

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF DIGITAL AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CHARGES WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADVANCING THE STUDY, TRAINING AND DETERMINING 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

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

1 PART 1 - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF DIGITAL
2 AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY (CIDET)

3 -(1) There is established a Chartered Institute of Digital and
4 Educational Technology (CIDET) ("The institute").

Establishment of the Chartered Institute of Digital and Educational Technology

5 (2) The Institute-

6 (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a
7 common seal;

8 (b) may acquire, hold and dispose of real and personal property;

9 and

10 (c) may sue or be sued in its Corporate name.

11 2. The functions of the institute are to-

Functions of the Institute

12 (a) determine what standards of knowledge and skill are to be
13 attained by persons seeking to become members of the Institute and improve
14 those standards from time to time;

15 (b) secure in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, the
16 establishment and maintenance of a register of persons, registered under this

1 Bill as members of the institute and to publish from time to time lists of those
2 members;

3 (c) provide consultancy services in appropriate cases;

4 (d) arranging conferences, seminars, symposia and meetings; and

5 (e) carryout such functions that are intended to facilitate the
6 achievement of the objects contained in this Bill.

Establishment
of the Governing
Council and
Management

7 **3.** There shall be for the council a governing body to be as a "Board"
8 which shall have responsibility for the administration and general management
9 of the council.

10 (1) The council establish pursuant to subsection 1 of this section shall
11 consist of the following members that is-

12 (a) The president, the executive head of the institute;

13 (b) The chairman, the head of the governing council;

14 (c) A vice chairman elected by council members among themselves;

15 (d) Two person nominated by the minister of Education;

16 (e) Six person elected by the council;

17 (f) Seven persons nominated by the institute incorporated;

18 (g) Registrar;

19 (h) An Immediate past chairman of the council who entitled to serve
20 for a further maximum period of three years from the expiration of his tenure as
21 chairman.

22 (2) The chairman and Vice shall hold office subject to performance
23 appraisal and council resolutions.

24 (3) The chairman shall preside at meetings of the council and in his
25 absence, the vice chairman shall preside.

President of
the Institute

26 **4.-(1)** There shall be for the institute a president who shall be the
27 Executive head Of the institute appointed indefinitely unless incapacitated, resign
28 or dies.

29 (2) The president shall lead implementation, provides leadership,
30 represent the institute publicly, oversees daily management with the Registrar.

1 **5.** There shall be for the Institute a chairman and Vice chairman
 2 who shall be chartered members or fellow of the Institute to be elected by the
 3 Chartered members at an Annual General Meeting and holds office subject
 4 to performance appraisals and council resolution.

Appointment of
the Chairman of
the Governing
Council of the
Institute

5 **6.** The Institute has power to do all things necessary and convenient
 6 to be done in connection with the performance of its functions and in
 7 particular may-

Power of the
Institute

- 8 (1) (a) enter into contracts;
 9 (b) charge fees for its services;
 10 (c) make regulations for the conferment of charters; and
 11 (d) make penal regulations.

12 (2) The Institute shall have the power to award honorary
 13 membership of the Institute to persons it deems worthy of such honour on
 14 terms and conditions prescribed by the Council and approved by the
 15 Institute in a general meeting.

16 PART II - APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR AND
 17 PREPARATION OF REGISTER

18 **7.**-(1) The Council shall appoint the Registrar who shall be the
 19 chief executive officer of the Institute.

Appointment of
Registrar and
preparation of
register

20 (2) A person appointed as the Registrar shall have served the
 21 Institute for a period of not less than (2) two years preceding the date of his
 22 appointment.

23 (3) The Registrar shall prepare and maintain in accordance with the
 24 rules and regulations made by the Council, a register of-

- 25 (a) names;
 26 (b) addresses;
 27 (c) approved qualifications; and
 28 (d) other particulars,

29 of all person who are entitled to be enrolled as fellows, members, associates
 30 or registered student and who in the manner prescribed by such rules apply

	1	to be so registered.
Functions of the Registrar	2	8. -(1) The Registrar shall be the secretary to the Council and shall
	3	keep minutes of proceedings at all meetings of the Council.
	4	(2) The Registrar shall-
	5	(a) in accordance with the directions of the Council correct any entry
	6	in the register which the Council directs him to correct as being in the opinion
	7	of the Council incorrectly made;
	8	(b) from time to time, make any necessary alterations to the
	9	particulars of registered members.
	10	(c) record the names of the registered members who are in default for
	11	more than six months in the payment of annual subscriptions; and
	12	(d) remove the names of defaulters from the registers as the Council
	13	may direct or require.
Other staff	14	9. -(1) The Council may, on the recommendation of the Registrar
	15	appoint such other staff as it may consider necessary to assist the Registrar in
	16	the discharge of his duties.
	17	(2) The employment of the Registrar and other staff shall be
	18	pensionable, in accordance with the terms and conditions of service in the
	19	Federal Government of Nigeria.
Contents of the Register	20	10. The Register shall be in four parts namely-
	21	(a) fellows;
	22	(b) members;
	23	(c) associates, and
	24	(d) registered students.
Regulation	25	11. The Council may by regulations provide for the-
	26	(a) manner of making entries in the Register;
	27	(b) manner of application for enrolment or registration in the
	28	Register; and
	29	(c) fees, including annual subscriptions payable to the Institute.

1 (b) the council may admit member status individual who demonstrate
2 excellence in digital innovations, product development.

3 (c) has not been convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere of an offence involving
4 dishonesty.

5 (3) The Council may, provisionally accept a qualification produced in
6 respect of an application for registration under this section, or direct that the
7 application be renewed within such period as may be specified in the direction.

8 (4) An entry made under subsection (3), shall show that the
9 registration is provisional and such entry may only be converted to full
10 registration with the consent of the Council, signified in writing.

Publication in
the Gazette

11 15. The Council shall, periodically publish in the Gazette particulars
12 of qualifications acceptable for registration.

Designation
of Members

13 16.-(1) A member admitted to the Institute shall be registered with the
14 Institute in the categories of-

15 (i) fellow;

16 (ii) member;

17 (iii) associate; or

18 (iv) registered student.

19 (2) A person accorded by the Council, the status of a member of the
20 institute, shall be entitled to the use of that name and shall be enrolled as-

21 (a) a fellow, he is at least thirty-five years of age and-

22 (i) has ten years relevant work experience in a public organizations;

23 (ii) has, for at least three years in the past ten years, held in relevant
24 senior appointments in a public organization;

25 (iii) is a holder of the professional qualifying certificate of the
26 Institute and

27 (iv) is otherwise considered by the Council to be fit and proper
28 persons to be so enrolled.

29 (b) a member, if he is thirty years of age or above and-

30 (I) has passed a professional qualifying examination of the Institute;

1 (ii) has at least eight years relevant work experience in a public
2 organization.

3 (c) an associates, if he is twenty-one years of age or above and-

4 (i) has passed the professional qualifying examination of the
5 Institute or any equivalent examination recognized by the Institute; or

6 (ii) has at least five years relevant work experience in a public
7 organization.

8 (d) a registered student, if he is eighteen years of age or above and
9 have passed with Credits, West African School Certificate or General
10 Certificate Examination O/Level or Senior Secondary Certificate
11 Examination in five papers at no more than two sittings.

12 **17.** A member of the institute shall be entitled to use after his name, Designatory letters
13 a designation appropriate to his status as follows-

14 (a) fellow of the Institute "FCIDET"

15 (b) a member of the Institute "MCIDET".

16 (c) an associate of the Institute ACIDET; and

17 (d) a registered student registered for training shall become
18 professional members only after satisfying specified qualification
19 requirements for membership and pass prescribed examinations as
20 approved by the Council bye-laws of the Institute.

21 **18.** The Council may approve any course of training at any Approval for
22 approved Institute which is intended for persons seeking to become or are qualification, etc.
23 already engaged in Chartered Institute of Digital and Educational
24 technology and which the Council considers as being designed to confer on
25 persons completing it sufficient knowledge and skill for admission into the
26 Institute.

27 **19.**-(1) The Council shall keep it self-informed of the nature of- Supervision of

28 (a) instructions given at approved institutions to persons attending Instructions
29 approved courses of training; and

30 (b) examination, the result of which qualifications are granted, and

1 for the purpose of performing that duty, the Council may appoint, either from
2 among its own members or otherwise, persons to visit approved institutions to
3 observe such instructions or examinations.

4 (2) The persons appointed under subsection (1) shall report to the
5 Council on the sufficiency or otherwise of the instructions given to persons
6 attending approved courses of training at institutions visited by them.

Signatory to
Certificates

7 **20.** The President and Registrar shall be the joint signatory to
8 certificates awarded by the Institute.

9 PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Funds of the
Institute

10 **21.** There is established for the Institute a fund into which shall be
11 paid and credited-

12 (a) all fees, subscriptions and other monies due to the Institute;

13 (b) gifts, loans, grant-in-aid, testamentary dispositions, endowments,
14 contributions from philanthropic organizations etc.

15 (c) returns on investments made by the Institute and Funds of the
16 Institute; and

17 (d) all other assets or monies that may from time to time accrue to the
18 Institute.

Investment of
the funds of the
Institute

19 **22.**-(1) The Council may invest the funds of the Institute in
20 accordance with the Securities and Investments Act.

21 (2) The Institute may from time to time apply the proceeds of the
22 funds of the Institute to-

23 (a) the general administration of the Institute;

24 (b) the payment of the emoluments, fees and other entitlements of
25 members of the Council;

26 (c) the payment of salaries, allowances or other remunerations and
27 benefits payable to the officers and other employees of the Institute;

28 (d) the development and maintenance of any property vested in or
29 owned by the Institute; and

30 (e) such other activities that will promote the growth of the Institute or

1 (6) The provision of third Schedule to this Bill shall so far as they are
2 applicable to the Tribunal and Panel, respectively have effect with respect to
3 these bodies.

4 (7) The Council may, from time to time, make rules consistent with
5 this Bill as to acts, conducts or omissions which constitute professional
6 misconduct.

Penalties for
professional
misconduct

7 **25.**-(1) Where-

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

10 (b) a person enrolled or registered under this Bill is convicted by any
11 court or tribunal in Nigeria or elsewhere having power to impose a term of
12 imprisonment for an offence (whether or not punishable with imprisonment)
13 which is in the opinion of the Tribunal is incompatible with the status of a
14 Digital Technology professional; or

15 (2) The Tribunal may, if it deem fit-

16 (a) give a directive reprimanding that person or ordering the Registrar
17 to strike his name off the relevant part of the register; or

18 (b) defer or further defer its decision as to the giving of such directive
19 under this section until a subsequent meeting of the Tribunal, provided that-

20 (i) no decision shall be deferred under this section for period
21 exceeding one year in the aggregate and

22 (ii) no person shall be a member of the Tribunal for the purposes of
23 reaching a decision which has been differed or further differed unless he was
24 present as a member of the Tribunal when that decision was deferred.

25 (3) For the purpose of subsection (1) (b) of this section, a person shall
26 not be treated as convicted unless the conviction stands at a time when no
27 appeal is pending or no application for extension of time to appeal is brought in
28 connection with the conviction.

29 (4) When the Tribunal gives a directive under subsection (2) of this
30 section, the Tribunal shall cause notice of the directive to be served on the

1 person to whom it relates.

2 (5) A person to whom a directive under subsection (2) of this
3 section relates may, at any time within 21 days from the date of service on
4 him of notice of the directives, appeal against the directives to the High court
5 and the Tribunal may appear as respondent to the appeal and for the purpose
6 of enabling directives to be given as to the costs of the appeal proceedings
7 before the Federal High Court, the Tribunal shall be deemed to be a party
8 thereto whether or not it appeals on the hearing
9 of the appeal.

10 (6) A directive on the Tribunal Under this section shall take effect
11 where-

12 (a) no appeal under this section is brought against the directive
13 within the time limited for appeal;

14 (b) such an appeal is brought and is withdrawn or struck out for
15 want prosecution on the withdrawal or striking out of appeal.

16 (c) such appeal is brought and is not withdrawn or stuck out, if and
17 when the appeal is dismissed, and shall not take effect except in accordance
18 with foregoing provisions of this subsection.

19 (7) A directive under this section for the striking off of a person's
20 name from the register may prohibit an application under this subsection by
21 that person until the expiration of such period from the date of the directive
22 (and where he has recently made such an application from the date of his last
23 application) as may be specified in the directive.

24 PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS

25 **26.**-(1) If a person for the purpose of procuring the registration of Offences
26 any name, qualification or other matters-

27 (a) makes a statement which he believes to be false in a material
28 particular; or

29 (b) recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material
30 particular is guilty of an offence.

1 (2) If, on or after the commencement date of this Bill, a person who is
2 not a member of the Institute practices or holds himself out as a member in
3 expectation of a reward or takes or uses any name, title, addition or description
4 implying that he is a member, commits an offence.

5 (3) If the Registrar or any other person employed by or on behalf of
6 the Institute willfully make any falsification in any matter relating to the
7 register, commits an offence.

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

9 (a) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding N50,000;

10 (b) on conviction or indictment to a fine not exceeding N20,000 or to
11 imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both such fines and
12 imprisonment.

Interpretation

13 **27.** In this Bill-

14 "Digital and Educational technology "means the integration and application of
15 emerging technologies such as computing, internet infrastructure, e-learning
16 platforms, digital content development, artificial intelligence, data science,
17 and block chain to advance learning research, training, and educational
18 administration;

19 "Chairman" means the head of the Council of the Institute;

20 "Council" means The Council established as expanding governing body of the
21 Institute under section 3 (1) of this Bill;

22 "Fees" includes annual subscription;

23 "Institute" means the Chartered Institute of Digital and Educational
24 Technology established under section 1 (1) of this Bill;

25 "Investigation Panel" means the Chartered Institute of Digital and Educational
26 Technology Investigation Panel established under section 4 of this Bill;

27 "Member" means a Chartered member of the Institute registered in all the
28 classes of membership;

29 "Minister" means Minister in charge of Education;

30 "President" means the Executive head of the Institute;

1 "Tribunal" means the Chartered Institute of Digital and Educational
2 Technology Tribunal established under section 4 of this Bill.

3 **28.** This Bill may be cited as the Chartered Institute of Digital and Citation
4 Educational technology(Establishment) Bill, 2025.

5 SCHEDULES

6 FIRST SCHEDULE

7 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

8 *Qualification and tenure of office of members*

9 1 Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a member of the
10 Council shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the date of
11 his appointment or election.

12 2. A member of the Institute who ceases to be a member thereof
13 shall if he is also a member of the Council, ceases to hold office on the
14 Council.

15 3. An elected member of the Council may by notice in writing
16 under his hand address to the President of the Institute resign his office.

17 4. If for any reason there is a vacation of office by a member and -

18 (a) such member was appointed by the Council, the Council shall
19 appoint another fit and proper person to replace such member; or

20 (b) If such member was elected, the Council may, if the time
21 between the unexpired portion of the term of office and the annual general
22 meeting of the Institute appears to warrant the filling of the vacancy, co-opt
23 some fit and proper persons.

24 *Power of the Council, etc.*

25 2. The Council shall have power to do anything, which in its
26 opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying on of the activities of the
27 Institute.

28 *Orders of the Institution*

29 3.-(1) Subject to the provision of this Bill, the Council may in the
30 name of the Institute make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the

1 Institute, the Council or any of their committees.

2 (2) Standing orders shall provide for decisions to be taken by a
3 majority of the members and in the event of equality of votes, the President of
4 the Institute as the case may be has a second or casting vote.

5 (3) Standing orders made for committees shall provide for
6 committees to report back to the Council on any matter referred to it by the
7 Council.

8 (4) The quorum of the Council shall be 8 and the quorum of a
9 committee of the Council shall be determined by the Council.

10 *Meetings of the Institute*

11 4.-(1) The Council shall convene an annual general meeting of the
12 Institute on the 30th day of September every year or such other day as the
13 Council may, from time to time, appoint so that if the meeting is not held within
14 one year after the previous meeting not more than 15 months shall elapse
15 between the respective dates of the two meetings. The President of the Institute
16 shall oversee a special meeting of the Institute.

17 (2) A special meeting of the Institute may be convened by the Council
18 at any time, if less than 20 members of the Institute are informed by notice in
19 writing addressed to the Registrar of the Institute setting out the objects of the
20 proposed meetings, the chairman of the Council shall oversee a special
21 meeting of the Institute.

22 *Meetings of the Council*

23 5.-(1) Subject to the provisions of any standing order, the Council
24 shall meet whenever it is summoned by the President, and if the President is
25 required to do so by notice in writing given to him by not less than seven other
26 members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within seven
27 days from the day on which the notice is given.

28 (2) At any meeting of the Council, the President or in his absence, the
29 Registrar in their order (first or second) shall preside, but if both are absent, the

1 members present at the meeting shall appoint one of themselves to preside at
2 the meeting.

3 (3) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on
4 particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a member for such period
5 as the Council deems fit, but a person who is a member by virtue of this
6 subparagraph, shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and
7 shall not count towards a quorum.

8 (4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this
9 paragraph, the first meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the
10 Chairman who may give such directions as he thinks fit as to the procedure
11 which shall be followed at the meeting.

12 *Meetings of the Committees*

13 6.-(1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry
14 out on behalf of the Institute or the Council, such function as the Council
15 may determine.

16 (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the
17 number of persons determined by the Council of whom not more than one-
18 third may be persons who are not members of the Council and a person other
19 than a member of the Council shall hold Office on the committee in
20 accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

21 (3) A decision of a committee of the Council shall be of no effect
22 until it is confirmed by the Council.

23 *Miscellaneous*

24 7.-(1) The fixing of the common seal of the Institute shall be
25 authenticated by the signature of the President or any other member of the
26 Council authorized generally or specially by the Institute to act for that
27 purpose.

28 (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by
29 person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal,
30 may be executed on behalf of the Institute or the Council, as the case may

1 require, by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose
2 by the Council.

3 (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under
4 the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the
5 contrary is proved, be deemed to be executed.

6 8. The validity of any proceeding of the Institute or the Council or of a
7 committee of the Council shall not be adversely affected by any vacancy in
8 membership, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Institute
9 or of the Council or of a person to serve on the committee or by reason that the
10 person is not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.

11 9. Any member of the Institute or Council and any person holding
12 office on a Committee of the Council, who has a personal interest in any
13 contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the
14 Council or a committee thereof, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the
15 President or Council, as the case may be, and shall not vote on any question
16 relating to the contract or arrangement. on the commencement of this Act,
17 primary, post primary, tertiary and related educational institution started,
18 established and owned by incorporated institute shall not be transferred by Act
19 to institute during and there after

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Chartered Institute of Digital and Educational technology charged with the responsibility for advancing the study, training and determine the standard of knowledge and skills to be attained by persons seeking to become registered members of the Institute.