

L.N. 90 of 1959

**THE LAGOS LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW, 1953,  
(W.R. No. 4 of 1953)**

**The Lagos General Rate Order, 1959**

*Commencement : 9th April, 1959*

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Lagos Town Council by section 135 of the Lagos Local Government Law, 1953, the following Order has been made with the approval of the Governor-General in Council—

1. This Order may be cited as the Lagos General Rate Order, 1959. Citation.
2. A yearly rate shall be levied in respect of the financial year commencing on the 1st April, 1959, in respect of the tenements referred to in the First and Second Schedules hereto. Yearly rate.
3. Such yearly rate shall be calculated— Calculation of yearly rate.
  - (a) at the rate of seven shillings and four pence for each pound of the annual value of the tenements referred to in the First Schedule other than those specified in paragraphs (b) (c) and (d) of this section ;
  - (b) at the rate of seven shillings and four pence for each pound of five *per cent* of the depreciated capital value (as defined in the Assessment and Rating (Public Utility Corporations) Ordinance, 1956) of tenements (other than tenements used as dwelling houses) of the following public utility corporations—
    - (i) the Electricity Corporation of Nigeria (except the tenements of that Corporation specified in paragraph (c) of this section) ;
    - (ii) the Nigerian Ports Authority ;
    - (iii) the Nigerian Railway Corporation ;
  - (c) at the rate of one-third of seven shillings and four pence for each pound of five *per cent* of the depreciated capital value of Ijora 'A' and 'B' Power Station buildings and all sub-station buildings belonging to the Electricity Corporation of Nigeria together with any office, store, sanitary accommodation or like ancillary appurtenances adjoining or forming part of such power station or sub-station buildings and used for purposes directly connected therewith ;
  - (d) at the rate of seven shillings for each pound of the annual value of the tenements referred to in the First Schedule which are occupied by any social club or club constituted solely for the purpose of any game or sport ;
  - (e) at the rate of one-and-a-half *per cent* of the unimproved value of the tenements referred to in the Second Schedule other than those specified in paragraph (f) of this section and
  - (f) at the rate of one *per cent* of the annual value of the tenements referred to in the Second Schedule which are occupied by any social club or club constituted solely for the purpose of any game or sport.

4. The date on which the said general rate shall become due and payable shall be as to one-half thereof on the 1st April, 1959 and as to the other half thereof on the 1st October, 1959.

Date of payment.

Exemptions.

5. The following tenements shall be totally exempt from the payment of the said general rate—

(a) tenements on which no building whether of a permanent or temporary nature is erected, when such tenements are not assessed by reference to the unimproved value;

(b) tenements owned by the Government of the Federation of Nigeria and the Lagos Town Council;

(c) places of worship, cemeteries and public parks and recreation grounds;

(d) tenements occupied by schools in so far as they are occupied and used solely for schools as distinct from residential purposes; and

(e) tenements assessed by reference to their annual value of which the annual value does not exceed six pounds.

6. The Lagos General Rate Order 1958 is hereby revoked without prejudice to the recovery of any amounts due thereunder.

Revocation  
of previous  
order L.N.  
80.58.

Cap. 16  
No. 20  
of 1956.

### FIRST SCHEDULE

All tenements within the township of Lagos which are assessed or which may hereafter be assessed in accordance with the Assessment Ordinance as amended by the Assessment and Rating (Public Utility Corporations) Ordinance, 1956, except the tenements referred to in the Second Schedule.

### SECOND SCHEDULE

All tenements situated within the area known as the Yaba Estate which are assessed by reference to their unimproved value, so long as they remain so assessed.

MADE by the Lagos Town Council this 6th day of January, 1959.

D. M. O. AKINBIYI,  
*Town Clerk*

APPROVED by the Governor-General in Council this 26th day of March, 1959.

MAURICE JENKINS,  
*Acting Deputy Secretary to  
the Council of Ministers*

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order levies a general rate in respect of the financial year beginning on the 1st April, 1959. The rate is at the same level as for the preceding year, and will become due and payable in two equal instalments on the 1st April and 1st October.

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## LOCAL FORCES ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 119)

## Establishment of Cadet Units Order, 1959

*Commencement : 1st January, 1959*

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 59 of the Local Forces Ordinance the Governor-General has made the following order—

1. This Order may be cited as the Establishment of Cadet Units Order, 1959. Citation.

2. There shall be deemed to have been established Keffi College Cadet Unit of Government College, Keffi, with effect from 1st January, 1959. Establishment of Cadet Unit.

DATED this 31st day of March, 1959.

M. B. HALL,  
*Acting Secretary to the  
Governor-General*

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## LUNACY ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 121)

## Lagos Prisons (Cessation as Asylums) Declaration, 1959

*Commencement : 9th April, 1959*

In exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (2) of section 3 of the Lunacy Ordinance, the Governor-General's Deputy has declared that the parts of the Lagos Prisons specified in the Schedule hereto shall cease to be lunatic asylums.

The notification of appointment of lunatic asylums is amended accordingly. (Vol. VIII  
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## SCHEDULE

Lagos Prison : The cells used for the incarceration of European prisoners

Lagos Prison : Block F

Lagos Prison : Ikoyi Prison Block F (for females)

Lagos Prison : Ward I

MADE at Lagos the 20th day of March, 1959.

M. B. HALL,  
*Acting Secretary to the Governor-General*

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

Prisons are not suitable places for the insane, in ordinary circumstances, and the effect of this declaration is that the only place remaining declared as an asylum in Lagos under the Lunacy Ordinance will be that at Yaba.

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## PROCLAMATION

EXTENSION OF MAINTENANCE ORDERS ORDINANCE TO ORDERS  
MADE IN GUERNSEY

(Chapter 125 of the 1948 Revised Edition of the Laws of Nigeria)



By His Excellency, SIR JAMES WILSON ROBERTSON, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Federation of Nigeria.

J. W. ROBERTSON  
Governor-General

WHEREAS it is provided by section 11 of the Maintenance Orders Ordinance (as adapted by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1954, and by the Adaptation of Laws (Judicial Provisions) Order, 1955) that where the Governor is satisfied that reciprocal provisions have been made by the legislature of any British possession or any territory under Her Majesty's protection for the enforcement within such possession or territory of maintenance orders made by courts in Nigeria, the Governor may by proclamation extend the said Ordinance to such possession or territory, and the said Ordinance shall thereupon apply in respect of such possession or territory as though the references to England or Ireland were references to such possession or territory and the references to the Secretary of State for the Colonies were references to the Governor of such possession or territory:

AND WHEREAS the definition of "Governor" in section 3 of the Interpretation Ordinance (as adapted by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1954), provides in part that in the absence of provision to the contrary, when a written law is expressed to be applicable to Lagos as though Lagos were a Region, the expression means for the purposes of such application the Governor-General:

AND WHEREAS the said Ordinance was accordingly extended by proclamation dated the 8th September, 1958, to the Island of Guernsey:

AND WHEREAS I am satisfied that reciprocal provisions have been made by the States of Guernsey for the enforcement throughout the Bailiwick of Guernsey (including, in addition to the Island of Guernsey, the Islands of Herm, Jethou, Alderney and Sark) of maintenance orders made by courts in the Federal territory of Lagos:

NOW THEREFORE, I JAMES WILSON ROBERTSON, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Federation of Nigeria, do hereby extend the Maintenance Orders Ordinance to maintenance orders made by the courts in the Bailiwick of Guernsey, that is to say in the Islands of Guernsey, Herm, Jethou, Alderney and Sark,

This proclamation is in substitution for the proclamation dated the 8th September, 1958 (published as Legal Notice 153 of 1958) extending the Maintenance Orders Ordinance to the Island of Guernsey, which latter proclamation is hereby revoked.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Federation of Nigeria at Government House, Lagos, this 26th day of March One thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

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**FIREARMS ORDINANCE, 1958**

(No. 7 of 1958) 9th April, 1959

**Firearms (Delegation of Powers of Inspector-General) (No. 2) Notice, 1959***Commencement : 9th April, 1959*

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 35 of the Firearms Ordinance, 1958, (in this notice referred to as the Ordinance), the Inspector-General of Police has delegated—

(a) the power specified in the first column of Part I of the Schedule hereto to the police officer specified in the second column of the said Part I: and

(b) all the powers and duties specified in the first column of Part II of the Schedule hereto to all the police officers specified in the second column of the said Part II.

**SCHEDULE****PART I***Powers delegated*

To grant licences for muzzle-loading firearms within the Federal Territory of Lagos under section 6 of the Ordinance

*To whom delegated*

The Police Officer in charge of Lagos Police District

**PART II**

To seize firearms or ammunition of deceased persons under section 8 (3) of the Ordinance

To keep and enter particulars in registers of firearms dealers under section 10 (3) of the Ordinance

To grant import licences for personal and muzzle-loading firearms and ammunition under section 20 (d) of the Ordinance and to impose terms and conditions in respect thereof

To grant permits for repairing personal firearms under section 24 of the Ordinance

To grant permits to manufacture and repair muzzle-loading firearms under section 25 of the Ordinance

To issue permits for the withdrawal of firearms and the purchase and withdrawal of ammunition from an armoury under regulation 5 (1) of the Firearms Regulations, 1959

To require persons in charge of registered dealers' armouries to employ watchmen under regulation 14 of the Firearms Regulations, 1959, and to detail the hours of duty of such watchmen

To authorize the withdrawal of personal firearms and ammunition therefrom from registered dealers' armouries under regulation 17 (1) (a) of the Firearms Regulations, 1959

The Police Officer in charge of—  
Abeokuta Province

Adamawa Province

Bamenda Province

Bauchi Province

Benin Province

Benue Province

Bornu Province

Calabar Province

Colony Province

Delta Province

Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
Eastern Region

The Police Officer in charge of—

Enugu Province

Ibadan/Oyo Province

Ijebu-Ode Province

Ilorin Province

Kabba Province

Kaduna Capital (Territory  
Province Police)

Kano/Katsina Province

Lagos Police District

Niger Province

Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
Northern Region

## SCHEDULE—continued

*Powers delegated*

To authorize the withdrawal of personal firearms and ammunition therefor from public armouries under regulation 20 (1) (a) of the Firearms Regulations, 1959

*To whom delegated*

The Police Officer in charge of—  
 Ogoja Province  
 Ondo Province  
 Onitsha Province  
 Owerri Province  
 Plateau Province  
 Rivers Province  
 Sokoto Province  
 Southern Cameroons  
 Victoria/Kumba Province  
 Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
 Western Region  
 The Police Officer in charge of  
 Zaria Province

Lagos, 28th March, 1959.

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D. S. FOUNTAIN,  
*Acting Inspector-General of Police*

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# SHIPPING AND NAVIGATION ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 206)

## Certificates of Competency (Approved Engineering Works) (Amendment) Notice, 1959

*Commencement : 1st April, 1959*

In exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 38 (3) (d) (ii) of the Survey of Steamers Regulations, as amended, the Government Marine Officer has specified that the following workshop shall be added to the list of approved workshops set out in the Schedule to the Certificates of Competency (Approved Engineering Works) Notice, 1959, published as Legal Notice 57 of 1959—

"United Africa Co. Ltd. workshops at Iddo, Burutu and Calabar"

A. SIMPSON,  
*Government Marine Officer*

Lagos, 1st April, 1959.

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**CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA ORDINANCE, 1958**  
(No. 24 of 1958)

**Central Bank of Nigeria Bye-Laws, 1959**

*Commencement : 9th April, 1959*

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 48 of the Central Bank of Nigeria Ordinance, 1958, the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Nigeria have made the following bye-laws with the approval of the Minister of Finance of the Federation—

**PART I**

1. These bye-laws may be cited as the Central Bank of Nigeria Bye-laws, 1959. Citation.
2. In these bye-laws except the context requires otherwise— Interpretation.
  - (a) "Director" means a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Nigeria.
  - (b) "Advisory Committee" means the Advisory Committee of the Central Bank of Nigeria constituted in accordance with section 15 of the Ordinance.

**PART II**

3. (1) Ordinarily not less than three weeks' notice shall be given of each meeting of the Board and such notice shall be sent to every Director to his registered address. Should it be found necessary to convene an emergency meeting all reasonable steps shall be taken to give notice to every Director who is at the time in Nigeria. Meetings of the Board.
- (2) No person other than the Directors and the person appointed to record the minutes shall attend meetings of the Board, but the Chairman may request the presence of officials of the Bank when technical matters are under consideration.
4. (1) The Board shall cause minutes to be duly entered in books provided for that purpose— Minutes.
  - (a) of all appointments of officers made by the Board ;
  - (b) of the names of all Directors present at each meeting of the Board ;
  - (c) of all resolutions and proceedings of each meeting.
- (2) A copy of the minutes shall be circulated at that or a succeeding meeting and, after approval by the Board, signed by the Chairman.

**PART III**

5. The common seal of the Bank shall be affixed under such conditions as may be determined from time to time by a resolution of the Board. Use of seal.
6. Every Director shall, on appointment or re-appointment, sign a declaration as in Form I in the Schedule affirming his allegiance and service to the Bank and pledging himself to observe strict secrecy respecting all transactions of the Bank. Declaration by Directors. Schedule Form I.

Declaration  
of interest.

Indemnity  
of Directors  
and Officials.

Duties of  
Board.

Duties of  
Governor  
and Deputy  
Governor.

7. Any Director having any interest, directly or indirectly, in any dealing or business in which the Bank is concerned shall disclose such interest at the meeting of the Board at which the dealing or business is discussed and, in no circumstances shall he vote on the matter. If required by the Board to do so, he shall withdraw from the meeting.

8. (1) Every Director, every official and other employee shall be indemnified by the Bank against all losses and expenses incurred by him by reason of any contract entered into or act or deed done in the proper and careful discharge of his duties. The Bank shall pay all such costs, losses and expenses.

(2) No Director, official or other employee shall be liable to the Bank for any loss or expense incurred by the Bank by the insufficiency or deficiency of value of, or title to, any property or security acquired or taken on behalf of the Bank or by the insolvency, bankruptcy or wrongful act of any customer or debtor of the Bank, unless due to wilful default in the execution of his duties.

#### PART IV

9. In consultation with the Board, the Governor and Deputy Governor shall be responsible for—

(a) consideration of monetary policy and the formulation and execution of the credit policy of the Bank;

(b) fixing the rate or rates of discount or rediscount and the rate or rates of interest on advances to Government or to other customers of the Bank;

(c) determining the rates of exchange at which the Bank shall buy and sell sterling under section 28 of the Ordinance and other external currencies under subsection (1) of section 29 of the Ordinance;

(d) the appointment of auditors in accordance with section 44 of the Ordinance, the provision of the necessary facilities and the rates of remuneration;

(e) the establishment and closing of branches;

(f) the appointment of any currency agents;

(g) the appointment of officials and other employees: Provided that the Governor shall have authority to make such appointments as he deems appropriate without consultation with the Board in relation to officials and employees whose salaries do not exceed £1,100 per annum.

10. The Governor and Deputy Governor shall have special responsibility for—

(a) the organisation of the management of the Bank at its Head Office, branches and agencies;

(b) causing—

(i) true accounts to be kept of all transactions entered into by the Bank and of the assets and liabilities of the Bank and of all valuables entrusted to the Bank;

(ii) the compilation, form and publication of accounts in accordance with section 45 of the Ordinance;

(c) the safekeeping of all the assets of the Bank and the valuables entrusted to the Bank;



(d) the discharge by officials and other employees of the Bank of the duties laid upon them ;

(e) the supervision of arrangements relating to the issue and redemption of notes and coin and all matters connected with the form, design and composition of notes and coin. (The General Manager shall be charged with direct responsibility, under the Governor, for these matters).

11. The books of the Bank shall be kept at the Head Office of the Bank or at such other places as the Board may from time to time determine.

Books.

12. The Governor shall formulate, for the approval of the Board, general rules and any subsequent amendments thereto, providing for—

General rules.

(a) the safekeeping of the common seal of the Bank ;

(b) the safekeeping of the assets of the Bank and of valuables entrusted to the Bank ;

(c) the safekeeping of stocks of unissued or redeemed currency and the preparation, safe custody and destruction of plates and paper for the printing of notes and of dies for the minting of coins ;

(d) the protection of bank notes and coin in transit ;

(e) the conditions under which any currency agents may be appointed ;

(f) the conditions governing discounts and advances ;

(g) the exercise of dual control and general security throughout the Bank ;

(h) generally such additional arrangements which may be made to ensure the efficient working of the Bank, the proper observance of security and the accuracy of the internal accounts.

13. The Board by resolution shall, for such purposes as they may from time to time decide, authorise the Governor, the Deputy Governor or any official of the Bank to give instructions concerning the Bank's affairs and to sign documents relating to all aspects of the Bank's business, provided that such documents are not required by law or common practice to be given under seal. Any such authorisations shall forthwith be notified in the Gazette.

Signing powers.

14. No official or other employee of the Bank shall occupy any other office or employment whether remunerated or not : Provided that this bye-law shall not prevent the Bank from employing at the Board's discretion part-time advisers for particular purposes and for specific periods of time.

Prohibition from employment on other duties.

15. All officials and employees of the Bank shall be required to sign a declaration as in Form 2 in the Schedule affirming their allegiance and service to the Bank and pledging themselves to observe strict secrecy respecting all transactions of the Bank.

Declaration by officials and employees. Schedule Form 2.

16. (i) The appointment of an attorney to the Bank and any changes in that appointment shall be made by the Board on the recommendation of the Governor.

Legal questions.

(ii) Plaints, written statements, affidavits and all other documents connected with legal proceedings may be signed and verified on behalf of the Bank by any officer empowered by or under bye-law 13 to sign documents for and on behalf of the Bank.

Security  
from  
officials  
and  
employees:

17. The Board may require any official or other employee to give to the Bank, in such manner as the Board may determine, such security as it may regard as reasonable for the faithful discharge of his duty.

## SCHEDULE FORM I (Bye-laws 6 and 15)

### FORM OF DECLARATION OF ALLEGIANCE AND SECRECY BY DIRECTORS

I, ( ) being appointed a Director of the Central Bank of Nigeria, do solemnly declare that I will faithfully perform the duties of Director and that I will to the best of my ability uphold the interests of the Central Bank of Nigeria and that I will observe strict secrecy respecting all transactions of the Bank and all matters relating thereto and that I will not directly or indirectly reveal any of the matters or any information which may come to my knowledge in the discharge of my duties except when required or authorised to do so by the Board of the Bank or by law.

*Signature* .....

## SCHEDULE FORM II

### FORM OF DECLARATION OF ALLEGIANCE AND SECRECY BY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

I, ( ) being appointed to the staff of the Central Bank of Nigeria, do solemnly declare that I will faithfully perform the duties assigned to me and that I will to the best of my ability uphold the interests of the Central Bank of Nigeria and that I will observe strict secrecy respecting all transactions of the Bank and all matters relating thereto and that I will not directly or indirectly reveal any of the matters or any information which may come to my knowledge in the discharge of my duties except when required or authorised to do so by the Board of the Bank or by law.

*Signature* .....

Made at a meeting of the Board held on the thirtieth day of July, 1958, and sealed on the eleventh day of March, 1959, in the presence of:

R. P. FENTON	Governor
L. N. NAMME	} Directors
Chief J. A. OBAHOR	
Dr C. N. ISONG	Secretary

*Bank's Seal*

APPROVED this 24th day of March, 1959.

Chief F. S. OKOTIE-EBONI,  
Federal Minister of Finance