

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL VOCATIONAL AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING CENTRE IN OJOTO TO PROVIDE VOCATIONAL SKILLS, TRAINING, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT CREATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND SELF-RELIANCE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Uchenna Harris Okonkwo

[] Commencement

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

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PART I - ESTABLISHMENT AND OBJECTIVES

1. There is hereby established the Federal Vocational and Entrepreneurship Training Centre, Ojoto (in this Act referred to as "the Centre").

Establishment of the Centre

2. The Centre shall be situated in Ojoto, Idemili South Local Government Area, Anambra State, Nigeria.

Location of the Centre

3. The Centre shall-

Objectives of the Centre

(a) Provide vocational education and technical training in various trades;

(b) Promote entrepreneurship development through specialized programs;

(c) Offer skills enhancement programs aligned with labour market demands;

(d) Support small and medium enterprises (SMEs) through capacity-building initiatives;

(e) Enhance self-employment opportunities and reduce youth unemployment;

1 (f) Foster partnerships with industries and private sector
2 stakeholders;

3 (g) Serve as a regional hub for vocational and entrepreneurial
4 training.

5 PART 2 - ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE

Governing
Board

6 **4.**-(1) There shall be a Governing Board for the Centre, responsible
7 for policy formulation and general oversight.

8 (2) The Board shall consist of-

9 (a) A Chairman appointed by the President;

10 (b) The Director-General of the Centre;

11 (c) A representative of the Federal Ministry of Labour and
12 Employment;

13 (d) A representative of the Federal Ministry of Education;

14 (e) A representative of the National Directorate of Employment
15 (NDE);

16 (f) A private sector representative with vocational/technical
17 expertise;

18 (g) A representative of the Ojoto community;

19 (h) A youth entrepreneurship representative.

Appointment
and Functions
of the Director-
General

20 **5.**-(1) The Director-General (DG) shall be appointed by the President
21 and shall serve for a term of five (5) years, renewable once.

22 (2) The DG shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of
23 the Centre.

Staffing and
Employment

24 **6.** The Centre shall employ qualified instructors, technical experts,
25 and administrative staff as required for its operations.

26 PART 3 - FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE CENTRE

Vocational
and Technical
Training
Programs

27 **7.** The Centre shall offer-

28 (a) Certificate and diploma programs in-

29 (a) ICT, carpentry, plumbing, masonry, welding, automobile repair,
30 fashion design, agro-business, catering, and hospitality.

1	(b) Entrepreneurship training in-	
2	Business management, financial literacy, digital marketing, and e-	
3	commerce.	
4	8. The Centre shall provide:	Entrepreneurship
5	(a) Startup incubation support;;	Incubation
6	(b) Mentorship, funding access, and business networking for	Program
7	young entrepreneurs..	
8	9. The Centre shall partner with industries, businesses, and	Collaboration with
9	vocational experts to align training with market needs.	Private Sector
		and Industry
10	PART 4 - FUNDING AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS	
11	10. The Centre shall be funded through-	Sources of
12	(a) Federal Government allocations;	Funding
13	(b) Grants and donations from private and international bodies;	
14	(c) Internally generated revenue (tuition, consultancy, etc.).	
15	11. -(1) The Centre shall submit an annual budget to the Federal	Budget and
16	Ministry of Finance.	Accounts
17	(2) The Centre's accounts shall be audited by the Office of the	
18	Auditor-General of the Federation	
19	PART 5 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS	
20	12. The Board may make regulations for the effective	Regulations
21	implementation of this Act.	
22	13. Existing vocational programs in Ojoto may be integrated into	Transitional
23	the Centre.	Provisions
24	14. In this Act-	Interpretation
25	"Centre" means the Federal Vocational and Entrepreneurship Training	
26	Centre, Ojoto;;	
27	"Board" refers to the Governing Board;;	
28	"DG" means the Director-General.	
29	15. This Bill may be cited as the Federal Vocational and	Short title
30	Entrepreneurship Training Centre Ojoto (Establishment) Bill, 2025.	

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal Vocational and Entrepreneurship Training Centre in Ojoto to provide skills training, entrepreneurship development, and employment opportunities for Nigerian youths, fostering economic growth and self-reliance.