

L.N. 28 of 1966

THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ACT 1962  
(1962 No. 33)

The Legal Practitioners (Disciplinary Tribunal)  
(Amendment) Rules 1966

*Commencement : 20th April 1966*

In exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 2 of the Second Schedule to the Legal Practitioners Act 1962 and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following rules—

1. These rules may be cited as the Legal Practitioners (Disciplinary Tribunal) (Amendment) Rules, 1966 and shall apply throughout the Federation. Citation and application.
2. For the definition of the word "Secretary" in rule 2 of the Legal Practitioners (Disciplinary Tribunal) Rules, 1965 (hereinafter called "the principal rules"), there shall be substituted the following—  
 " "Secretary" means the Solicitor-General of the Federation." Amendment of rule 2.
3. Rule 4 of the principal rules shall be amended as follows—  
 (1) for sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 1 thereof, there shall be substituted the following—  
 "(a) the Judge of the High Court appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of section 6 (2) of the Act by the Chief Justice of the territory in which the legal practitioner concerned has his principal place of business ;"  
 (2) for paragraph 2 thereof, there shall be substituted the following—  
 "(2) In making appointments under this rule, the Chairman of the Bar Council shall appoint at least two unofficial members from the territory in which the legal practitioner concerned has his principal place of business"; and  
 (3) In paragraph 3 thereof the words, "appointed in accordance with paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section" shall be deleted. Amendment of rule 4.

MADE at Lagos this 20th day of April 1966.

A. ADE. ADEMOLA,  
Chief Justice of Nigeria

L.N. 29 of 1966

SPECIAL CONSTABLES DECREE 1966  
(1966 No. 7)

Special Constables Decree (Commencement) Order 1966

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Federal Executive Council by section 11 (2) of the Special Constables Decree 1966 and of all other powers enabling that Council in that behalf, the Federal Executive Council hereby makes the following Order—

Commence-  
ment.

The Special Constables Decree 1966 shall come into force on 7th March 1966.

Citation.

2. This Order may be cited as the Special Constables Decree (Commencement) Order 1966.

MADE at Lagos this 22nd day of March 1966.

M. E. P. UDEBIUWA,  
*Acting Deputy Secretary to the  
Federal Executive Council*

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L.N. 30 of 1966

**POLICE ACT (CAP. 154)****The Special Constabulary Regulations 1966***Commencement : 7th March 1966*

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Federal Executive Council by section 47 of the Police Act and of all other powers enabling that Council in that behalf, the Federal Executive Council hereby, on the recommendations of the Nigeria Police Council and the Police Service Commission, makes the following regulations :—

*Introductory*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Special Constabulary Regulations 1966 and shall apply throughout the Federation.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on 7th March 1966.

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say—

“competent authority” has the same meaning as in the Special Constables Decree ;

“the Decree” means the Special Constables Decree 1966 :

“full time duty”, in respect of any one period of 24 hours, means the performance of duty as a special constable for a total period of 4 hours ;

“police area”, “police province” and “police division” have the same meaning as in the Decree ;

“regular police officer” means a police officer who is neither a special constable nor a supernumerary police officer ;

“Standing Orders” means standing orders made under section 48 of the Police Act ;

“territory” means a Region or the Federal territory.

(2) Subject to the foregoing paragraph, expressions used in these regulations have the same meaning as they have in the Police Act.

*Qualification for appointment*

3. No person shall be appointed as a special constable unless he is a Commonwealth citizen, whether by virtue of his citizenship of Nigeria or of any other country.

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1966 No. 7.

Cap. 154.

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### *Duties*

4. With the approval of the Commissioner of Police for the territory, the superior police officer in charge of a police province or police division, if satisfied as regards any particular situation or occasion that it is necessary to do so for the maintenance of public order, may direct that any or all of the special constables appointed under section 2 of the Decree in respect of the province or police division under his command shall perform full time duty for such period as he may direct.

Full time duties.

5.—(1) Every special constable shall, if required to do so and not prevented by circumstances beyond his control, perform part time duty at least twice every month.

Part time duties.

(2) In this regulation "part time duty", in respect of any one period of 24 hours, means the performance of duty as a special constable for a total of not less than 2 hours and not more than 4 hours.

### *Precedence*

6. A regular police officer shall, for police purposes, have precedence over a special constable of equivalent rank.

Precedence of regular police officers over special constables.

7.—(1) Save as provided in paragraph (2) below, no special constable shall exercise disciplinary control or operational direction over any regular police officer.

Operational direction over regular police officers to be exercised by special constables in certain cases.

(2) On specific occasions when it is considered necessary or expedient to do so, authority to exercise operational direction over regular police officers may be delegated—

(a) by a commissioner of police to a special constable being a superior police officer ; or

(b) by a chief superintendent being a regular police officer to a special constable being an inspector or non-commissioned officer ;

Provided that such operational direction shall be exercised by a special constable by virtue of this paragraph only over regular police officers junior in police rank to himself.

### *Uniform and Equipment*

8. Special constables shall wear uniforms identical with those worn by regular police officers of equivalent rank except that, in the case of special constables, the colour green shall be adopted for the accessories, that is to say, for hose tops, the backing of the cap badge, badges of rank and Force numerals.

Green to be distinguishing colour of uniform and accessories.

9. The scale of issue of uniform and equipment shall be as laid down in Standing Orders.

Scale of issue of uniform.

10.—(1) A special constable shall not be issued with any uniform or equipment until he has completed a period of two months' satisfactory service but this requirement may be waived in any particular case by a superior police officer.

Special constables not to be issued with uniform until completion of two months' service.

(2) Where no uniform is issued to a newly appointed special constable he shall instead be issued with an arm-band of green cloth having the words "Special Constable" inscribed thereon in white and the arm-band so issued shall be worn on the left arm during duty or instructional periods.

(3) In this regulation and in regulation 12 and 13 below, the expression "equipment" includes an arm-band.

Uniform not to be worn except on duty or during training.

11. No article of special constable's uniform or equipment shall be worn by any special constable except when performing duty or undergoing instruction.

Replacement of articles of uniform and equipment.

12. An article of uniform or equipment issued to a special constable shall not be replaced free of charge unless it has become unfit for service as a result of damage in the course of duty, fair wear and tear or unavoidable accident.

### *Surcharges*

Recovery of surcharges.

13. Where a special constable has been adjudged responsible for the loss of or damage to any government property, any sum adjudged to be paid in respect of the lost or damaged government property may be recovered in a summary manner before a magistrate on the complaint of a superior police officer.

### *Training*

Training syllabus.

14.—(1) The following shall constitute the syllabus of training for special constables appointed under section 2 of the Act :—

- (a) Physical Training ;
- (b) Foot Drill ;
- (c) Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Evidence ;
- (d) Practical Police-work ;
- (e) Musketry and Revolver Training ;
- (f) Police Discipline ;
- (g) First Aid.

(2) Subject to the provisions of section 7 of the Decree (which relate to the length of time that may be spent on instruction courses) every special constable shall attend courses of instruction in the prescribed syllabus of training, on such days and at such times as may be ordered by his superior officer.

### *Change of place of residence etc.*

Change of place of residence or employment etc.

15.—(1) Any special constable appointed under section 2 of the Act who changes his place of residence or of employment to another place not within the boundaries of the police area in respect of which he is appointed shall forthwith give notice of the fact to his superior officer; and, whether or not such notice is given by him, his appointment shall as soon as possible be determined by the competent authority.

(2) It is hereby declared that a special constable above the rank of constable who is reappointed in respect of a different police area has no claim to be reappointed in the particular rank held by him in his previous appointment.

(3) Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this regulation, where a special constable whose appointment is determined in accordance with paragraph (1) of this regulation is reappointed in respect of a different police area, his period of service shall be deemed to be continuous if his application for reappointment in that police area is made not later than two months after the date of the determination of his previous appointment.

*Allowances*

16. Any special constable called upon to perform full time duty shall receive as a compensatory allowance for any resulting temporary loss of earnings :

Allowance for temporary loss of earnings.

(a) in respect of any period of full time duty of more than six consecutive days duration, pay at such rate as is at the time applicable to a regular police officer of equivalent rank and years of service in the rank held ;

(b) in respect of any period of full time duty of six consecutive days duration or less, the sum of fifteen shillings in respect of each 24 hour period during which such duty is performed.

17. Every special constable shall receive as reimbursement for out of pocket expenses the sum of fifteen shillings in respect of each month in which he has made satisfactory attendance at courses of instruction.

Out of pocket expenses during training.

18. Any special constable of or above the rank of inspector who is required to make use of his own motor vehicle in the performance of any duty may be paid occasional motor transport allowance in respect of each journey made at the rate prescribed in General Orders as appropriate to his type of vehicle.

Allowance for use of motor vehicle.

19. Any allowance payable under the provisions of these regulations may be withheld by a superior police officer if in his opinion the special constable claiming the allowance—

Withholding of allowances.

(a) has not made satisfactory attendance at courses of instruction ; or

(b) has not satisfactorily carried out any duties assigned to him during the period or in connection with the journey in respect of which the allowance is claimed.

*Medical*

20. Persons signifying their willingness to serve as special constables shall not be required to undergo medical examination as a prerequisite for appointment as a special constable.

Medical examination not to be condition of appointment.

21.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) below, a special constable shall not as such be entitled to medical, dental or other therapeutic treatment at the public expense.

Limitation on provision of medical facilities.

(2) A special constable who sustains any injury or contracts any sickness during the actual performance of any duty or whilst actually undergoing any training shall be entitled, subject to the same conditions as are applicable to Government employees, to the same medical facilities as are provided to Government employees under the provisions of General Orders.

*Forms*

22. The forms set out in the Schedule to these regulations may, with such variations as the circumstances of the particular case may require, be used in the circumstances to which they relate and when so used shall be good and sufficient in law.

Forms.



FORM 1

## THE NIGERIA SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

## OFFER TO ENGAGE FOR SERVICE FORM

(Section 2 of the Special Constables Decree 1966)

FOR OFFICE USE

The Officer-in-charge,

Police Province Division

Photo

I hereby signify my willingness to serve as a Special Constable in the Nigeria Special Constabulary, and by these presents, I offer to engage for service in the office of Special Constable, in such rank as may be assigned to me by the appointing officer.

Signature

Date

## PART I GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE OFFER TO ENGAGE FOR SERVICE FORM

(1) The answers to the questions to be put to the Offerer before appointment are to be entered in the Form by a Superior Police Officer, who shall append his signature as witness to the Declaration made by the Offerer.

(2) Any alteration to any entry in the Form must be signed in ink by a Superior Police Officer.

(3) The making of any false answer to any of the questions may render the Offerer liable to criminal prosecution.

## PART II QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO THE OFFERER BEFORE APPOINTMENT

Q. 1 What is your name ?	(a) Christian or Fore- Name(s)	(b) Surname
Q. 2 Have you ever been known by any other name ? If so, give particulars and dates of change of name.		
Q. 3. What is your address	Q. 4. What other address(es) have you ?	Q. 5. State the day, month and year of your birth
Q. 6. Where were you born ?	Region	Province
	Town	Q. 7. To which tribe do you belong ?
Q. 8. To which tribe does your father belong ?		Q. 9. To which tribe does your mother belong ?



Q. 10. Is your father living ?		Q. 11. What is your fathers occupation ?		
Q. 12. Are you single, married, widowed, divorced ?	Q. 13. How many children are dependent on you ?		Q. 14. What is your trade or calling ?	
Q. 15. Give particulars of your employment from the date of your leaving school to the present time	Name of Employer	Capacity in which employed	Period of Employment	Reasons for leaving Employment
Q. 16. Have you ever been prosecuted for any criminal offence ? If so, give particulars.		Q. 17. Are there any criminal proceedings pending against you ? If so, give particulars.		
Q. 18. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence ? If so, give particulars.		Q. 19. Have you at any time been a judgement debtor ? If so, give particulars.		
Q. 20. Do you belong to, or have you ever served in, any Commonwealth Navy, Military, or Air Force or other Force ? If so, state which, and the periods of service and the reasons for and dates of discharge and state the character ratings given you on your discharge.				
Q. 21. Have you ever been rejected for service in any Naval, Military or Air Force, or in any other Force : If so, on what grounds ?				
Q. 22. Have you any special qualifications ? If so, give particulars.	Q. 23. Do you understand the conditions of service to which you will be subject on enlistment ?		Q. 24. Are you willing to serve in the Nigeria Police Special Constabulary under these conditions ?	
Q. 25. Is your hearing defective ?	Q. 26. Is your eye-sight defective ?		Q. 27. Are you suffering from any physical disability or communicable disease ?	
<b>TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS</b> (Wireless Technician, Driver, Vehicle Mechanic, Launch Quartermaster or Engineer etc.)		<b>LANGUAGES SPOKEN</b>		

## DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY OFFERER

I, ..... hereby declare that the replies given by me to the above questions and recorded herein are true and I understand that if any of my replies to these questions are subsequently proved to be false I may be liable to criminal prosecution.

Signature of Witness

Date ..... 19.....

Place .....

Signature of Offerer

Date.....

## CERTIFICATE OF DECLARATION BY SUPERIOR POLICE OFFICER

I certify that the above declaration has been made before me and signed in my presence, and that the Offerer ..... fully understands the nature of the questions asked, and that his replies have been correctly recorded herein.

Date ..... 19.....

Place .....

Superior Police Officer

## INTERVIEW REPORT

## PART III

(To be completed by Interviewing Officer)

I have interviewed Offerer and I am satisfied that he is suitable/not suitable for engagement for service as a Special Constable.

Signature

Appointment

Date .....

Remarks

## PART IV

## APPOINTMENT

I, ..... by virtue of the powers delegated to me under the provisions of the Police Service Commission (Delegation of Powers) (Nigeria Special Constables) Notice No. .... of 19..... hereby appoint ..... to the office of Special Constable.

(2) Rank assigned .....

(3) Special Constabulary Number allocated

Signature

Appointment

Date .....

# ENGAGEMENT FOR SERVICE (*Initial Engagement*)

I hereby engage to serve in the office of Special Constable in the Nigeria Police Special Constabulary for a period of ..... year(s), such engagement to have effect from ..... (date).

.....  
*Signature of Witness*

.....  
*Appointment*

.....  
*Appointment*

.....  
 Date

## POLICE OATH

(*To be taken by Special Constables Superior Police Officer and Inspectors*)

I ..... swear that I will bear true allegiance to the Federal Republic of Nigeria and that I will truly and faithfully obey all lawful commands of the Government of the Federation as by law established and of any officer set over me whilst I am serving in the office of police officer; and that I will use my best endeavours for the preservation of peace and prevention of crime and the apprehension of offenders against the peace and that I will in all respects to the best of my skill and knowledge discharge all duties of the said office according to law.

.....  
*Signature*

SWORN at ..... this .....

day of ..... 19 .....

Before me

.....  
*Signature and appointment of person authorised*

## POLICE DECLARATION

(*To be taken by Special Constables Non-Commissioned Officers and Constables*)

I ..... solemnly, sincerely and truthfully affirm and declare that I will bear true allegiance to the Federal Republic of Nigeria and that I will truly and faithfully obey all lawful commands of the Government of the Federation as by law established and of any officer set over me whilst I am serving in the office of police officer; and that I will use my best endeavours for the preservation of peace and the apprehension of offenders against the peace and that I will in all respects to the best of my skill and knowledge discharge all duties of the said office according to law.

.....  
*Signature of declarant*

AFFIRMED and DECLARED at ..... the

..... day of ..... 19 .....

Before me

.....  
*Signature and appointment of person authorised*

## PART V.—FORM OF RE-ENGAGEMENT

I, ..... hereby agree to re-engage for service in the office of Special Constable in respect of the police area of ..... for a further period of ..... year(s), with effect from the ..... day of ..... 19 .....

Witness: .....  
*Superior Police Officer*

.....  
*Signature*

.....  
 Date

## FORM 2

(Section 2 (7) of the Special Constable Decree 1966)

THE NIGERIA SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT OF  
SPECIAL CONSTABLE BELOW RANK OF INSPECTOR

This Certificate of Appointment identifies

Photo

Special Constable No. ....

Name.....

Rank.....

Signature.....

THE NIGERIA SPECIAL CONSTABULARY  
CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

Serial No.

This is to certify that the special constable whose photograph, name and signature appear on this Certificate of Appointment has duly taken the Oath of Allegiance, and has duly made and signed the Police Declaration in accordance with the provisions of the Oaths Act 1963, and is vested with all the powers and immunities of a police officer.

Inspector-General of Police

Date .....

## FORM 3

(Section 2 (7) of the Special Constables Decree 1966)

THE NIGERIA SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

## CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR

This Certificate of Appointment identifies

Photo

Name.....

Rank.....

Signature.....

THE NIGERIA SPECIAL CONSTABULARY  
CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

Serial No.

This is to certify that the special constable whose photograph, name and signature appear on this Certificate of Appointment has duly taken and subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance and the Police Oath in accordance with the provisions of the Oaths Act 1963, and is vested with all the powers and immunities of an inspector of police.

.....  
*Inspector-General of Police*

Date .....

FORM 4

(Section 2 (7) of the Special Constables Decree 1966)

THE NIGERIA SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT OF  
SUPERIOR POLICE OFFICER

This Certificate of Appointment identifies

Photo

Name.....

Rank.....

Signature.....

THE NIGERIA SPECIAL CONSTABULARY  
CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

Serial No.

This is to certify that the special constable whose photograph, name and signature appear on this Certificate of Appointment has duly taken and subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance and the Police Oath in accordance with the provisions of the Oaths Act 1963, and is vested with all the powers and immunities of a superior police officer.

.....  
*Inspector-General of Police*

Date .....

FORM 5

(Section 2 (7) of the Special Constables Decree 1966)

## THE NIGERIA SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

## CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

This is to certify that.....

.....  
 was discharged on\*.....  
 from the service of the Nigeria Special Constabulary with effect from the  
 ..... day of.....

19....., after having served for a period of..... years  
 and..... days as a Special Constable in respect of the Police  
 area of.....

2. His Special Constable rank at the date of his discharge was.....  
 .....

(Signed) : .....  
*Superior Police Officer*

Date.....

(Office Stamp)

\* *Insert reasons for discharge i.e. Determination of Appointment, Resignation etc.*

FORM 6

NOTICE TO APPEAR FOR APPOINTMENT AS  
EMERGENCY SPECIAL CONSTABLE

(Section 4 (3) of the Special Constables Decree 1966)

To

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 .....  
 .....  
 The Commissioner of Police for the.....  
 Region, being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest for Emergency  
 Special Constables to be appointed in the police area of.....  
 and in the exercise of the powers vested in him by section 4 (1) of the Special  
 Constables Decree 1966, has authorised me.....  
 to appoint persons resident or employed in the said police area as Emergency  
 Special Constables.

2. Now therefore I, in accordance with the provisions of section 4 (3) of  
 the Special Constables Decree 1966, propose to appoint you to the office  
 of Emergency Special Constable for service in the said police area of.....  
 ....., and you are hereby  
 notified that you are required to present yourself at.....  
 ..... (place) on..... (date)  
 at..... (hours) for appointment to serve in the said office of  
 Emergency Special Constable.

3. You are further notified that unless you are able to produce evidence of legal exemption from such service, you will be required on presenting yourself at the place aforesaid to make and sign a Promise in the prescribed form to serve in the said office of Emergency Special Constable until such time as your appointment shall be determined under the provisions of section 4 (6) of the said Decree.

4. Take warning that if you fail to present yourself at the place and at the time specified in paragraph 2 of this notice, or if on presenting yourself at the place aforesaid and not being legally exempted from such service, you refuse to make and sign the Promise to serve on being required to do so, you will be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £20.

Signature.....

Appointment.....

Date.....

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE

I, .....  
hereby acknowledge receipt of Notice to appear for appointment as Emergency Special Constable.

Witness ..... Signature .....

Date ..... R. Thumbprint.....

Date .....

#### FORM 7

#### FORM OF PROMISE TO SERVE, AS EMERGENCY SPECIAL CONSTABLE

(Section 4 (4) of the Special Constables Decree 1966)

I, .....  
engage and promise that I will well and truly serve the Government of the Federation of Nigeria in the office of Emergency Special Constable for the Police area of .....  
without favour or affection, malice, or ill-will, and that I will use my best endeavours to preserve the peace and to prevent all offences against persons or property, and that while I continue to serve in the said office, I will, to the best of my skill and knowledge, discharge all the duties thereof faithfully according to law.

Witness ..... Signature .....

Date ..... Date .....



FORM 8

# INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT AS EMERGENCY SPECIAL CONSTABLE

(Section 4 (4) of the Special Constables Decree 1966)

To .....

Age ..... Sex ..... Occupation .....

I, .....  
by virtue of the powers vested in me by section 4 (4) of the Special Constables  
Decree 1966, hereby appoint you to the office of Emergency Special Constable for service in the Police area of .....

Signature of person appointed

Signature .....

Appointment .....

R. Thumbprint of person appointed

Date .....

FORM 9

# NOTICE OF DISCHARGE AS EMERGENCY SPECIAL CONSTABLE

(Section 4 (6) of the Special Constables Decree 1966)

To .....

I, .....  
by virtue of the powers vested in me by section 4 (6) of the Special Constables  
Decree 1966, hereby determine your appointment in the office of Emergency  
Special Constable for the Police area of .....  
with effect from ..... and you are  
accordingly discharged with effect from that date from service in the said  
office.

Signature .....

Appointment .....

Date .....

MADE at Lagos this ..... day of ..... 19.....

FORM 10

CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE OF EMERGENCY  
SPECIAL CONSTABLE*(Section 4 (6) of the Special Constables Decree 1966)*

I hereby certify that .....

of .....  
was discharged from the office of Emergency Special Constable for the  
police area of .....on ..... day of ..... 19..... and from  
that date ceased to hold office as an Emergency Special Constable.

Signature .....

Appointment .....

Date .....

MADE at Lagos this 26th day of April 1966.

MAJOR-GENERAL J. T. U. AGUIYI-IRONSI,  
*Head of the Federal Military Government,  
Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces,  
Federal Republic of Nigeria*