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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD, AND TO TRANSFER ITS FUNCTIONS TO THE VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.

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Commence-
ment.

1 BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federation
2 of Nigeria and by authority of same as follows :—

3 1.—(1) The body known as Joint Admissions and Matriculation
4 Board established by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board
5 Decree 1978, is hereby dissolved and the said Decree is hereby repealed
6 and accordingly, as from the appointed date the functions heretofore
7 conferred on that Board with respect to admissions into Universities
8 are hereby conferred upon and shall hereafter be exercisable by each
9 University but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, each
10 University shall with effect from the appointed day be responsible for the
11 following matters, that is to say :—

Dissolution,
etc. of the
Joint Admis-
sions and
Matricula-
tion Board.
1978 No. 2.

12 (a) the general control of the conduct of matriculation examina-
13 tions for admissions into the University ;

14 (b) the appointment of examiners, moderators, members of subject
15 panels, and committees, and other persons with respect to matricula-
16 tion examinations and other matters incidental thereto or connected
17 therewith ;

18 (c) the placement of suitably qualified candidates for the purpose
19 of undergraduate, and non-degree courses in the University.

Disposition
of employees
of the board,
etc.

1 2.—(1) Subject as hereinafter provided, any person who imme-
2 diately before the appointed day held office under the dissolved Board
3 shall on the appointed day be deemed to have been transferred to the
4 Civil Service of the Federation within the meaning of the Constitution
5 of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979 on terms and conditions as to
6 emoluments as are not less favourable than these obtaining immediately
7 before the appointed day.

8 (2) In pursuance of subsection (1) of this section, the Federal
9 Civil Service Commission shall, not later than 45 days after the appointed
10 day, by notice in writing, offer every person to which that subsection
11 relates employment in the Civil Service of the Federation upon such
12 terms and conditions as to emoluments as are not less favourable than
13 those enjoyed by that person immediately before the appointed day.

14 (3) Any person to whom an offer of employment is made pursuant
15 to subsection (2) of this section and who fails within 30 days thereafter
16 (or such other date as may be specified by the Federal Civil Service
17 Commission) to give the commission an acceptance in writing of the
18 offer shall be deemed to have refused the offer.

19 (4) If a person refuses an offer of employment made to him pur-
20 suant to the subsection (2) of this section (either as provided in subsection
21 (1) above or otherwise howsoever) the obligation imposed on the
22 commission to employ that person shall thereupon determine.

23 (5) For the purposes of the provisions of subsection (2) of this
24 section the terms and conditions as to emoluments comprised in any
25 offer shall not be construed as being less favourable merely because
26 they are not in all respects identical with or superior to the terms and
27 conditions enjoyed by the person concerned immediately before

1 the appointment day, if the first-mentioned terms and conditions taken
2 as whole offer substantially equivalent or greater benefits to the latter.

3 3.—(1) By virtue of this Act, there shall be vested in the Govern-
4 ment of the Federation on the appointed day, without further assurance
5 but subject as hereinafter provided, all assets, funds, resources and other
6 movable or immovable property which immediately before the appointed
7 day were vested in the dissolved Board by the repealed Decree.

Assets and
liabilities of
the dissolved
Board, etc.

8 (2) As from the appointed day—

9 (a) the rights interests, obligations, and liabilities of the dissolved
10 Board existing immediately before the appointed day under any
11 contract or instrument, shall by virtue of this Act be assigned to and
12 vested in the Government of the Federation ;

13 (b) any such contract or instrument as mentioned in subsection
14 (1) of this section shall be of the same force and offset against or in
15 favour of the Government of the Federation and shall be enforceable as
16 fully and effectively as if instead of the dissolved Board that Govern-
17 ment had been named therein or had been a party thereto ; and

18 (c) the Government of the Federation shall be subject to all the
19 obligations and liabilities to which the dissolved Board was subject
20 immediately before the appointed day and all other persons shall as
21 from the appointed day, have the same rights, powers and remedies
22 against that Government as they had against the dissolved Board
23 immediately before the appointed day.

24 (3) Any proceedings or cause of action pending or existing
25 immediately before the appointed day by or against the dissolved Board
26 in respect of any right, interest, obligation or liability of the dissolved
27 board may be continued or, as the case may be, commenced and any

1 determination of a court of law, tribunal or other authority or person
2 may be enforced by or against the Government of the Federation to the
3 same extent that any such proceedings, cause of action or determination
4 might have been continued, commenced or enforced by or against the
5 dissolved Board if this Act had not been made.

Interpreta-
tion.

6 4. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

7 “the Board” means the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board
8 established by the Joint Admissions Matriculation Board Decree
9 1978 ;

10 “the appointed day” means the date of coming into force of this
11 Act ;

12 “University” means any University in Nigeria, and includes any
13 other institution in Nigeria providing courses leading to the award
14 of first degrees.

Short title.

15 5. This Act may be cited as the Joint Admissions and Matriculation
16 Board (Dissolution) Act 1980.