

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY, IFEDORE, ONDO STATE AS A TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY AND MAKE COMPREHENSIVE PROVISIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE COLLEGE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[ ] 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 Health and  
3 Dental Technology, Ifedore, Ondo State (in this Bill referred to as "the  
4 College").

Establishment of the Federal College of Health and Dental Technology, Ifedore, Ondo State

5 (2) The College shall-

6 (a) have the status of a tertiary institution with rights and privileges  
7 of such an institution; and

8 (b) be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common  
9 seal with powers to sue and be sued in its corporate name.

10 2. The objects of College are to-

Objects of the College

11 (a) provide training and research in health and dental technology  
12 leading to the award of professional certificates, diplomas, and other post-  
13 basic certificates;

14 (b) establish appropriate relationships with other national  
15 institutions involved in training, research and development of healthcare;

16 (c) provide and promote sound basic scientific training as a  
17 foundation for the development of medicine, health and allied disciplines,  
18 taking into account indigenous culture, the need to enhance national unity,

1 the need to vastly increase the practical content of student training, and  
2 adequate preparation of graduates for self-employment in medicine and allied  
3 professions;

4 (d) provide avenues for continuing education in health and dental  
5 technology and other specialties of health sciences; and

6 (e) provide such services that are necessary and incidental to the  
7 objects of the College.

Powers of the  
College

8 **3.-(1)** The College shall be a teaching and examining body and shall,  
9 subject to the provisions of this Bill and the Regulations of the College, have  
10 powers to-

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

13 (b) teach and train high caliber health-care and dental professionals;

14 (c) provide healthcare and dental services and consultancy;

15 (d) facilitate the acquisition of knowledge and skills in different  
16 specialties for effective and efficient management of health care;

17 (e) provide courses of instruction in the academic and professional  
18 programmes for students;

19 (f) make provision for research and the dissemination of knowledge;

20 (g) establish departments and such other units of learning and  
21 research as the purpose of the College may require;

22 (h) create such offices and posts as the purpose of the College may  
23 require and to appoint persons to and remove person from such office or post  
24 and prescribe in their conditions of service;

25 (i) maintain libraries, laboratories, workshops lecture halls, hostels,  
26 dining halls, sports field and other building or facilities of the College;

27 (j) provide for residence, recreation and welfare of members of staff  
28 and students of the College, as may be deemed necessary;

29 (k) demand and receive from students and other persons attending the  
30 College for the purpose of instruction such fees, as the College may determine;

- 1 (l) prescribe rules for the discipline of student of the College;
- 2 (m) conduct examination and arrange for award of certificates and  
3 distinctions to persons who pursue courses of studies approved by the  
4 College and who satisfy such other requirement as may be prescribe;
- 5 (n) subject to specific limitations or conditions that may be  
6 imposed by extant government regulations or circular, invest any fund  
7 apportioned to the College by way of endowment, whether for general or  
8 special purpose and such monies as may not immediately be required be  
9 require for current expenditure in any investment or securities;
- 10 (o) print or publish works or undertake service as may be deemed  
11 consistent with the object of the College;
- 12 (p) do such other acts and things necessary under this Bill for the  
13 attainment of the object of the object of the College or incidental to the  
14 powers of the College; and
- 15 (q) carry out any special or general directive consistent with  
16 government policy as the Minister may give in writing.
- 17 4.-(1) The Provost shall have custody of the common seal of the  
18 College and shall affix same to documents.
- 19 (2) Without prejudice to clause 2 of this Bill and subclause (1), the  
20 College may by special arrangement with the Medical and Dental Council of  
21 Nigeria or other examination bodies, prepare its students for award of  
22 certificates or other distinctions.
- 23 (3) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of any other statute, the  
24 powers conferred on the College by subsection (1) shall be exercise on  
25 behalf of the College by the Council and the committees established for the  
26 College or by such officers and other Staff of the College as may be  
27 authorise in that behalf and may also be exercised through schools  
28 established under this Bill.
- 29 (4) The common seal of the College shall not be used save upon the

Seal of the  
College

1 direction of the Council and shall be authenticated by the signature of the  
2 Provost.

3 PART II - GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE

Establishment  
of the Governing  
Council of the  
College

4 **5.**-(1) There is established a Governing Council for the College (in  
5 this Bill referred to as "the Governing Council").

6 (2) The Council shall consist of-

7 (a) the Provost of the College;

8 (b) a representative from the Ministry responsible for Education;

9 (c) a representative from the Ministry responsible for Health;

10 (d) a representative from the National Board for Technical Education

11 (NBTE);

12 (e) a representative from the alumni association of the College;

13 (f) two representatives of the Academic Board of the College; and

14 (g) three persons appointed on Individual merit on a nationwide basis

15 who should have wide experience of service in the public or private sector.

Tenure of  
Members

16 **6.**-(1) Members of the Council other than ex-officio members shall  
17 hold office for a term of four years from the date of their appointment and shall  
18 be eligible for reappointment for one further term of four years and no more.

19 (2) Any member of the Council other than an ex-officio member may  
20 by notice to the Council resign his or her appointment.

21 (3) Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council shall be  
22 filled by the appointment of a successor who shall represent the same interest as  
23 his or her predecessor for the remainder of the term of the predecessor.

Remuneration  
of the Council

24 **7.** There shall be paid to every member of the Council such  
25 allowances and expenses as the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal  
26 Commission may, from time to time, direct.

Functions off  
the Council

27 **8.**-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council shall-

28 (a) be the governing authority of the College;

29 (b) be charged with general control and superintendence of the  
30 policies, finances and properties of the College;

1 (c) plan the programme of studies, courses and research to be  
2 undertaken by the College;

3 (d) plan the annual estimates of the College;

4 (e) make regulations for the management of the College; and

5 (f) do any other thing necessary or incidental to attainment of  
6 objects of the College.

7 (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of subclause (1), the  
8 Council shall-

9 (a) ensure that the courses and instructions provided by the College  
10 conform to the required standard laid down by the Medical and Dental  
11 Council of Nigeria;

12 (b) regulate the teaching of course offered by the College, and also  
13 regulate the conduct of examination with respect to the College;

14 (c) approve contracts for procurement of equipment, furniture and  
15 other properties required for the purpose of the College;

16 (d) approve contracts for maintenance of the premises and other  
17 properties of the College;

18 (e) formulate policies and initiate programmes in all field of  
19 learning conducted by the College;

20 (f) assess the course offered by the College; and

21 (g) perform such other function as may be necessary.

22 (3) The Council may delegate any of its functions, other than the  
23 power to make regulations, to the Chairman or any other person, board or  
24 committee it deems it fit in that behalf, but no decision of such person or  
25 committee shall take effect unless ratified by Council.

26 **9.** The Minister may give to the Council directions as to the Directives  
27 performance of its functions in relation to matters appearing to the Minister  
28 to affect public interest and the Council shall give effect to such directive.

1 PART III - SCHOOLS, DEPARTMENTS AND UNITS OF THE COLLEGE

Establishment  
of Schools

2 **10.**-(1) There shall be within the College, a school of health sciences  
3 and a school of dental technology and such other schools as the council may  
4 with the approval of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria, establish.

5 (2) Each school shall provide instruction for courses, conduct  
6 research and carry out such functions as may be prescribed by the Council with  
7 the approval of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria.

Departments

8 **11.** The Council shall establish for each school such departments as  
9 the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria may prescribe.

Units

10 **12.** Subject to the provision to this Bill, the Council may establish  
11 units for special purposes within the College and the name, constitution and  
12 functions of any such units may be prescribe by the Council.

13 PART IV - PRINCIPAL OFFICER AND STAFF OF THE COLLEGE

Establishment  
of the Academic  
Board

14 **13.**-(1) There shall be established for the College a Board to be known  
15 as the Academic Board, which shall consist of the following members-

- 16 (a) the Provost of the college, who shall be the Chairman;
- 17 (b) the Dean of School, who shall be the Deputy Chairman;
- 18 (c) the Deputy of Dean of School;
- 19 (d) all Heads of Departments;
- 20 (e) the College Librarian; and
- 21 (f) not more than two members of the academic staff, other than heads  
22 of departments, who may be appointed by the Academic Board.

23 (2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for-

- 24 (a) the direction and management of academic matters of the college  
25 including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates and  
26 diplomas, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinctions;

27 (b) the making to the Council of such periodic reports on such  
28 academic matter as the Academic Board may think fit or as the Council may  
29 from time to time direct; and

1 (c) discharging any other functions which the Council may from  
2 time to time delegate to it.

3 **14.**-(1) There shall be a Provost of the College (in this Act referred  
4 to as "the Provost") who shall be appointed from amongst the academic staff  
5 of the College and shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of  
6 the College.

Provost of the  
College

7 (2) The Provost shall hold a degree in medicine and surgery or  
8 dentistry and shall be a registered educationist in health sciences, medicine,  
9 or dentistry with not less than 15 years of teaching experience.

10 **15.**-(1) The principal officers of the College shall include the-

Principal Officers  
of the College

11 (a) Deans of the Schools in the College;

12 (b) Deputy Deans (Academics and Administration) of the Schools  
13 in the College;

14 (c) Registrar;

15 (d) College Librarian; and

16 (e) Bursar.

17 (2) The principal officers of the College other than Deans and  
18 Deputy Deans of Schools in the College shall be appointed by the Council  
19 subject the approval of the Minister of Health.

20 (3) The Deans and the Deputy Deans of Schools in the College  
21 shall be appointed by the Council.

22 **16.**-(1) The Deans of Schools in the College shall be responsible to  
23 the Provost for the administration of the schools.

The Deans

24 (2) The Deans of Schools in the College shall hold degrees in  
25 Medicine and Surgery or dentistry and shall be registered educators in the  
26 health sciences specialty related to their respective schools and with at least  
27 10 years of teaching experience.

28 **17.**-(1) The Deputy Deans of Schools in the College shall be the  
29 assistants to the Deans of their respective schools and shall perform such  
30 duties as may be assign to them by the Deans.

The Deputy  
Deans

	1	2) The Deputy Deans of Schools in the College shall hold degree in
	2	Medicine and surgery or dentistry and shall be registered educator in health
	3	sciences specialty related to their respective schools with at least seven years
	4	teaching experience.
Registrar of the College	5	<b>18.</b> -(1) The Registrar of the College shall be the head of
	6	administration of the College and shall be responsible to the Provost.
	7	(2) The Registrar shall be an experienced graduate of humanities with
	8	at least 15 years' experience in public administration.
	9	(3) The person holding the office of the Registrar of the College shall
	10	by virtue of that office be the Secretary to the Academic Board.
Bursar of the College	11	<b>19.</b> -(1) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the College
	12	and shall be responsible to the Provost for the administration of the financial
	13	affairs of the College.
	14	(2) The Bursar shall be a qualified accountant with at least 10 years
	15	post qualification experience.
The Librarian	16	<b>20.</b> -(1) The Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the
	17	coordination of library services in the College.
	18	(2) The Librarian shall have a degree in library sciences with at least
	19	10 years post qualification experience as a librarian.
Other Staff of the College	20	<b>21.</b> The Council may appoint such other persons to be staff of the
	21	College as it may deem fit on such terms and conditions as may be specified in
	22	their letters of appointment.
Removal from Office	23	<b>22.</b> -(1) The principal officers and other senior staff of the College may
	24	be removed from office by the Minister of Education for misconduct,
	25	incompetence or any other justifiable reason on the recommendation of the
	26	Council.
	27	(2) The Council shall have power to remove any junior staff of the
	28	College for justifiable reasons, and for the purposes of this clause, "Justifiable
	29	reasons" means-
	30	(a) a conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be

1 such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the  
2 functions of his office;

3 (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after  
4 obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person  
5 concerned unfit to continue to hold his office;

6 (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the  
7 Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to  
8 continue to hold his office; or

9 (d) conduct which the Council considers to constitute a failure or  
10 inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his office or to  
11 comply with the terms and conditions of his service.

12 PART VII - PROPERTY AND FINANCE

13 **23.** The Council may, subject to the provision of this Bill-

Property of the  
College

14 (a) acquire and hold such movable or immovable property as may  
15 be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill;

16 (b) invest the funds of the College in such manner and to such  
17 extent as it may deem necessary or expedient; and

18 (c) enter into contractual agreement on behalf of the College.

19 **24.**-(1) The Council shall establish and maintain a Fund which  
20 shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives of this Bill.

Funds of the  
Council

21 (2) There shall be paid and credited to the Fund established under  
22 subclause (1) of this clause-

23 (a) such sums as may from time to time be granted to the College by  
24 the Federal government through the National Board for Technical Education  
25 (NBTE);

26 (b) all monies raised for the purposes of the College by way of gifts,  
27 grants-in-aids or testamentary disposition; and

28 (c) all subscription fees and charges for services rendered by the  
29 Council and all other sums that may accrue to the Council from any  
30 source.

Expenditure	1	<b>25.</b> The College shall, from time to time, apply the funds at its
	2	disposal to-
	3	(a) the cost of administration and maintenance of the College;
	4	(b) publicise and promote the activities of the College;
	5	(c) pay allowances, expenses and other benefits of members of the
	6	Board and committees of the Board;
	7	(d) pay the salaries, allowances and benefits of employees of the
	8	College;
	9	(e) pay other overhead allowances, benefits, and other administrative
	10	costs of the College; and
	11	(f) undertake such other activities as are connected with all or any of
	12	the functions of the College under this Bill.
Gifts	13	<b>26.</b> -(1) The College may accept gifts of land, money, or other property
	14	on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or
	15	organisation making the gift.
	16	(2) The College shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by
	17	the person or organisation making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of
	18	the Hospital under this Bill.
Estimates	19	<b>27.</b> -(1) The Council shall submit to the Minister, through the National
	20	Board for Technical Education (NBTE), not later than three months before the
	21	end of each financial year or at such other time as he may direct, an estimate of
	22	its revenue and expenditure for the next succeeding financial year.
Accounts and Audit	23	<b>28.</b> The Council shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, payments,
	24	assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the accounts to be
	25	audited.
Power to borrow	26	<b>29.</b> -(1) The College may borrow by overdraft or otherwise such sums
	27	as it may require for the performance of its functions under this Bill.
	28	(2) The College shall not, without the approval of the President,
	29	borrow money which exceeds, at any time, the limit set by the President.
	30	(3) Notwithstanding subclause (1) of this clause, where the sum to be

1 borrowed is in foreign currency, the College shall not borrow the sum  
2 without the prior approval of the President.

3 **30.** The Council shall as soon as maybe after the expiration of each Annual Reports  
4 financial year, prepare and submit to the Minister a report of its activities  
5 during the immediately preceding financial year and shall include in the  
6 report a copy of the audited accounts of the College for that year and of the  
7 auditor's report on the accounts

8 **31.**-(1) The College shall prepare in respect of each financial year a Statement of  
9 statement of account in such form as may be approved by the Council and Accounts  
10 the annual statement of account shall be a fair and accurate statement of the  
11 financial position of the College for the financial year to which it relates.

12 (2) The annual statement of accounts shall be audited by the  
13 Auditor-General of the Federation or by such competent auditor appointed  
14 by him.

15 PART V - MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

16 **32.**-(1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises College Premises  
17 necessary for the performance of its functions, the Council may:

- 18 (a) purchase any interest in or take on lease any land; and  
19 (b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises

20 (2) The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, sell any  
21 interest in or lease any land, offices or premises held by it and no longer  
22 required for the performance of its functions.

23 **33.**-(1) The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, make Regulations  
24 Regulation to give effect to the provisions of the Bill.

25 (2) Regulations made under this clause shall not come into force  
26 until they are confirmed by the National Assembly and published in such  
27 manner as it may direct.

28 **34.**-(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any Discipline of  
29 other enactment, where it appears to the Council that any student of the Students  
30 College has been guilty of misconduct, the Council may, without prejudice

1 to any other disciplinary powers conferred on it by regulations, direct that the-

2 (a) student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the  
3 direction, participate in such activities of the College, or make use of such  
4 facilities of the College as may be so specified;

5 (b) activities of the student shall, during such period as may be  
6 specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;

7 (c) student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the  
8 direction; or

9 (d) student be expelled from the College.

10 (2) An appeal from a direction brought in pursuance of subclause (1)  
11 of this clause shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is  
12 pending.

13 (3) The Board may delegate its powers under this clause to a  
14 disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the College as the  
15 Council may nominate.

16 (4) Nothing in this clause shall be construed as preventing the  
17 restriction or termination of student's activities at the College otherwise than on  
18 the ground of misconduct.

19 (5) A direction issued under subclause (1) (a) of this clause may be  
20 combined with a direction issued under subclause (1) (b) of this clause.

21 (6) Nothing in this Bill shall affect the provisions of any enactment  
22 relating to the discipline of medical practitioners, dentists or members of any  
23 other profession.

Interpretation

24 **35.** In this Bill-

25 "Academic Board" means the Academic Board established under this Bill;

26 "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Governing Council of the College  
27 established under this Bill;

28 "Council" means the Governing Council established under clause 5 of this Bill

29 "College" means Federal College of Health and Dental Technology, Ifedore,  
30 Ondo State;

1 "functions" include powers and duties;

2 "Junior staff means staff of such grade as may be determined, from time to  
3 time, by the Council;

4 "Provost" means the Provost of the college

5 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters  
6 relating to health; and

7 "Student" means a person enrolled at an institution controlled by the Board  
8 for the purpose of pursuing a course of instruction at the institution.

9 **36.** This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Health and Citation  
10 Dental Technology, Ifedore, Ondo State (Establishment) Bill, 2025.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal College of Health and Dental Technology, Ifedore, Ondo State, as a training institution for the development and research of medical and Dental Technology and to make comprehensive provisions for the management and administration of the College.