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<p>(i) Service in the Council shall be approved service for purpose of the Pensions Act.</p> <p>(ii) Employees of the Council shall be entitled to pension, gratuities and any other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by persons holding equivalent grades in the civil service of the Federation.</p>		
<p>11 POWERS OF THE COUNCIL The Council shall have powers to:</p> <p>(a) provide the general policy guidelines relating to the functions of the Council</p> <p>(b) Manage and superintend the policies of the Council</p> <p>(c) determine the terms and conditions of service of the employees of the Council</p> <p>(d) Fix the remuneration, allowances and benefits of the staff and employees of the Council in consultation with the National Salary, Income and Wages Commission</p> <p>(e) do such other things which in its opinion are necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Council under this Act.</p>	Retained	
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<p>Code of Professional and Ethical Conduct 18 Code of Conduct</p> <p>(1) The Council shall provide a Code of Professional and Ethical Conduct to guide the social workers in the performance of their duties.</p> <p>(2) The Council shall cause a revision of such Code of Professional and Ethical Conduct as may be deemed appropriate from time to time to conform with social work practices.</p> <p>(3) The Council shall cause to be published in the Council's Journal, the Code of Professional and Ethical Conduct as approved by the Council which shall be binding on every social workers in Nigeria.</p>	Retained	
<p>PART VI- MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:</p> <p>Prohibition of Practice by non-registered person, and scope of practice</p> <p>(3) Scope of Social Work and other related matters The Scope of Social Work under this Act shall include:</p> <p>i. Interacting with individuals, groups and communities for the purpose of interview, assessment, diagnosis, treatment and evaluation of social problem(s) and provision of social services.</p> <p>ii. Provision of social support to individuals, groups and communities for the purposes of prevention, remediation, and resolution of social problems.</p>	Retained	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Development, promotion, provision/delivery, management and evaluation of human service programmes for the prevention, remediation, and resolution of social problems affecting individuals, social groups, and communities. iv. Development of social policies aimed at the resolution of social problems and improving the social conditions of living of individuals, groups, and communities. v. Provision of supervision or consultation for the administration and evaluation of social services. vi. Provision of rehabilitative, reformatory, re-integrative, socio-medical and forensic social services. vii. Conduct research on social problems affecting individuals, groups and communities. <p>(4) Agencies responsible for Social Work Practice in Nigeria include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Social Welfare; (ii) Community Development; (iii) Youth Development; (iv) Child Welfare /Orphanage/Day care Centre (v) Hospitals(Medical Social Welfare) (vi) Court Assessors/Probations Services (v) Prisons and Correctional services (vi) Occupational/Industrial Social Welfare (vii) Pilgrims Welfare (viii) Rehabilitation (for persons with disabilities, drug addicts, victim of human trafficking, destitutes) (ix) Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (x) Geriatric services (xi) Conflict Resolution and management (xii) School Social Work (xiii) Institutions of Social Work (xiv) Institutions for Health Insurance, Social Insurance, pension and Gratuity Administration and Staff Welfare (xv) Women and Gender Development (xvi) Police, Military and Paramilitary Welfare 		
<p>Interpretations</p> <p>28 In this Act “affiliates” means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Association of Medical Social Workers of Nigeria (AMSOWN) (b) Nigerian Association of Social Work Educators, (NASWE), (c) Institute of Social Work of Nigeria (ISOWN); and (d) any other body that may be incorporated thereafter; <p>“Board” means the Governing Board established under section 2 (1) of this Act;</p>		

“client” means individual, family, group, organization and community who engage or benefit from the services of a social worker;

“components” means youth development, social welfare, child development, rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, women and gender affairs, community development, medical social welfare, school social work, sports, case work and intervention and care of the aged;

“Council” means the Nigerian Council for Social Work established under section 1 of this Act;

“fees” include registration fees, cost of registration for examination, inspection, accreditation, indenting and licensing

“fine” including amount prescribed for payment in default under the provisions of this Act and rules of the Council;

“gazette” means the Gazette of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

“government” means government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

“the list” means the list of recommended auditors to be approved by the Council;

“Member” means a member of the Board;

“Minister” means a Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria responsible for Social Development;

“NASoW” means the Nigeria Association of Social Workers, an umbrella social work organization in Nigeria;

“person” means qualified social worker seeking for license to practice;

“register” means a Register maintained under this Act and “registered” shall be construed accordingly;

“registrar” means the Registrar appointed as the Secretary of the Council.

“regulations” means regulations made by the Council.

“Scope of Practice” means the assessment, the diagnosis, treatment and evaluation of individual, interpersonal and

societal problems through the use of social work knowledge, skills, intervention and strategies, to assist individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities to achieve optimum psycho-social and social function.

“social development” means the process of continuous improvement of the social structure, institutions and programmes in order to create a societal condition in which the rights of citizens are advanced and protected; their welfare enhanced; and their effective functioning and self-actualization ensured;

“Social Work” means a helping profession that uses knowledge and skills developed from the social sciences and the environment to prevent, remediate and resolve social problems affecting individuals, groups and the communities so as to enhance the quality of social functioning and bring about social development; and

“Social Worker” includes a person trained and certified to practice and carryout assessment, diagnosis, treatment, interpersonal problems, understanding human behaviour relationship, offering help to families in dispute, juvenile delinquent, destitute, persons with disabilities, orphans, the sick, mentally retarded and disorderly persons, persons in conflict with the law and other vulnerable and disadvantaged groups through the use of social work knowledge, skills, interventions and strategies.