

## A BILL FOR

AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE WELFARE OF PILGRIMS AND FOR  
MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

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[ ] Commence-  
ment.

1 BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal  
2 Republic of Nigeria as follows:—

3 PART I—ESTABLISHMENT

4 1.—(1) There is hereby established a Board to be known as the  
5 Nigerian Pilgrims Welfare Board. Establish-  
ment of  
Board.

6 (2) The Board shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession  
7 and a common seal and shall have power to sue and be sued in its  
8 corporate name and to acquire hold and dispose of property whether  
9 movable or immovable.

10 2.—(1) The Board shall consist of the following members Membership.

11 (a) a Chairman who shall be appointed by the President ; and

12 (b) one member to be appointed by the President from each of  
13 the States.

14 (2) The membership of the Board shall be non-denominational.

15 3.—(1) A member shall hold office for three years from the date of  
16 his appointment but shall be eligible for re-appointment. Tenure of  
office.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the President may at any time, revoke the appointment of any member and a member may by notice in writing under his hand, at any time resign his appointment.

Secretary.

4.—(1) There shall be appointed by the President, a fit and proper person to be the Secretary to the Board.

(2) The Secretary shall—

(a) subject to the policy of the Board, be responsible for carrying out the day-to-day functions of the Board ;

(b) keep the records of proceedings of the Board ; and

(c) perform such other duties as the Board may from time to time direct.

Emolument  
and  
allowances.

5. The members and the Secretary shall be paid such emoluments and allowances as the Minister may from time to time approve.

#### PART II—FUNCTIONS

Functions.

6. The functions of the Board are—

(a) to provide general welfare services for all pilgrims without discrimination as to their religious denominations ;

(b) to assist pilgrims where required, to complete their travel formalities ;

(c) to provide such medical and health services as the Board may deem necessary for the welfare of pilgrims ;

(d) subject to the approval of the Minister, to provide camping and transportation services for pilgrims ;

(e) to provide such other services as the Board may deem necessary for the welfare of pilgrims :

Provided that nothing in this section shall prevent any other person or persons from offering welfare services to pilgrims and charging fees for those services.

26 its audited accounts and the Auditor-General's report thereon.

## PART IV—MISCELLANEOUS

Authentica-  
tion of  
documents.

1        11.—(1) The fixing of the seal of the Board shall be authenticated by  
2 the Signature of the Chairman, or any member authorised generally or  
3 specifically in that behalf by the Board.

4        (2) Any instrument which if made or executed by a person not  
5 being a body corporate is not required to be under seal, may be made or  
6 executed on behalf of the Board by any person generally or specifically  
7 authorised in that behalf by the Board.

8        (3) Any document purported to be a document duly executed  
9 under the seal of the Board shall be received in evidence and shall  
10 unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.

Validity of  
proceedings.

11       12. The validity of the proceedings of the Board shall not be  
12 affected by any vacancy in its membership or defect in the appointment  
13 of any member or by reason that a person not so entitled has taken  
14 part in such proceeding.

Quorum.

15       13. The Board shall not proceed to business unless there is a  
16 quorum present, and eight members present at any meeting of the  
17 Board shall form a quorum.

Standing  
orders.

18       14. The Board may make standing orders to regulate its own  
19 procedure.

Repeal.

20       15. The Nigerian Pilgrims Board Act 1975 is hereby repealed.

Property  
transferred.

21       16. Any property whether movable or immovable which imme-  
22 diately before this Act, belonged to the Nigerian Pilgrims Board, shall  
23 upon the coming into force of this Act, by virtue of this section and with-  
24 out any further assurance, vest in the Board.

Regulations.

25       17.—(1) The Board may with the approval of the Minister make  
26 regulations to carry into effect the provisions of this Act, and without  
27 prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Board may with the

1 approval of the Minister make regulations to prescribe the fees to be  
2 charged for its services.

3 (2) Regulations made under this section shall not have effect  
4 earlier than the date on which they are published in the *Official Gazette*  
5 of the Federation.

6 (3) For the avoidance of doubt the Board does not have power to  
7 regulate the number of Nigerians eligible to go on any pilgrimage.

8 18. In this Act—

Interpreta-  
tions.

9 "Board" means the Nigerian Pilgrims Welfare Board established  
10 by section 1.

11 "member" means member of the Board.

12 "President" means President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

13 "State" means State of Nigeria.

14 19. This Act may be cited as the Nigerian Pilgrims Welfare Board  
15 Act 1982.

Short title.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish a Pilgrims Welfare Board with functions limited to the provision of welfare services, as and when required, for pilgrims of all religious denominations travelling abroad on any pilgrimage, and the new Board does not have power to prescribe the number of pilgrims permitted to go on any particular pilgrimage.

# A BILL FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY ACT AND  
FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

*Sponsored by Hon. J. Y. M. MALLO,  
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Plateau State*

Commence-  
ment.

1 BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal  
2 Republic of Nigeria as follows :—

3 1. For section 41 of the National Electric Power Authority Act  
4 1972 there shall be substituted the following new section —

Amendment  
to section  
41 of 1972  
No. 24.

5 "Limitation 41. The award by the Authority of any contract worth  
6 to award of  
contracts. ₦5,000,000 or more shall be subject to the prior approval  
7 of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria."

8 2. This Act may be cited as the National Electric Power Authority  
9 (Amendment) Act 1982.

Short title.

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to increase the value of contracts which the National Electric Power Authority may award without the prior authority of the Government of the Federation.

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR A MATRICULATION EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL  
AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

*Sponsored by—*

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Commence-  
ment.

1 BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal  
2 Republic of Nigeria as follows—

### 3 PART I—ESTABLISHMENT

4 1.—(1) There is hereby established a council to be known as the  
5 Nigerian Universities Matriculation Council (NUMAC).

Establish-  
ment of  
council.

6 (2) The Council shall be a body corporate with perpetual succes-  
7 sion and a common seal and shall have power to sue and be sued in its  
8 corporate name and to own, hold and dispose of property whether  
9 movable or immovable.

10 2.—(1) The members of the Council shall be :—

Member-  
ship of  
council.

11 (a) a Chairman who shall be appointed by the Minister after  
12 consultation with the Federal Adviser on Education, from amongst  
13 the members of the four examination boards ;

14 (b) an accountant in the Federal Ministry of Education not lower  
15 than the rank of Principal Accountant, to be appointed by the  
16 Minister ;

1 (c) an officer in the Federal Ministry of Education, not lower than  
2 the rank of a Principal Assistant Secretary, to be appointed by the  
3 Minister ; and

4 (d) one person who shall represent each of the examination boards,  
5 and who shall be elected to the Council by that examination board  
6 from amongst its members.

7 (2) The officer appointed under subsection (1) (c) of this section  
8 shall be the secretary and Chief executive of the Council.

9 (3) The persons appointed under subsection (1) (d) shall be part-  
10 time members.

Establish-  
ment and  
members of  
examination  
boards.

11 3.—(1) There shall for purposes of conducting matriculation  
12 examinations, be established four examination boards to be respectively  
13 known as :—

14 (a) the University of Ibadan Examination Board ;

15 (b) the Associated Examination Board ;

16 (c) the Central Examination Board ; and

17 (d) the Joint Examinations Board.

18 (2) The membership of each examination board shall comprise a  
19 Chairman, an accountant, a secretary, a specialist in Test and Measure-  
20 ment and a legal practitioner, all of whom shall be appointed by the  
21 Minister from amongst the staff of the relevant universities.

22 (3) The relevant universities in respect of each examination board  
23 shall be as specified in the Schedule to this Act but the Minister may at  
24 any time by order alter the list of the relevant universities in respect of  
25 any particular examination board.



## PART II—FUNCTIONS

4. The functions of the Council are :—

Functions of  
Council.

(a) to conduct Matriculation Examination which shall be known as General Certificate of Education (G.C.E.) both at Ordinary and Advanced Level ;

(b) to supervise and control the examination Boards;

(c) to supervise the conduct of the matriculation examinations and the award of certificates; and

(d) to enforce uniform syllabus and standards of matriculation examinations for the universities :

Provided that those matriculation examinations shall not be of lower standard than the West African School Certificate examinations conducted under the West African Examination Council Act 1973.

5. The Council shall have power to do such acts and things as the Council may deem necessary for carrying into effect the provision of this Act and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the Council shall have power :—

Powers of  
council.

(a) to issue policy guidelines to the examination boards to ensure the proper performance by the examination boards of their functions under this Act ;

(b) to engage and remunerate staff agents and other employees for purposes of any of its functions under this Act; and

(c) subject to its standing orders, to co-opt such person or form such committee, as it may deem necessary for the performance of its functions under this Act.

6. The functions of each examination board shall be—

Functions of  
Examination  
boards.

(a) to conduct matriculation examinations, i.e., G.C.E. Ordinary and Advanced Level twice a year in January and June of each year ;

Powers of  
examination  
boards.

1 (b) to prepare and publish the syllabus for those matriculation  
2 examinations and award appropriate certificates for those matricula-  
3 tion examinations, within Six Weeks after each examination ;

4 (c) to admit School and Private Candidates for the examinations.

5 7. Each examining board shall have power :—

6 (a) to engage and remunerate staff agents, examiners and other  
7 employees for purposes of its functions under the Act ;

8 (b) to do such other things and act as the examining board may  
9 from time to time deem necessary for carrying out its functions under  
10 this Act.

11 PART III—OFFENCES

Penalties for  
illegally  
using  
examination  
papers.

12 8. If a candidate for an examination :—

13 (a) is found before or during the examination to have had fore-  
14 knowledge of any live question or the contents of any live question  
15 paper ; or

16 (b) in any unauthorised manner, makes use of any live question or  
17 live question papers, that candidate shall no longer for life be entitled  
18 to take any examination conducted by any of the examination board  
19 and if that candidate has already taken any papers in that examination,  
20 his results therefore shall be cancelled.

Leakage of  
examination  
papers, etc.

21 9.—(1) Any person who is an employee of the Council or of an  
22 examination board in any Capacity whatever, and who before or during  
23 the period of any examination, knowingly or recklessly or without being  
24 lawfully authorised so to do, discloses the contents of any live question  
25 paper or of any draft or copy thereof, to any other person shall be guilty  
26 of an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment for two years.

1 (2) Any person who knowingly makes use of the contents of any  
2 live question paper of any draft or copy thereof, in any manner how-  
3 ever to cheat at any examination shall be guilty of an offence and shall  
4 be liable on conviction to imprisonment for two years.

5 (3) No prosecution for an offence under this section shall be  
6 instituted without the consent in writing of the Attorney-General of the  
7 Federation.

8 (4) It will be an offence to discriminate against any certificate  
9 issued by any of the Examination Board. The offence shall be punishable  
10 on conviction by a fine of ₦1,000 or two years imprisonment or both.

11 10. The funds of the Council shall comprise :—

Funds of  
Council.

12 (a) grants from the Government of the Federation ;

13 (b) examination fees and other charges ; and

14 (c) revenue from other sources.

15 11. The Council shall as soon as may be after the end of each  
16 financial year, send to the Minister, a report on its activities including  
17 those of all the examination boards and shall lay before each House of  
18 the National Assembly a copy of that report together with the Auditor-  
19 General's report on its accounts for that year.

Annual  
Report.

20 12. The Council shall before 1st October in each year submit to  
21 the Minister estimates of its income and expenditure for the financial  
22 year next following.

Annual  
Estimates.

23 13.—(1) The fixing of the seal of the Council on any instrument or  
24 certificate shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman of  
25 the Council.

Authentica-  
tion of  
Documents.

26 (2) Any contract or instrument which if made or executed by a  
27 person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under

1 seal may be made or executed on behalf of the Council by any person  
2 specially or generally authorised in that behalf by the Council.

3 (3) Any document purported to be duly executed under the seal  
4 of the Council shall be received in evidence and shall until the contrary  
5 is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

Standing  
Orders.

6 14. The Council and each of the examination boards as the case  
7 may be, may make standing orders to regulate their respective  
8 procedures.

Interpreta-  
tion.

9 15. In this act :—

10 "Council" means Nigerian Universities Matriculation Council ;

11 "examination board" means board established under section 3  
12 of this Act ;

13 "Minister" means Minister responsible for education.

Short title.

14 16. This Act may be cited as the Nigerian Universities Matricula-  
15 tion Council Act 1982.

## SCHEDULE

<i>Examination Board</i>	<i>Relevant Universities</i>
1. University of Ibadan Examination Board (UIEB)	University of Ibadan
2. Associated Examination Board (AEB)	(1) University of Port Harcourt (2) University of Ife (3) University of Lagos (4) University of Calabar (5) Federal University of Technology, Owerri.
3. Central Examination Board (CEB)	(1) University of Benin (2) University of Jos (3) Ahmadu-Bello University (4) University of Nigeria, Nsukka
4. Joint Examination Board	(1) University of Sokoto (2) University of Maiduguri (3) University of Kano (4) University of Ilorin

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This bill seeks to establish a Nigerian Universities Matriculation Council (NUMAC) and four matriculation examination boards to conduct matriculation examinations for the various universities of the country. The University examinations will be of the same standards as the West African School Certificate examination, at all levels.