

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL COLLEGE OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY, MAIHA, ADAMAWA STATE TO EDUCATE AND TRAIN HIGHLY SKILLED NURSES AND MIDWIVES TO MEET THE NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DEMANDS, PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE AND STANDARDIZED NURSING AND MIDWIFERY EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, PROMOTE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN NURSING AND MIDWIFERY PRACTICES, FOSTER COLLABORATION WITH HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS, ENHANCE CLINICAL TRAINING EXPERIENCES, ADDRESS CRITICAL SHORTAGES IN THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY WORKFORCE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ja'afar Abubakar Magaji

[] Commencement

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

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COLLEGE

2 1.-(1) There is established the Federal College of Nursing and
3 Midwifery Maiha (in this Bill referred to as 'the College'.

Establishment of Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Maiha

4 (2) The College shall be a body corporate with perpetual
5 succession and a common seal with powers to sue and be sued in its
6 corporate name.

7 2. Some of the objectives of the College include to:

Objectives of the College

8 (a) provide training and research in general Nursing, Midwifery
9 and other specialties of Nursing leading to the award of professional
10 certificates;

11 (b) award diplomas, degrees and other post basic certificates;

12 (c) provide avenues for continuing education in nursing,
13 midwifery and other specialties of Nursing; and

14 (d) provide such services that is necessary and incidental to the

Powers of the
College

1 object of the College.

2 3.-(1) The College shall be a teaching and examining body and shall
3 subject to the provisions of this Bill and the regulations of the College have
4 powers to:

5 (a) provide rules and conditions under which persons may be
6 admitted as student for any particular course of study provided by the College;

7 (b) provide courses of instruction in the academic and professional
8 programmes for student;

9 (c) make provision for research and the dissemination of knowledge;

10 (d) establish Department and such other units of learning and research
11 as the purpose of the College may require;

12 (e) create such offices and post as the purpose of the College may
13 require and to appoint persons to and remove person from such office or posts
14 and prescribe their conditions of service;

15 (f) maintain libraries, laboratories, workshops lecture halls, hostels,
16 dining halls, sport field and other building or facilities of the College;

17 (g) provide for residence, recreation and welfare of members of staff
18 and students of the College as may be deemed necessary;

19 (h) demand and receive from students and other persons attending the
20 College for the purpose of instruction such fees as the College may from time to
21 time determine;

22 (i) prescribe rules for the discipline of student of the College;

23 (j) conduct examination and arrange for award of certificates and
24 distinctions to persons who pursue courses of studies approved by the College
25 and who satisfy such other requirement as may from time to time be prescribe;

26 (k) subject to specific limitations or conditions that may imposed by
27 extant Government regulations or circular, invest any fund apportioned to the
28 College by way of endowment, whether for general or special purpose and such
29 monies as may not immediately be required be require for current expenditure
30 in any investment or securities;

1 (l) print or publish works or undertake service as may be deemed
2 consistent with the object of the College; and

3 (m) do such other acts and things necessary for the attainment the
4 objectives of the College.

5 (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provision of clause 2
6 of this Bill, the College may by special arrangement with the Nursing and
7 Midwifery council of Nigeria or other Examination bodies prepare it
8 students for award of certificates or other distinctions.

9 (3) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of any other statute, the
10 powers conferred on the College under this Bill shall be exercised on behalf
11 of the College by the council and the committees established for the College
12 or by such officers and other staff of the College as may be authorize in that
13 behalf and may also be exercised through schools established under this
14 Bill.

15 4.-(1) The Provost shall have custody of the common seal of the
16 College and shall be responsible for affixing same to documents.

Custody of the
common seal

17 (2) The common seal of the College shall not be used save upon the
18 direction of the council and shall be authenticated by the signature of the
19 Provost.

20 PART II - GOVERNMENT COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE

21 5.-(1) There shall be establish for the College a Government
22 Council to be known as the Governing council of the Federal College of
23 Nursing and Midwifery Maiha.

Governing Council
of the College

24 (2) The council shall consist of:

25 (a) a chairman who shall be appointed on part time basis by the
26 College on the recommendation of the secretary of health;

27 (b) the provost of the College;

28 (c) a representation from six geo-political zones of the federation;

29 and

30 (d) two members to represent the interest of the public to be

1 appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of the secretary of health.

Schedule 2 (3) The supplementary provisions contained in the schedule to this
3 Bill shall have effect concerning the proceedings of the Council and other
4 matters.

Tenure of Members 5 **6.**(1) Members of the council other than ex-officio members shall
of the Council 6 hold office for a period of four years from the date of their appointment and
7 shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of four years and no
8 more.

9 (2) Any member of the council other than an ex officio member may
10 by notice to the council resign his appointment.

11 (3) Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the council shall be
12 filled by the appointed of a successor who shall represent the same interest as
13 his predecessor for the remainder of the term of the predecessor.

Functions of the 14 **7.**(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the council shall:
Council 15 (a) be the governing authority of the College;
16 (b) be responsible for general control and superintendence of the
17 policies, finances and properties of the College;
18 (c) make regulations for the day to day management of the College;
19 (d) do any other thing necessary or incidental to attainment of objects
20 of the College;
21 (e) ensure that the courses and instructions provided by the College
22 conform to the required standard laid down from time to time by the Nursing
23 and Midwifery council of Nigeria;
24 (f) regulate the teaching of course offered by the College, and also
25 regulate the conduct of examination with respect to the College;
26 (g) approve contracts for procurement of equipment, furniture and
27 other properties required for the purpose of the College;
28 (h) approve contracts for maintenance of the premises and other
29 properties of the College;
30 (i) formulate policies and initiate programmes in all field of learning

1 conducted by the College;

2 (j) assess from time to time the course offered by the College; and

3 (k) perform such other function as may be necessary.

4 (2) The council may delegate any of its functions, other than the
5 Power to make regulations, to the chairman or any other person, Board or
6 Committee it deems it fit in that behalf, but no decision of such person or
7 Committee shall take effect unless ratified by council.

8 **8.-(1)** There shall be within the College a school of Nursing and a
9 School of Midwifery and such other schools as the Council may from time to
10 time approve. Schools,
departments and
units of the College

11 (2) Each school shall provide instruction for courses, conduct
12 research and carry out such functions as may be prescribed by the council.

13 (3) The constitution of and other matters relating to each schools
14 may be prescribed by the council.

15 **9.-(1)** There shall be for the College a provost who shall the Chief
16 Executive Officer of the College and other principal officers, the
17 designations, qualifications, functions, appointments and removal of whom
18 shall be as spelt out under this Bill. Principal Officers
of the College

19 (2) Other principal officers of the College shall include the:

20 (a) Deans of the schools in the College;

21 (b) Deputy Deans (Academics and Administration) of the schools
22 in the College;

23 (c) Registrar;

24 (d) College Librarian; and

25 (e) Bursar.

26 (3) The Deans and the Deputy Deans of schools shall be appointed
27 by the council and the provost shall be appointed from amongst the
28 academic staff of the College by the Council, subject to the approval of the
29 Minister.

30 (4) The Provost shall hold a degree in Nursing and shall be a

1 registered educationist in Nursing, Midwifery or other specialty areas of
2 Nursing with not less than fifteen years of teaching experience.

3 (5) The Deans of schools shall be responsible to the provost for the
4 Administration of the schools.

5 (6) The Registrar of the College shall be the head of administration of
6 the College shall be responsible to the provost. who shall be an experienced
7 graduate of humanities with not less than fifteen years' experience in public
8 Administration

9 (7) The Bursar shall be:

10 (a) the Chief Financial officer of the College and shall be responsible
11 to the provost for the day to day administration of the Financial affairs of the
12 College; and

13 (b) a qualified Accountant with not less than Ten years post
14 qualification experience.

15 (8) The librarian shall be responsible to the provost for the co-
16 ordination of Library services of the College and shall have a degree in library
17 sciences with not less than ten years post qualification experience as a
18 Librarian.

19 (9) The Council may appoint such other persons to be staff of the
20 College as it may deems fit on such terms and conditions as may specified in
21 their letters of appointment.

Removal from
office

22 **10.** The Principal officers and other senior staff of the College may be
23 removed from office by the Council for misconduct, incompetence or any other
24 justifiable reason.

General Purpose
and Finance
Committee of
the College

25 **11.**-(1). There shall be a committee of the council to be known as the
26 general purpose and finance committee.

27 (2) The Committee shall consist of:

28 (a) chairman of the Governing council who shall be the chairman;

29 (b) the provost of the College;

30 (c) the director of finance and administration;

1 (d) a member of the Academic Committee; and
2 (e) the Registrar of the College who shall be secretary of the
3 committee.

4 (3) The Committee shall be responsible for:

5 (a) the control over property , revenue and expenditure of the
6 College;

7 (b) award contracts for the execution of project of the College; and

8 (c) performing such other functions as the council may delegate to
9 it.

10 **12.-(1)** The Academic Board of the College shall be composed of:

Academic Board
of the College

11 (a) the provost of the College, as chairman;

12 (b) all the Deans of the schools;

13 (c) all Heads of Department of the schools;

14 (d) one academic staff not below the rank of senior Lecturer to be
15 selected from each of the Department of the school;

16 (e) the school Librarian; and

17 (f) the Registrar who shall be the secretary of the Board.

18 (2) Subject to the overall control and direction of the council, the
19 Academic Board of the College shall perform the following Function:

20 (a) regulating and organizing the process of admission, conduct of
21 examinations, award of Certificates and all formalities relating to the
22 Registration and licensing of graduates;

23 (b) making recommendation to the council on appointment of
24 Academic staff of the school and on the organization of department,
25 Libraries and other units of learn and research in the school;

26 (c) making guideline for the purpose of exercising any of the
27 Functions conferred on it under this Bill;

28 (d) preparing curriculum for the school in line with guidelines from
29 the Nursing and Midwifery council of Nigeria and or other regulatory
30 bodies; and

1 (e) performing such other functions that may be assigned to it by the
2 Council

Establishment
of fund for the
College 3 **13.** The College shall establish and maintain a Fund which shall be-
4 (1) applied towards the promotion of the objectives of this Bill.
5 (2) There shall be paid and credited to the Fund established for the
6 College-
7 (a) sums donated by the Federal, State and Local Governments;
8 (b) gifts, donations and contributions from national and international
9 Institutions and philanthropists;
10 (c) fees, if any, charged by the College for services rendered; and
11 (d) such sums as may be collected or received by the College from
12 other sources, either in the execution of its functions or in respect of any
13 property vested in the College.

Application
and management
of the fund 14 **14.** The College shall manage and apply its Funds under the general
15 (1) guidelines made by the Management, subject to the approval of
16 the Council.
17 (2) The College shall apply its Funds in the -
18 (a) the realization of the functions of the College;
19 (b) administration of the College,
20 (c) fees payable for procurement and
21 (d) consultancy services made for the benefit of the College.

Power to borrow
money 22 **15.** The College may, with the written approval of the Council and
23 subject to the guidelines and policy of the Federal Government, borrow such
24 money needed for the exercise of its function, provided that such borrowing
25 shall be made on the terms and conditions that do not compromise the
26 competence of the College.

Interpretation 27 **16.** In this Bill:
28 "Academic Board" means the Academic Board established under this Bill;
29 "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Governing council of the College or
30 where the context requires Chairman of the respective committees established

1 under this Bill:

2 "College" means the Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery MAIHA

3 LGA:

4 "Council" means the governing council of the College;

5 "Members" means members of the council and includes the chairman of the

6 Council;

7 "Provost" means the provost of the College;

8 "Regulations" means any regulation formulated for the College by the

9 council;

10 **17.** This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Nursing and Citation

11 Midwifery, Maiha (Establishment) Bill, 2024.

1 SCHEDULE

2 *Clause 5(3)*

3 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COLLEGE

4 *Proceedings of the Council*

5 1.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and other applicable laws,
6 the Council may make standing orders regulating its proceedings.

7 (2) The Council shall meet whenever the Chairman summons it, or if
8 required to do so by at least six members of the Council and shall meet at least
9 four times a year.

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

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

16 *Committees*

17 2.-(1) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees to
18 carry out, on Its behalf, such functions that the Committee shall so do.

19 (2) The decision of the sub-committee appointed under paragraph
20 2(1) shall have effect once the Management Committee approves it.

21 *Miscellaneous*

22 3.-(I) The Secretary of the Council shall be the custodian of the seal of
23 the College.

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

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

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

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

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery Maiha, Adamawa State to educate and train highly skilled nurses and midwives to meet the national healthcare demands, to provide accessible and standardized nursing and midwifery education programs, to promote research and innovation in nursing and midwifery practices, to foster collaboration with healthcare institutions, to enhance clinical training experiences, and to address critical shortages in the nursing and midwifery workforce.