determined by the President from time to time.

8 (3) The proceedings of the Council shall be in a manner set out in the
9 schedule to this Bill

Tenure of
Members

10 4.-(1) The Chairman and other members of the Council shall hold
11 office for a period of four years and may only be reappointed for another term
12 of four years.

13 (2) When a member of the Council appointed by the president wishes
14 to resign from his membership of the Council, he or she shall do so by a hand
15 written notice addressed to the President and copied to the Minister and the
16 Council.

17 (3) The member stated in subsection (2) above shall cease to be a
18 member of the Council upon the President's acknowledgment of his or her
19 letter of resignation.

20 (4) When there is a vacancy in the membership of the Council, the
21 person representing the same interest as the one whose exit created the vacancy
22 shall be nominated or appointed as circumstances dictate to fill such position.

Cessation of
Office

23 5. A member of the committee shall cease to hold office if-

24 ((a) he or she becomes permanently incapacitated or insane;

25 (b) he or she is convicted of any offence by a competent court of a
26 superior record that he is dishonest; and

27 (c) he is found guilty of serious misconduct with regard to his duties.

1 PART II - ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE

2 TASKS OF THE COLLEGE

3 6.-(1) Subject to the powers and the general oversight of the Tenure of office
4 Council, the Tenure of Office of the Members of the Council/Cessation of
5 Membership College shall have an Academic Board to-

6 (a) set guidelines, organize and monitor lectures of approved
7 academic courses, examinations, and research projects;

8 (b) determine passes or failures in all approved academic courses
9 in line with criteria spelt out in the academic policy or any other directives
10 given by the National Board for Technical Educational (NBTE); and

11 (c) perform such other functions as may be assigned or delegated to
12 it by the Council or the Rector.

13 (2) The Academic Board shall comprise of the following members-

14 (a) the Rector who shall be the Chairman;

15 (b) Deans of Faculties;

16 (c) Heads of Academic Departments;

17 (d) the Registrar who shall be the Secretary;

18 (e) the Centre's Librarian; and

19 (f) resource persons that may be appointed by the chairman from
20 within or outside the College as consultants.

21 7.-(1) Subject to the general oversight of the governing council, Selection
22 there shall be a selection committee for the College which shall composed of Committee
23 the following members-

24 (a) the chairman and four other members of the Council;

25 (b) the Rector of the College; and

26 (c) two members of the academic Board none of which shall be the
27 Rector or a member of the Council.

28 (2) The functions, procedures, and other related activities of the
29 selection committee constituted in subsection (1) of this section shall be in
30 accordance with the standards set out by the Council.

Establishment
and Composition
of the College's
Interview Panel

1 **8.**-(1), Subject to the provisions of section 13 of this Act, an interview
2 panel shall be constituted to conduct interviews of candidates seeking to
3 occupy non-principal offices of the College and it shall consist of
4 (a) the Rector;
5 (b) two representatives of the faculties in which the vacancy is
6 declared:
7 (c) the head of the departments concerned; and
8 (d) the Registrar who shall be the secretary of the Panel.
9 (2) The functions, procedure, and other matters of the Panel shall be
10 determined from time to time by the Council.

11 PART III - PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE COLLEGE

The Rector of
the College

12 **9.**-(1) There shall be a Rector for the College who shall be appointed
13 by the President on the recommendation of the Minister of Education;
14 (2) The Rector shall be a person with a cognate experience of not less
15 than 10 years in his academic field and vocational teaching competence;
16 (3) The Rector shall be a person with the requisite qualifications and
17 practical teaching and research experience;
18 (4) Where there is a vacancy for the post of the Rector, the Council
19 shall specify-
20 (a) the advertise the vacancy in reputable and widely read national
21 newspapers;
22 (b) the requirements from persons seeking to occupy the post;
23 (c) the terms and conditions of service attached to the post and
24 thereafter shortlist the names of suitable candidates for the consideration of the
25 Minister;
26 (5) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3) of this section, the
27 President shall appoint one of the candidates recommended by the minister for
28 the post of the Rector;
29 (6) Subject to the general oversight of the Council, the Rector shall be
30 the chief executive of the College vested with the responsibility of running all

1 academic and general administration activities of the College and shall
2 perform such other functions as assigned to him by the Governing Council;

3 (7) The College shall hold office for a single unrenowable term of
4 five years in accordance with the conditions of service stipulated in his or
5 her appointment letter.

6 **10.**-(1) The Council shall appoint for the College a Deputy Rector
7 (Academic) and a Deputy Rector (Administration) from a list of five most
8 senior academic staff in order of preference submitted by the Rector to assist
9 him in the discharge of his duties.

Appointment
of Deputy Rector

10 (2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Rector after due College;
11 consideration of the recommendation of the selection Committee
12 inaugurated for the purpose in section 7 of this Act.

13 (3) The functions of the Deputy Rector (Academic) shall be to-

14 (a) assist the Rector in the handling of academic matters of the
15 college

16 (b) act as the acting Rector in the absence of the Rector or when, for
17 some reason, the post of the Rector is vacant;

18 (c) perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the
19 Rector or the Council..

20 (4) The functions of the Deputy Rector (Administration) shall be
21 to-

22 (a) assist the Rector in the discharge of administrative duties of the
23 College; and

24 (b) perform such other duties assigned to him by the Rector or the
25 Council.

26 **11.**-(1) There shall be a Registrar appointed by the Council to serve
27 as the secretary of-

The Registrar

28 (a) the Council;

29 (b) the Academic Board; and

30 (c) such other subcommittee(s) constituted by the Council.

1 (2) The registrar shall also handle the records and correspondences of the
2 College and perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the
3 Rector or the Council.

4 **12.**-(1) The Council shall appoint for the College-

5 (a) a Bursar: and

6 (b) a Librarian.

7 (2) The Bursar shall be responsible to the Rector for the
8 administration and general control of the financial affairs of the College;

9 (3) The Librarian shall be responsible to the Rector in administering
10 and coordinating the activities of the central, faculty, departmental, and other
11 libraries of the College;

12 (4) The Bursar and the Librarian of the College shall both hold office
13 for a single term of five years only.

Appointment
of other staff

14 **13.**-(1) The Governing Council may also appoint other persons into
15 the academic and non-academic staff of the College to assist the Rector and
16 other principal officers in carrying out academic and administrative functions
17 of the College;

18 (2) The remuneration, allowances, pensions, and other conditions of
19 service of the employees of the College shall be determined by the Council in
20 consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission.

Resignation of
Rector

21 **14.**-(1) Where the Rector wishes to resign, he or she shall do so
22 through a letter addressed to the president and copied to the minister and the
23 Council;

24 (2) Other principal officers and employees who wish to resign shall
25 do so in a manner prescribed by the Council.

26 **PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

Establishment
of the Fund

27 **15.**-(1) There is established for the College a fund into which shall be
28 paid-

29 (a) all monies appropriated through the National Assembly;

30 (b) all monies that may be granted by the Federal Government

1 through the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE);

2 (c) all monies received through donations gifts and grants-in-aid;

3 (d) all subscriptions, fees, and charges for services rendered by the
4 Appointment and Functions of Officers of the college and Funding of the
5 College; and

6 (e) returns on investments and other monies or assets that may
7 accrue to the Council or the College;

8 (2) The College's Council shall submit to the minister responsible
9 for education, through the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE),
10 an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the succeeding year.

11 (3) The estimate stated in subsection (2) above shall be submitted
12 not later than three months before the end of each financial year or at such
13 earlier times as the minister or the Board may direct.

14 **16.**-(1) The Council shall keep proper accounts of its receipts,
15 payments, assets, and liabilities with regards to each financial year as well as
16 proper records connected therewith;

Accounts

17 (2) When the accounts subject to the provisions of subsection (1)
18 above is certified by the Council, the account shall be audited by a firm
19 approved by the Council from the list and in accordance with the guidelines
20 supplied by the office of the Auditor General of the Federation;

21 (3) The auditor appointed for the purpose of this section shall not
22 be a member of the Council;

23 (4) Subject to the provisions of this section the audited accounts
24 shall be published within three months from the end of the financial year to
25 which the accounts relate.

26 **17.** The Council shall notwithstanding the provision of section 16
27 of this Act, submit to the Minister an annual report of its activities and
28 administration of the College's fund pursuant to objectives set out in this
29 Bill.

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1 PART V - DISCIPLINE

Discipline of
Students

2 **18.**-(1) Subject to the provisions of this clause, where it appears to the Rector
3 that any student of the College has been found guilty of misconduct, the Rector
4 may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by
5 this Bill or regulations made, direct-

6 (a) that the student shall not during such period as may be specified in
7 the direction, participate in such activities of the Institute, or make use of such
8 facilities of the College, as he may specify;

9 (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be
10 specified in the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;

11 (c) that the student be suspended for such period as may be specified
12 in the directions; or

13 (d) that the student be expelled from the College.

14 (2) Where there is temporarily no Rector or where the Rector refuses
15 to apply any disciplinary measures, the council, either directly or through some
16 other staff, may apply such disciplinary actions as specified in sub-section (1)
17 to any student of the College who is guilty of misconduct.

18 (3) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this
19 clause in respect of any student may, within a period of 21 days from the date of
20 the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal from the direction to the
21 council; and where such an appeal is brought, the council shall, after causing
22 such inquiry to be made in any manner the council deems just, either confirm or
23 set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the council may think fit.

24 (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of
25 sub section (3) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction
26 while the appeal is pending;

27 (5) The Rector may delegate his power under this clause to a
28 disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the College as he may
29 nominate;

30 (6) Nothing in this clause shall be construed as preventing the

1 restriction or termination of a student's activities in the College otherwise
2 than on the grounds of misconduct;

3 (7) The directions as contained in Sub 1 (a) and (b) may be
4 combined.

5 (8) In all cases under this clause, the decision of the council shall be
6 final.

7 **19.**-(1) If any staff is accused and found guilty of any misconduct.
8 or inefficiency, the Rector may suspend him for a period not less than three

9 (3) months and direct the Staff Appointment, Promotions, and
10 Disciplinary Committee-

11 (a) to consider the matter justly; and

12 (b) make recommendations as to the appropriate actions to be
13 taken by the Rector;

14 (2) In all cases under this clause, the officer shall be informed of the
15 charge against him and shall be given a fair hearing;

16 (3) The Rector may, after considering the recommendations made
17 pursuant to Sub (1) of this section, dismiss, terminate, retire or downgrade
18 the officer concerned;

19 (4) Any person aggrieved by the Rector's decision under
20 Subsection (3) may within a period of 21 days from the receipt of the letter
21 conveying the decision to him, appeal through a petition to the council.

22 (5) The decision of the council on that particular matter is final.

23 **PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

24 **20.**-(1) The minister shall have the power to give to the Council, *Directions*
25 such directives which are not inconsistent with the provision of this Bill and
26 it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directives;

27 (2) The minister responsible for education shall be the visitor of the
28 College;

29 (3) The visitor shall, not less than once every five years, conduct a
30 visitation to the College or appoint a visitation panel consisting of not less

1 than five experts to conduct the visitation.

2 (4) The purpose of the visitation shall be to-

3 (a) assess the academic and administrative performance of the
4 College; and

5 (b) for such other purposes, the visitors may deem fit.

Interpretation

6 **21.** In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires-

7 "College" means the Federal Vocational and Skills Acquisition College,
8 Danbatta, Kano State;

9 "Council" means the Governing Council of the College established in section 3
10 of this Act;

11 "President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; "Minister"
12 means the Minister responsible for Education;

13 "Board" means the Academic Board established in section 6 of this Act to
14 organize and monitor the academic tasks of the College;

15 "Committee" means the selection committee established in section 7 of this Act
16 to screen and write recommendations about candidates seeking to occupy
17 principal offices of the College;

18 "Panel" means the interview Panel established in section 8 of this Act to screen
19 non-principal officers of the College;

20 "Rector" means the chief executive officer vested with the responsibility of
21 managing the day-to-day academic and administrative activities of the College
22 appointed by the president in section 9 of this Act.

23 "Registrar" means the Chief Registrar of the College appointed in section 11 of
24 this Act to keep records, handle correspondence, and serve as the Secretary of
25 the Council, Academic Board, and other important committees or sub
26 committees of the College;

27 "Bursar" means an officer appointed in section 12 of this Act who is
28 responsible to the Rector and handles the financial affairs of the College; an

29 "Librarian" means one of the principal officers appointed in section 12 of this

1 Act to organize, coordinate, and administer the activities of all the libraries
2 in the College.

3 **22.** This Bill may be cited as the Federal Vocational and Skills Short title
4 Acquisition College, Danbatta, Kano State (Establishment) Bill, 2024.

5 SCHEDULE

6 (Section 3(3))

7 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE

8 GOVERNING COUNCIL

9 *Proceedings*

10 1.-(1) The Council may, subject to the provisions of this Bill, make
11 standing orders to regulate its proceedings or those of any of its Boards,
12 Committee or subcommittee(s) for the purpose of giving effect to the
13 objectives set out in this Act.

14 (2) The quorum of the Council shall be the chairman or the
15 secretary and four other members of the Council.

16 2.-(1) The Council shall meet quarterly and whenever
17 circumstances dictate, it may organize such other number of meetings
18 provided it is summoned by the chairman or by notice given to him by not
19 less than four other members of the Council.

20 (2) Where the chairman received such notice he shall summon a
21 meeting of the Council to be held not later than seven (7) days from the date
22 on which the notice is served.

23 3. The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Council but if
24 he is absent, other members present at the meeting shall elect one of the
25 members amongst them to preside at such meetings.

26 4.-(1) Whenever the Council requires the advice of any person or
27 institution on any matter related to the objectives set out in this Act, the
28 Council shall co-opt the said person for a period of time it considers
29 necessary.

30 (2) A person cop-opted for the purpose stated above shall not be

1 entitled to vote at any of the meetings of the Council and shall also not be
2 counted for the purpose of forming a quorum.

3 *Committees*

4 3.-(1) For the purpose of implementing the objectives set out in this
5 Bill, the Council may appoint such number of subcommittees it considers
6 necessary or expedient to execute on behalf of the Council such other functions
7 as the Council may from time to time delegate

8 (2) The number of persons so appointed in the sub-committee(s) may
9 not necessarily be members of the Council;

10 (3) A person other than a member of the Council shall hold office in
11 the Council, the Academic Board, Committee, and such other subcommittee(s)
12 in accordance with the terms of his or her appointment as the Council may from
13 time to time determine;

14 (4) Where the subcommittee(s) make a decision, such decision shall
15 become effective only when it is approved by the Council.

16 *Miscellaneous*

17 4.-(1) The seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature
18 of the Chairman or any other person(s) authorized by the Council to act for that
19 purpose;

20 (2) Any contract, instrument, or transaction which if executed by a
21 person who is not a corporate body would not be required to be under the seal of
22 the Council may be carried out or executed on behalf of the Council by the
23 Chairman or a person so authorized generally or specifically as circumstances
24 so dictates to act for that purpose;

25 (3) Any document claiming to be a document bearing a task duly
26 executed under the seal of the Council of the College shall be recorded as such
27 and unless the contrary is proved, shall be presumed to be so executed.

1 5. The validity of proceedings of the Council, Board, or Committee
2 of the College shall not be questioned on account of any vacancy in their
3 membership or by any defect in the appointment of their members or by
4 reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in their proceedings.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal Vocational and Skills Acquisition College, Danbatta, Kano State to provide full and part-time courses in vocational and skills acquisition and other fields of studies and to make provisions for the General Administration of the College.