

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SKILLS ACQUISITION EVALUATIONS, ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION (ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2024 TO REGULATE, EVALUATE, ASSESS, AND CERTIFY SKILLS ACQUISITION PROGRAMS AND INSTITUTIONS IN NIGERIA, 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 - OBJECTIVES, APPLICATION AND SCOPE OF THE BILL

2 1. The objectives of this Bill are to- Objectives

3 (a) Improve skills acquisition and development in Nigeria;

4 (b) Regulate and standardize skills acquisition programs and
5 institutions;

6 (c) Promote technical and vocational education and training
7 (TVET);

8 (d) Enhance the quality and relevance of skills acquisition
9 programs;

10 (e) Improve the employability of graduates from skills acquisition
11 programs;

12 (f) Encourage entrepreneurship and self-employment;

13 (g) Address labour market needs and skills gaps;

14 (h) Foster collaboration with industries and employers;

	1	(i) Ensure a competent and skilled workforce; and
	2	(j) Support national development and economic growth.
Application and Scope	3	2. This Bill shall apply to all public and private-
	4	(a) providers and users of regulated services in Nigeria; and
	5	(b) facilities used in the provision of services in the regulated sector in
	6	Nigeria.
	7	PART II -ESTABLISHMENT, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION
	8	AND THE GOVERNING BOARD
Establishment of the Commission	9	3. (1) There is hereby established a body corporate to be known as the
	10	National Commission for Skills Acquisition Evaluations, Assessment, and
	11	Certification (in this Bill referred to as "the Commission").
Headquarters and Zonal Offices	12	(2) The Commission shall have its headquarters in Abuja and Zonal
	13	offices in:
	14	(a) Ikeja, Lagos State (South West);
	15	(b) Nchatancha-Nike, Enugu State (South East);
	16	(c) Birnin- Magaji, Zamfara State (North West);
	17	(d) Gwoza, BornoState (North East);
	18	(e) Obio-akpor, Rivers State (South South);
	19	(d) Karu, Nasarawa State (North Central).
	20	(3) The Commission-
	21	(a) is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal
	22	which may sue and be sued in its corporate name;
	23	(b) may enter into contracts and incur obligations, acquire, hold,
	24	mortgage, purchase, sell, lease and deal with property, whether movable or
	25	immovable, real or personal, for the purpose and carrying out any of its
	26	functions under this Bill;
	27	(c) do all acts and things which a body corporate may, by law do and
	28	which are necessary or convenient for the purpose of this Bill; and
	29	(d) exercise all of the powers given to it under this Bill and do all acts
	30	and things which are necessary or convenient for performing its functions and

1 discharging its duties under this Bill.

2 (3) The common seal of the Commission shall be kept in the
3 custody of the Secretary.

4 (4) The Commission shall be structured as appropriate for the
5 effective performance of its functions and operations.

6 **4.**-(1) The functions of the Commission shall be to-

Functions and
Powers of the
Commission

7 (a) Accredite skills acquisition institutions and programs that meet
8 the established standards;

9 (b) Conduct regular evaluations and assessments of skills
10 acquisition programs to ensure they meet the set standards;

11 (c) Issue certificates and diplomas to individuals who have
12 acquired skills and completed programs successfully;

13 (d) Develop and review standards, guidelines, and frameworks for
14 skills acquisition programs;

15 (e) Ensure quality assurance in skills acquisition programs and
16 institutions;

17 (f) Monitor compliance with established standards and enforce
18 regulations;

19 (g) Conduct research and development to improve skills
20 acquisition programs and practices;

21 (h) Provide training and capacity-building programs for skills
22 acquisition institutions and professionals;

23 (i) collaborate with industries to ensure skills acquisition programs
24 meet industry needs;

25 (j) Develop and maintain a national skills framework to guide
26 skills acquisition programs;

27 (k) Conduct skills gap analyses to identify areas requiring skills
28 development;

29 (l) Certify trainers and instructors in skills acquisition programs;

1 (m) Develop and review assessment tools for skills acquisition
2 programs;

3 (n) Maintain a database of certified skills acquisition institutions,
4 programs, and individuals;

5 (o) Promote public awareness of the importance of skills acquisition
6 and certification;

7 (p) Enter into partnerships and collaborations with local and
8 international organizations;

9 (q) Make regulations and guidelines for the implementation of its
10 objectives;

11 (s) Approve and validate skills acquisition programs and institutions;

12 (t) Withdraw accreditation or certification from non-compliant
13 institutions or programs; and

14 (u) Perform any other functions necessary to achieve its objectives.

15 (2) The Commission shall not perform its functions in such manner as
16 to contravene any mandatory legal instrument, being implemented by other
17 government Agencies, to which Nigeria is a party and shall facilitate
18 compliance with obligations under such instruments.

19 (3) In the case of any conflict between this Bill and any sector
20 legislation on the regulatory functions and powers of the Commission, the
21 provisions of this Bill shall prevail.

22 PART III - ESTABLISHMENT, MEMBERSHIP, QUALIFICATION, POWERS ETC.

23 OF THE BOARD

Establishment
of the Governing
Board

24 **5.** There is established for the Commission a Governing Board ("the
25 Board") which shall consist of members appointed by the President under
26 section 6.

Membership
of the Board

27 **6.-(1)** The Board shall consist of:

28 (a) a part-time Chairman;

29 (b) a Executive Secretary;

30 (c) a representative of the Federal Ministry responsible for Labour,

1 not below the rank of a Director;

2 (d) a representative of the Federal Ministry responsible for
3 Education, not below the rank of a Director;

4 (e) a representatives from the Federal Ministry of Industry, not
5 below the rank of a Director;

6 (f) a representatives from the regional offices in Skills Acquisition
7 Evaluations, Assessment and Certification matters, not below the rank of
8 Director; and

9 (g) five part-time Members.

10 (2) The Chairman and Members shall constitute the Board and may
11 regulate the proceedings of the Board.

12 7.-(1) The Members of the Board with the exception of part-time
13 members, shall be persons of recognised qualification, expert knowledge
14 and cognate experience in at least one or more of the following fields:

Qualification of
Members

15 (a) law;

16 (b) economics;

17 (c) finance;

18 (d) personnel management;

19 (e) administration.

20 (2) Subject to subsection (1) of this section, the President shall, in
21 nominating members to the Board-

22 (a) take into consideration the objects of this Bill and the functions
23 of the Commission;

24 (b) ensure that the appointment of the Chairman and the non-
25 Executive members reflect equal representation of the six geo-political
26 zones in the country; and

27 (c) in the case of the Executive Secretary/CEO, the nominee
28 possess at least 20 years of professional experience'.

29 (3) A person shall not be appointed, or remain in office, as a
30 member of the Commission if he:

- 1 (a) is not a citizen of Nigeria;
- 2 (b) is a serving member of the National Assembly, a State House of
3 Assembly or any Local Government or Area Council;
- 4 (c) is incapacitated by any physical illness;
- 5 (d) has been certified to be of unsound mind;
- 6 (e) is an un-discharged bankrupt;
- 7 (f) has been convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere of a criminal offence
8 involving fraud or dishonesty; or
- 9 (g) has at any time been removed from an office of trust on account of
10 misconduct.

Tenure of Part-time
Chairman and
Members of the
Governing Board

11 **8.** The Chairman and members of the Board and ex-officio members,
12 shall hold office for a term of four years and may be eligible for re-appointment
13 for a further term of four years and no more.

Remuneration
of members of
the Governing
Board

14 **9.** The Chairman and other members of the Board shall be paid such
15 allowances and expenses as the Federal Government may from time to time
16 approve.

Removal of a
Board Member

17 **10.**-(1) A member of the Board referred to in section 6(1) of this Bill,
18 may be removed from office by the President if the member-

- 19 (a) has been convicted of a criminal offence;
- 20 (b) has been declared bankrupt;
- 21 (c) is suffering from prolonged ill health; or
- 22 (d) has been found wanting in the discharge of his or her duties on
23 grounds of infirmity of mind, body, or misconduct.

24 (2) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, in the instance of a
25 vacancy on the Board that are created consequent upon death, removal or
26 resignation of a member, any person so appointed shall hold office for the
27 unexpired period of the term of office of his predecessor.

28 (3) Where a vacancy occurs in the Board, the President may appoint a
29 successor to represent the same interest as that non-executive member, whose
30 exit created the vacancy.

1 (4) The provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall not apply
2 to the filling of vacancies in respect Executive Secretary/CEO howsoever
3 and whenever created.

4 (5) A vacancy in the Board shall be filled by the appointment of
5 another person to the vacant office by the President in accordance with
6 section 7 as soon as is reasonably practicable, after the occurrence of such
7 vacancy.

8 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (1) of this
9 section, the President shall have the power to remove any member who the
10 President believes his stay on the Board is not in the best interest of the
11 general public.

12 **11.** A Member may resign his office by giving 3 months written
13 notice thereof addressed to the President through the Minister. Resignation of
a Member

14 **12.** -(1) A person shall cease to hold office as a member of the
15 Board where- Cessation of
Membership

16 (a) the term of office expires;

17 (b) the person resigns from office by a notice in writing addressed
18 to the President through the Minister;

19 (c) in the case of an ex officio member, the person ceases to hold
20 office on the basis of his appointment or withdrawal of the nomination;

21 (d) the person is removed from office under section 10; or

22 (e) the person dies.

23 (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board, the
24 President may appoint a successor to hold office for the remainder of the
25 term of office of his predecessor and the successor shall represent the same
26 interest as that member, whose exit created the vacancy.

27 **13.**-(1) The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the- Powers of the
Board

28 (a) formulation of the general policies of the Commission,

29 (b) approval of the establishment of departments for the
30 Commission as may become necessary, and

1 (c) carry out such other activity as maybe necessary to the smooth
2 discharge of any of its functions under this Bill.

3 (2) The Board shall not have or exercise any of the executive
4 functions of the Commission vested in the Executive Secretary under this Bill,
5 any other Act, subsidiary legislation or regulations.

6 (3) In managing its affairs, the Board shall have recourse, in addition
7 to any relevant general guidelines on the governance of public bodies, to such
8 generally acceptable principles of good corporate governance as it is
9 reasonable to regard as applicable to them.

Proceedings
of the Board

10 **14.**-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and section 27 of the
11 Interpretation Act, the Board may make standing orders regulating its
12 proceedings or those of any of its committees and meetings howsoever, and
13 acts of the Board shall be deemed to be acts of the Commission,

14 (2) At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall preside and, in his
15 absence, the Members present shall appoint one of them to preside at that
16 meeting.

17 (3) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a
18 particular matter, the Commission may arrange for such a person to consult or
19 attend proceedings with the Board for such period as it deems necessary, but a
20 person who is in attendance by virtue of this sub-section is not entitled to vote at
21 such proceedings.

22 (4) Determine the allowance, benefits and expenses howsoever
23 called, payable to the Executive Secretary, Executive Directors and members
24 of staff of the Commission in accordance with extant Federal Government
25 Guidelines.

Quorum

26 **15.**-(1) The quorum of the Board shall at all times be-

27 (a) the Chairman or the person presiding at the meeting,

28 (b) the Executive Secretary or the person acting in his capacity, and

29 (c) other members comprising of-

30 (i) at least two executive members, and

1 (ii) ex-officio member and one part-time member or two part-time
2 members in the absence of an ex-official member.

3 (2) The quorum of any committee of the Board shall be determined
4 by the Board.

5 **16.** The validity of any proceedings of the Board or committee set
6 up under section 18 of this Bill shall not be affected by- Validity of
Proceedings

7 (a) a vacancy in the membership of the Board or committee;

8 (b) a defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or
9 committee; or

10 (c) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the
11 proceedings of the Board or committee.

12 **17.**-(1) The conflict of interest provisions contained in the Conflict of
Interest
13 Schedule to this Bill applies to all staff and employees of the Commission.

14 (2) Any member of the Board or committee who has personal
15 interest in any contract, arrangement or matter to be considered by the Board
16 or committee shall disclose such interest to the Board or committee and shall
17 not vote on any question relating to the contract, arrangement or matter.

18 **18.**-(1) The Board may set up one or more committees to carry out, Committees
19 on behalf of the Board, such functions as the Board may determine.

20 (2) A committee set up under subsection (1) of this section shall
21 consist of such number of persons as the Board may determine.

22 (3) The Board may, subject to such conditions as it may think fit,
23 delegate any of its powers relating to the appointment of or the exercise of
24 disciplinary control (including dismissal) over its employees to the
25 Executive Secretary or to any other employee of the Commission.

26 **19.**-(1) The fixing of the seal of the Commission shall be The Seal of the
Commission
27 authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman or Executive Secretary or
28 any person generally or specifically authorised by the Board to act for that
29 purpose.

30 (2) Any contract or instrument, which if made or executed by a

1 person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may
2 be made or executed on behalf of the Commission by the Executive Secretary
3 or any person generally or specifically authorised by the Board to act for that
4 purpose.

5 (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under
6 the seal of the Board shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary
7 is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

Delegation of
Power

8 **20.**-(1)The Board may, by instrument under its common seal,
9 delegate to:

10 (a) a Member,

11 (b) the Secretary, or

12 (c) a member of a department, unit, committee or panel appointed or
13 designated by the Commission or the Board,

14 any of its functions or powers under this Bill, regulation or any other relevant
15 legislation, except the Board's power to delegate or make regulations under this
16 Bill.

17 (2) A person who holds any delegated power under this section shall
18 exercise the delegated power in accordance with the instrument of delegation
19 and report to the Commission or the Board on the exercise of such powers and
20 at such intervals as may be determined by the Commission or the Board.

Personal
liability

21 **21.** A Member, an employee or a member of a committee or panel
22 acting under a delegation under section 20 is not personally liable for anything
23 done or omitted to be done in good faith in the:

24 (a) exercise of a power or the performance of a function under this Bill
25 or any relevant legislation; or

26 (b) reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a
27 power or performance of a function under this Bill or any relevant legislation.

28 **PART IV - MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF THE COMMISSION**

Executive
Secretary

29 **22.**-(1) Subject to section 7(1),(2)(a)&(c) of this Bill, the President
30 shall appoint an Executive Secretary for the Commission who shall hold office

1 for a term of four years, on such terms and conditions as may be specified in
2 his letter of appointment, and may be reappointed for a further term of four
3 years and no more.

4 (2) The Executive Secretary is the Chief Executive and Accounting
5 Officer of the Commission and
6 shall be responsible for the:

7 (a) execution of the policies, decisions and programmes of the
8 Commission,

9 (b) management, administration and supervision of the activities,
10 accounts and records of the Commission,

11 (c) implementation of the Commission's regulatory and other
12 functions,

13 (d) direction, supervision and control of all other employees of the
14 Commission and, subject to such restrictions as the Board may impose, for
15 disposing of all questions relating to the service of the employees, their pay,
16 allowances and privileges.

17 (3) The Executive Secretary may in writing, delegate any of his
18 powers or assign any of his duties to any Director of the Commission.

19 (4) The Executive Secretary shall perform such other functions as
20 are assigned to him under this Bill or by the Board.

21 **23.-(1)** There shall be appointed by the Commission a Board
22 Secretary who shall be a lawyer with relevant and adequate professional
23 qualifications and at least 10 years post qualification experience.

Board Secretary

24 (2) The Secretary shall be responsible to the Board through the
25 Executive Secretary for-

26 (a) convening on the authority of the Chairman, meetings of the
27 Board,

28 (b) recording the minutes of all meetings of the Board,
29 Management and such other meetings of the Commission or Board;

30 (c) maintaining and keeping proper records of proceedings of the

- 1 Commission and register of Members of the Board;
- 2 (d) keeping in safe custody the common seal of the Board;
- 3 (e) keeping in safe custody, all title documents relating to the
- 4 Commission's assets and properties;
- 5 (f) keeping in safe custody all contracts and agreements entered into
- 6 by the Commission with any third party;
- 7 (g) providing support services to Board and Management;
- 8 (h) coordinating, overseeing activities of and providing secretariat
- 9 services to the Board and Management Committees; and
- 10 (i) Carrying out such other duties and responsibilities as the
- 11 Commission or the Board may assign to him.

Members of
Staff of the
Commission

12 **24.**-(1) The Commission may appoint such other persons as it deems
13 necessary, as staff and employees of the Commission in line with applicable
14 Public Service Rules.

15 (2) The employment of the staff shall be subject to such terms and
16 conditions as may be stipulated by the Commission and contained in the
17 respective staff's employment contracts.

Remuneration
of Employees
of the Commission

18 **25.**-(1) The Commission shall develop and implement appropriate
19 conditions of service in line with Public Service Rules, for its staff and
20 employees with particular regard to the issue of remuneration, pension
21 schemes and other service benefits, sufficient for the Commission to attract and
22 retain knowledgeable and expert manpower.

23 (2) The Commission shall have the power to set, determine and
24 review the salaries and allowances of the members of staff of the Commission,
25 as may from time to time be approved by the Governing Board of the
26 Commission, in line with extant Federal Government guidelines,

27 (3) Subject to subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the Commission
28 shall pay its staff such remuneration, including allowances, as the Commission
29 may, from time to time, determine.

30 (4) The Commission may, with the approval of the Board, make

1 regulations generally relating to the conditions of service of employees of
2 the Commission, and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of
3 the foregoing, may make regulations relating to-

4 (a) the appointment, dismissal, discipline, pay and leave of, and the
5 security to be given by the employees;

6 (b) appeals by the employees against dismissal or other
7 disciplinary measures;

8 (c) the grant of pensions, gratuities and other retiring allowances to
9 the employees and their dependants, and the grant of gratuities to the estates
10 or dependants of deceased employees of the Commission; and

11 (d) the establishment and maintenance of medical benefit funds,
12 superannuation funds and provident funds, and the contributions payable to
13 and the benefits receivable from those funds.

14 (5) The conflict of interest provisions contained in the Schedule to
15 this Bill applies to all staff and employees of the Commission.

16 **26.-(1)** The Federal Civil Service Commission may by order
17 published in the Federal Gazette declare the office of the Executive
18 Secretary, or that of any person employed by the Commission to be a
19 pensionable office for the purposes of the Pensions Act.

Application of
the Pension Act,
etc.

20 (2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4) of this section, the Pensions
21 Act shall, in its application by virtue of subsection (1) of this section to any
22 office, have effect as if the office were in the Civil Service of the Federation
23 within the meaning of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

24 (3) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the
25 Pensions Act in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, any power
26 exercisable thereunder by a Minister or other Commission of the
27 Government of the Federation, other than the power to make regulations
28 under section 35 thereof, is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the
29 Commission and not by any other person or Commission.

30 (4) Nothing in the foregoing provisions shall prevent the

1 appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a
2 pension or gratuity in respect of service in that office.

General
Directives

3 **27.** The President may after consultations with the Minister give to the
4 Board such directives of a general nature with respect to the performance of
5 any function of the Commission,

6 PART V - ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONAL OFFICES

Establishment
of zonal offices

7 **28.**-(1) There shall be established in each zone as demarcated by the
8 Minister an office (in this referred to as "Zonal Office").

9 (2) The Zonal office shall:

10 PART VI - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Fund of the
Commission

11 **29.**-(1) The Commission shall establish and maintain a fund from
12 which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Commission.

13 (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund pursuant to subsection
14 (1) of this section:

15 (a) any appropriation to the Commission by the National Assembly;

16 (b) such monies as may, from time to time be granted or lent to the
17 Commission by the Federal Government or a State Government or a Local
18 Government Council;

19 (c) such monies as may, from time to time, be granted or received
20 from:

21 (i) the organized private sector;

22 (ii) international or donor organizations and non- governmental
23 organizations;

24 (iii) all monies raised for the purposes of the Commission by way of
25 gift, loan, grant-in-aid, testamentary disposition or otherwise; and

26 (iv) all other monies and assets that may, from time to time accrue, to
27 the Commission.

Expenditure
of the Commission

28 **30.** The Commission shall from time to time, apply the proceeds of
29 the fund established pursuant to section 33 of this Bill:

30 (a) to the cost of administration of the Commission;

1 (b) for reimbursing members of the Board or any committee set up
2 by the Board for such expenses as may be authorized by the Board in
3 accordance with the rates approved by the Federal Government;

4 {c) for the payment of salaries, fees or other remuneration or
5 allowances, pensions and other retirement benefits, payable to the
6 employees of the Commission;

7 (d) for the maintenance of any property acquired or vested in the
8 Commission; and

9 (e) for and in connection with all or any of the functions of
10 Commission under this Bil,

11 31.-(1) The Board shall, not later than 30th September of each year, Annual Estimates
12 submit to the Minister an estimate of the expenditure and income of the and Expenditure
13 Commission for the succeeding year.

14 (2) The Commission shall keep proper account in respect of each
15 financial year and shall cause the accounts to be audited not later than 6
16 months after the end of each financial year by Auditors appointed from the
17 list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General
18 of the Federation

19 32. The Commission shall submit to the Minister not later than Annual Report
20 30th June each year, a report in such form as the Minister may direct on the
21 activities of the Commission during the immediate preceding year, and shall
22 include in the report a copy of the audited account of the Commission for
23 that financial year and the Auditors' report thereon.

24 33. The Commission may with the consent of the Minister, borrow Power to borrow
25 on such terms and conditions as the Commission may determine such
26 money required for the carrying out of its functions.

27 34.-(1) The Commission may accept any gift, grant or donation Gift to the
28 from any person such terms and conditions specified by the person making Commission
29 the gift, grant or donation,

30 (2) The Commission shall not accept any gift, grant under

1 subsection 1) of this section if the conditions attached thereto are inconsistent
2 with the functions of the Commission under this Bill.

Guarantee
Reserve Fund

3 **35.**-(1) The Commission shall establish a Guarantee Reserve Fund
4 into which shall be paid from time to time such sum as will maintain the credit
5 balance of such fund at an amount not less than one quarter of the total of the
6 money which the Commission is liable for the time being to be called upon to
7 pay under guarantee given by the Minister,

8 (2) Subject to the provision of subsection (3), the money in the
9 Guarantee Reserve Fund shall be applied solely to meet the obligations
10 incurred by the Commission under any guarantee.

11 (3) Nothing in subsection (2) shall prevent the Commission from
12 transferring from the Guarantee Reserve Fund to any of its accounts the sum by
13 which the credit from time to time maintained under subsection (1).

General Reserve
Fund

14 **36.**-(1) In addition to the Guarantee Reserve Fund, the Commission
15 shall establish and maintain General Reserve Fund and shall, subject to any
16 directions given by the Minister under subsection (3), pay into such fund any
17 net profit earned by the Commission.

18 (2) The Guarantee Reserve Fund shall be applied to indemnify any
19 loss or deficiency which may occur in any transaction of the Commission,
20 other than those for which the Guarantee Reserve Fund is available.

21 (3) The Minister with the concurrence of the Auditor-General of the
22 Federation, may give direction to the Commission as to the balance to be
23 maintained in the General Reserve Fund and where such directions are given,
24 the Commission shall not be required to pay any of its net profits into the fund
25 whereby the balance thereof would exceed the amount directed by the Minister
26 with the concurrency of the Auditor-General,

Power to invest

27 **37.** Money of the Commission not immediately required for the
28 purposes of the Commission to be invested provided that such investment and
29 returns therefrom are communicated to the Accountant -General of the
30 Federation,

1 **38.** All deeds, instruments contracts and other documents shall be Execution of
2 duly executed by or behalf of the Commission if: Documents

3 (a) appended with the seal of the Commission and signed by two
4 members of the Board thereof;

5 (b) executed in that, behalf by one e member of the Board and a
6 member of the Commission both of whom have been appointed by the
7 Board for the purpose.

8 **39.** The Minister will make regulations generally for the purpose of Power to make
9 giving full effect to this Bill. Regulation

10 **40.** In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires: Interpretation

11 "Commission" means the Commission established by section 1 of this Bill;

12 "Board" means the governing Board of the Commission;

13 "Chairman" means the chairman of the Board;

14 "Constitution" means Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999;

15 "Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary appointed for the
16 Commission under paragraph (e) subsection (2) of section 2 of this Bill;

17 "Function" includes powers and duties;

18 "Minister" means the Ministers charged with the responsibility for matters
19 relating to Education, Labour and Industry;

20 "Member of the Board" includes the Chairman;

21 "President" means President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

22 **41.** This Bill may be cited as the National Commission for Skills Short title
23 Acquisition Evaluations, Assessment, and Certification (Establishment)
24 Bill, 2024.

1 SCHEDULE

2 *Proceedings of the Board*

3 1.-(1) Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the
4 Board may make standing regulation for its proceedings or those of any of its
5 committees.

6 (2) At any meeting of the Board:

7 (a) a six members shall form a quorum, but in determining whether a
8 quorum has been constituted the presence of any person invited to offer opinion
9 or tender documents shall not be considered;

10 (b) the Chairman of the Board or in his absence, the member elected
11 by the members present to act as Chairman, shall preside;

12 (c) all questions shall be decided by a majority of votes of members
13 present and voting by any person invited to attend any meeting of the Board by
14 virtue of paragraph (c) subsection (1) of section 24 of this Bill shall not be
15 entitled to vote in such meeting; and

16 (d) the Chairman of the Board or other member of the Board presiding
17 has a deliberative vote and in the event of equality of votes; also has casting
18 vote.

19 (3) The Board may, if it thinks fit, transact any business by the
20 circulation of papers, and resolution in writing, approved in writing by a
21 majority of the members thereof shall be valid and effectual as if it had been
22 passed at a meeting of the Board by the votes of the members so approving the
23 resolution.

24 (4) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a
25 particular matter, the Board may co-opt him to the Board for such a period as it
26 deems fit, but a person who is in attendance by this subparagraph shall not be
27 entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count in determining
28 quorum.

29 *Committees*

30 2.-(1) The Board may appoint one or more committee to carry out on

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish the "National Commission for Skills Acquisition Evaluations, Assessment and Certification to regulate, evaluate, assess, and certify skills acquisition programs and institutions in Nigeria.