
The National Senior Secondary Education Commission (Establishment) Act

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1. Short Title and Commencement

This Act may be cited as the National Senior Secondary Education Commission (Establishment) Act, 2025, and shall come into force on the date of its enactment by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

2. Objectives of the Act

The objectives of this Act are:

(a) To provide a regulatory framework for the development and management of senior secondary education in Nigeria.

(b) To ensure equitable access to quality education for all senior secondary school students.

© To promote national educational standards, innovation, and development through sustainable policies.

(d) To establish a mechanism for the provision, distribution, and utilization of funding for senior secondary education.

3. Establishment of the National Senior Secondary Education Commission

(1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the National Senior Secondary Education Commission (NSSEC) (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”).

(2) The Commission shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, capable of suing and being sued in its corporate name.

4. Functions and Powers of the Commission

The Commission shall:

(a) Regulate and monitor the delivery of senior secondary education in Nigeria.

(b) Establish and enforce minimum standards for senior secondary education across the country.

© Develop policies and guidelines for the effective management of senior secondary schools.

(d) Provide oversight for the equitable disbursement and utilization of funds under the National Senior Secondary Education Fund.

€ Advise the Federal Government on matters relating to senior secondary education.

5. Establishment of the National Senior Secondary Education Fund

(1) There is established a fund to be known as the National Senior Secondary Education Fund (hereinafter referred to as “the Fund”).

(2) The Fund shall consist of:

(a) Contributions from the Federal Government, State Governments, and Local Governments.

(b) Grants, donations, and endowments from individuals, organizations, and international bodies.

© Such other sources as may be approved by the Commission.

6. Establishment and Composition of State Senior Secondary Education Boards

(1) Each State Government shall establish a State Senior Secondary Education Board (SSSEB) for the management of senior secondary education in the state.

(2) The SSSEB shall comprise:

(a) A Chairperson appointed by the Governor.

(b) Representatives from relevant educational bodies and stakeholders.

7. Functions and Powers of State Senior Secondary Education Boards

The SSSEB shall:

- (a) Implement the policies and guidelines developed by the NSSEC.
- (b) Ensure the efficient management of senior secondary schools in the state.
- © Monitor the compliance of schools with established national standards.
- (d) Open and maintain a Senior Secondary Education Fund Account to access the NSSEC intervention fund.

8. Financial Provisions

- (1) The funds of the Commission shall be applied solely for the fulfillment of its mandate.
- (2) The Commission shall maintain proper accounts, which shall be audited annually by an independent auditor.

9. Governance and Administration of the Commission

- (1) The Commission shall have a Governing Board comprising:
 - (a) A Chairperson appointed by the President.
 - (b) Representatives from the Ministry of Education and other relevant bodies.

(2) The Board shall be responsible for formulating policies and providing strategic direction for the Commission.

10. Appointment of the Executive Secretary

(1) The President shall appoint an Executive Secretary for the Commission, who shall be the Chief Executive Officer.

(2) The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Commission.

11. Staff of the Commission

(1) The Commission shall appoint such staff as it considers necessary for the efficient discharge of its functions.

(2) The terms and conditions of service of the staff shall be as prescribed by the Commission.

12. Monitoring and Evaluation

The Commission shall establish mechanisms for the regular monitoring and evaluation of the performance of senior secondary schools across Nigeria.

13. Establishment of Minimum Standards for Senior Secondary Education

The Commission shall define and enforce minimum standards for infrastructure, teaching quality, curriculum, and student performance in senior secondary schools.

14. Regulatory Oversight and Compliance

The Commission shall have the authority to:

- (a) Inspect schools to ensure compliance with established standards.
 - (b) Impose penalties on schools that fail to meet regulatory requirements.
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15. Offenses and Penalties

Any person or institution found guilty of violating the provisions of this Act shall be liable to penalties as prescribed by the Commission.

16. Miscellaneous Provisions

The Commission may, with the approval of the Governing Board, issue regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

17. Interpretation

In this Act:

“Commission” means the National Senior Secondary Education Commission.

“Fund” means the National Senior Secondary Education Fund.

18. Citation

This Act may be cited as the National Senior Secondary Education Commission (Establishment) Act, 2025.

This draft provides a comprehensive outline of the NSSEC Establishment Act and can be customized further for legal precision and alignment with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

