



**THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

COMMITTEE ON ESTABLISHMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE

REPORT ON

A BILL

FOR

**FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN COUNCIL FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS FOR
DETERMINING THE STANDARDS AND SKILLS TO BE ATTAINED BY PERSONS SEEKING TO
BECOME REGISTERED MEMBERS OF THE PSYCHOLOGIST PROFESSION IN NIGERIA; AND FOR
RELATED MATTERS (SB. 625)**

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NIGERIAN COUNCIL FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS (ESTBALISHMENT) BILL, 2018

Report of the Senate Committee on Establishment and Public Service on a Bill for an Act to establish the Nigerian Council for Psychologists for determining the standards and skills to be attained by persons seeking to become registered members of the Psychologist Profession in Nigeria; and for related matters

PROVISIONS OF THE BILL	COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS	REMARKS
A BILL FOR AN TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN COUNCIL FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS.	A BILL FOR AN TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN COUNCIL FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS, AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.	
PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIGERIAN COUNCIL FOR PSYCHOLOGIST, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, ETC. Establishment of the Council 1. There is hereby established a body to be known as the Nigerian Council for Psychologists (in this Act referred to as "the Council") which shall be a body corporate under that name and be charged with the general duty of: (i) Determining the standards of knowledge and skill to be attained by persons seeking to become registered members of the Psychology profession (in this Act referred to as the "the profession") and reviewing those standards from time to time as circumstances may require. (ii) Securing, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the establishment and maintenance of registers of persons entitled to practice as members of the profession; and the publication, from time to time, of lists of these persons. (iii) Preparing and reviewing from time to time, a statement as to the Code of Conduct which the Council considers desirable for the	PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIGERIAN COUNCIL FOR PSYCHOLOGIST, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, ETC. Establishment of the Council 1. (1) There is established the Nigerian Council for Psychologists (in this <i>Bill</i> referred to as "the Council") which shall be a body corporate under that name and be charged with the general duty of: (2) The Council: (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name; and (c) may acquire, hold and dispose of any property, movable and immovable. Deleted	The long title is re-drafted to reflect the aim and scope of the Bill. It is appropriate to have the establishment clause separate from the functions, the contemplated establishment is expected to perform. The deleted words are unnecessary. 3 paragraphs are created.

practice of Psychology profession.		
(iv) Regulating and controlling the practice of the profession in all its aspects and ramifications.	Deleted	
(v) Performing such other functions as may be required of the Council under this Act; and	Deleted	
	Functions of the Council 2. The Council shall be <i>responsible for</i>: (a) determining the standards of knowledge and skill to be attained by persons seeking to become registered members of the Psychology profession (in this Bill referred to as the "the profession") and reviewing those standards as circumstances may require; (b) securing, in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, the establishment and maintenance of registers of persons entitled to practice as members of the profession; and the publication of lists of these persons; (c) preparing and reviewing a statement as to the Code of Conduct which the Council considers desirable for the practise of psychology profession; (d) regulating and controlling the practice of the profession in all its aspects and ramifications; and (e) performing such other functions as may be required of the Council under this Bill;	"Functions" is more appropriate Wrong capitalisation corrected
	Membership of the Council	

2. The Council shall have perpetual succession and a common seal which shall be kept in such custody as the Council may, from time to time, authorize. (i) Subject to the provision of this Act, persons admitted to membership of the profession shall be registered as members in any of the following in the category of: (a) Fellow (b) Associate Fellow (c) Chartered Member (d) Member (e) Graduate Member (ii) Subject to the fulfillment of all other conditions set out by the Council, persons registered under the Act as members shall be entitled to be enrolled as: (a) Fellow, if for the period of not less than five years immediately preceding the date of admission as an Associate Fellow, he/she still practices as a Psychologist. (b) Associate Fellow, if for the period of not less than five years immediately preceding the date of admission as a Chartered Member, he/she is still actively involved in practice as a Psychologist. (c) Chartered Member, if for the period of not less than five years immediately preceding the date of admission as a Member, he/she is still actively involved in the practice as a Psychologist. (d) Member, if for the period of not less than two years	Deleted 3. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, persons admitted to membership of the Council shall be registered as members in any of the following in the category of: (a) Fellow; (b) Associate Fellow; (c) Chartered Member; (d) Member; or (e) Graduate Member. (2) Subject to the fulfillment of all other conditions set out by the Council, persons registered under the Bill as members <i>are</i> entitled to be enrolled as: (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) Retained as in the Bill (c) Retained as in the Bill (d) Retained as in the Bill	The establishment clause is the appropriate place for this provision.
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immediately preceding the date of admission as a Graduate Member, he/she is still actively involved in practice. (e) Graduate Member, for those who have successfully completed the programme for Master of Science in Psychology in any recognized institution; and otherwise fit to be enrolled shall apply to the Council apply for same through their Department and be admitted on the next induction ceremony.	(e) Graduate Member, for those who have successfully completed the programme for Master of Science in Psychology in any recognised institution and <i>are</i> fit to be enrolled shall apply to the Council apply for same through their Department and be admitted on the next induction ceremony.	
3. There is established for the Council a Governing Board (in this Act referred to as "the Board") consisting of: (i) A Chairman who shall be a qualified Fellow of the Nigerian Council for Psychologists of not less than 17 years post-registration/qualification experience and shall be appointed by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the recommendation of the Minister of Health from a list of names of the Fellows submitted by the Nigerian Psychological Association (in this Act referred to as "the Association"). (ii) A representative of the Federal Ministry of Health who must be a fully registered Psychologist. (iii) Six (6) members of the Nigerian Psychological Association, representing the six (6) geopolitical zones of Nigeria, with two (1)	PART II – ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE COUNCIL Establishment of the Governing Board 4. (1) There is established for the Council a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board") consisting of: (a) <i>the</i> Chairman and a Vice Chairman who shall be qualified Fellows of the Nigerian Council for Psychologists of not less than 17 years post-registration or qualification experience and shall beelected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Council. appointed by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the recommendation of the Minister of Health from a list of names of the Fellows submitted by the Nigerian Psychological Association (in this Bill referred to as "the Association"); (b) <i>the</i> representative of the Federal Ministry of Health who shall be a fully registered Psychologist; (c) 12 members of the Nigerian Psychological Association, representing the six (6) geopolitical zones of Nigeria,	This Bill is not establishing a government statutory body. As such, appointments of its Chairman and members cannot be made by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the recommendation of any Minister.

persons representing each zone respectively on rotational basis, and the two of them shall not come from a state at a time.

(iv) Three (3) registered members representing the Nigerian Universities offering any field of Psychology as option in their Master's programme, on a rotational basis.

(v) Two (2) representative of the private practitioners in Psychology who must be registered with the Association.

(vi) Three (3) representatives of the Association (President, Vice President, Secretary).

(viii) Three (3) representatives of the Armed Forces Medical Services who must be Registered Psychologists.

(ix) One (1) representative of the Nigerian Prisons Service /Remand Homes and two others representing Nigeria Police, State Security Service, Nigerian Immigration Service, Nigerian Custom Service, each must be a registered Psychologist.

(x) Five (5) representatives of the Hospitals (i.e., Teaching Hospitals, Psychiatric Hospitals, and other Specialist Hospitals) where Psychology Department/Unit/Section exists and take part in the training of Psychologists. Such representation shall have national spread.

(xi) Ten (10) members representing different Divisions of the

with two persons representing each zone respectively on rotational basis, and the two of them shall not come from a **particular** State at **the same** time;

(d) three registered members representing the Nigerian Universities offering any field of psychology as **an** option in their Master's programme, on a rotational basis;

(e) two representatives of the private practitioners in Psychology who **shall** be registered with the Association;

(f) three representatives of the Association (President, Vice-President **and** Secretary);

(g) three representatives of the Armed Forces Medical Services who **shall** be registered psychologists;

(h) a registered psychologist, each to represent the:

(i) Nigerian Prisons Service,

(ii) Nigeria Police,

(iii) State Security Service,

(iv) Nigerian Immigration Service, and

(v) Nigerian Custom Service;

(i) five representatives of the Hospitals which include

Nigerian Psychological Association, who must be registered as Psychologists and not less than Chartered Member – Section 2(ii)(c) of this Act.	Teaching Hospitals, Psychiatric Hospitals, and other Specialist Hospitals where Psychology Department, Unit <i>or</i> Section exists and take part in the training of Psychologists and such representation shall have national spread; and (j) 10 members representing different Divisions of the Nigerian Psychological Association, who <i>shall</i> be registered as Psychologists, and not less than Chartered Member – Section 3 (2) (c) of this Bill.	
4. (i) The Chairman shall hold office for a term of three years from the date of appointment and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term, and he or she shall preside over all meetings of the Council, but in the event of the death, incapacity or inability or for other such reason, a new Chairman shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term of office of the erstwhile Chairman. (ii) The provisions of Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect with respect to the qualifications and tenure of office of members of the Council and other matters therein mentioned.	Tenure of office of the Chairman and Vice Chairman 5. (1) The Chairman and the Vice Chairman shall each hold office for a term of three years from the date of appointment and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term and no more. (2) The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Council, but in the event of death, incapacity or inability or for other reason, a new Chairman shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term of office of the erstwhile Chairman. (3) The provisions of <i>the First</i> Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the qualifications and tenure of office of members of the Council and other matters mentioned <i>in the Schedule.</i>	This clause has been amended because it is not appropriate to have a Chairman of a Council and there is no Vice Chairman to act in his absence.
PART II – FINANCIAL PROVISION	PART II – FINANCIAL PROVISIONS <i>Funds of the Council</i>	

5. (i) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund for the purpose of this Act. (ii) This shall be paid into the fund established pursuant to subsection (i) of this section: (a) All fees and other money payable to the Council in pursuant to this Act; and (b) Such money as may be payable to the Council, whether in the course of the discharge of its functions or otherwise. (iii) There shall be paid out of the fund of the Council: (a) The remuneration and allowances of the Registrar and other employees of the Council; (b) Such reasonable travelling and subsistence allowance of members of the Council in respect of the time spent on the business of the Council as the Council may, with the approval of the Minister of Health, determine; and (c) Any other expenses incurred by the Council in the discharge of its functions under this Act. (iv) The Council may invest moneys in the fund in any security created or issued by or on behalf of the Federal Government or in any other securities in Nigeria approved by the Council. (v) The Council may, from time to time, borrow money for the purposes the Council and any interest payable on money so borrowed shall be paid out of the fund.	6.(1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund (<i>in this Bill referred to as "the Fund"</i>) for the purpose of this Bill. (2) There shall be paid into the Fund: (a) all fees and other money payable to the Council <i>under this Bill</i>; and (b) such money as may be payable to the Council, whether in the course of the <i>performance</i> of its functions or otherwise. (3) There shall be paid out of the Fund of the Council: (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) such reasonable travelling and subsistence allowance of members of the Council in respect of the time spent on the business of the Council as the Council may approve. (c) any other expenses incurred by the Council in the discharge of its functions under this Bill. (4) Retained as in the Bill (5) Retained as in the Bill	
		This is an incongruous

6. (i) The Council shall prepare and submit to the Minister of Health not later than the first day of September of the year in which this subsection comes into force and of each subsequent year an estimate of its expenditure and income during the succeeding year. (ii) The Minister of Health may, out of money provided by the Federal Government, give the Council either by way of grant or by way of loan, such amounts as the Federal Government may from time to time determine.	Deleted	provision. The Council is not a government statutory body.
7. The Council shall keep proper accounts and records in respect of each year and shall cause its accounts to be audited, as soon as may be after the end of the year to which the accounts relate, by a firm of auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation.	Accounts, records and audit 7.Retained as in the Bill	
8. (i) The Council shall appoint a fit and proper person to be the Registrar for the purposes of this Act, and such other persons as the Council may, from time to time think necessary to assist the Registrar in the performance of his or her function under this Act on terms and conditions of service determined by the Council	PART IV – APPOINTMENT OF THE REGISTRAR, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AND THE PREPARATION OF THE REGISTER Appointment of the Registrar,hisduties and functions 8.(1) The Council shall appoint a fit and proper person to be the Registrar for the purposes of this Bill, and such other persons as the Council may, <i>deems</i> think necessary to assist the Registrar in the performance of his function under this Bill on terms and conditions of service determined by the Council. (2) The Registrar shall: (a) be a citizen of Nigeria; (b) possess a minimum qualification of second degree in psychology or in any relevant field from a	This new sub-clause has been introduced to ensure that a qualified Registrar is appointed to manage the affairs of the Council.

THE DEPUTY REGISTRARS There shall be the office of the deputy registrars who shall be administrative heads in each of the six (6) geopolitical zones of Nigeria for the purposes of smooth administration of the council at the zones and for such other duties that may be important and assigned by either the council or the registrar. There shall also be two deputy registrars at the headquarters, one in charge of administration and the other, in charge of public complaints and standards, both of which shall assist the registrar in the overall discharge of the duties of his/her the office. (ii) The Registrar shall be the Secretary to the Council and to the Disciplinary Tribunal. (iii) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to prepare and maintain, in accordance with rules made by the council: (a) A register of the names, addresses, approved	recognised institution of higher learning; and (c) have at least 10 years cognate experience and possess any professional qualification as the Council may deem fit. (3) If the Registrar retires or resigns from office, a qualified member of the Council shall be appointed by the Board as the Registrar of the Council. The Deputy Registrars (4) There shall be the offices of the Deputy Registrars who shall be administrative heads in each of the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria for the purposes of smooth administration of the Council at the zones and for such other duties that may be important and assigned by either the Council or Registrar. There shall also be two deputy registrars at the headquarters, one in charge of administration and the other, in charge of public complaints and standards, both of which shall assist the registrar in the overall discharge of the duties of his/her the office. (5) The Deputy Registrars shall fulfill the conditions stipulated under subsection (2) of this section to qualify for appointments. (6) The Registrar shall be the Secretary to the Council and to the Disciplinary Tribunal. (7) The Registrar <i>shall</i> prepare and maintain, in accordance with rules made by the council: (a) a register of the names, addresses, approved qualifications, and of such other qualifications and	New provision This provision is unnecessary as it will conflict with the functions and duties of the Registrar.
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qualifications, and of such other qualifications and particulars as may be specified in the rules of all persons who are entitled in accordance with the provision of this Act to be enrolled as Fellow, Associate Fellow, Chartered Member, Member, Graduate Member, and who, in the manner prescribed by such rules, apply to be so registered. (b) A register of the institutions/organizations where members of the profession engage in their practice. (iv) The register shall consist of six parts which are enumerated here: (a) The first part shall be in respect of Fellow. (b) The second part shall be in respect of Associate Fellow. (c) The third part shall be in respect of Chartered Member (d) The fourth part shall be in respect of Member (e) The fifth part shall be in respect of Graduate Member (f) The sixth part shall be in respect of the premises of members. (v) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this section, the Council shall make rules with respect to the form and keeping of the register and the making of entries therein, and in particular: (a) Regulating the making of applications for enrolment of registration, as the case may be, and providing for the evidence to be produced in support of such applications; (b) Providing for the notification to the Registrar, by the	particulars as may be specified in the rules of all persons who are entitled, in accordance with the provisions of this Bill to be enrolled as Fellow, Associate Fellow, Chartered Member, Member, Graduate Member, and who, in the manner prescribed by such rules, <i>applies</i> to be so registered; <i>and</i> (b) a register of the institutionsor organisations where members of the profession engage in their practice. (8) The register shall consist of six parts <i>the</i>: (a) first part shall be in respect of Fellow; (b) second part shall be in respect of Associate Fellow; (c) third part shall be in respect of Chartered Member (d) fourth part shall be in respect of Member; (e) The fifth part shall be in respect of Graduate Member; <i>and</i> (f) sixth part shall be in respect of the premises of members. (9) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Council shall make rules with respect to the form, keeping of the register and the making of entries therein, and in particular: (a) regulate the making of applications for enrolment of registration, as the case may be, and providing for the evidence to be produced in support of such applications; (b) provide for the notification to the Registrar, by the person to whom <i>the</i> registered particulars relate, of any change in those particulars;	
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person to whom any registered particulars relate, of any change in those particulars; (c) Authorizing a registered person to have any qualification which is in relation to the profession, whether an approved qualification or an accepted qualification for the purposes of this Act, registered in relation to his or her name in addition to, or as he or she may elect, in substitution for any other qualifications so registered; (d) Specifying the fees, including any annual subscription, to be paid to the Council in respect of the entry of names on the register, and authorizing the Registrar to refuse to enter a name on the register until any fee specified for the entry has been paid; (e) Specifying anything failing to be specified under the foregoing provisions of this section, but rules made for the purposes of paragraph (d) of this subsection shall not come into force until they are confirmed at the annual general meeting of the Nigerian Psychological Association. (vi) It shall be the duty of the Registrar: (a) To correct, in accordance with the Council's directions, any entry in the register which the Council directs him or her to correct as being in the Council's opinion an entry which was incorrectly made; (b) To make, from time to time, any necessary alteration to the registered particulars of registered persons and institution/organization;	(c) authorise a registered person to have any qualification which is in relation to the profession, whether an approved qualification or an accepted qualification for the purposes of this Bill, registered in relation to name in addition to, or as he or she may elect, in substitution for any other qualification so registered; (d) specify the fees, including any annual subscription, to be paid to the Council in respect of the entry of names on the register, and authorising the Registrar to refuse to enter a name on the register until <i>the</i> fee specified for the entry has been paid; (e) specify anything <i>not</i> specified under this section, but rules made for the purposes of paragraph (d) of this subsection shall not come into force until they are confirmed at the Annual General Meeting of the Nigerian Psychological Association. (10)The Registrarshall: (a) to correct, in accordance with the Council's directions, any entry in the register which the Council directs him or her to correct as being in the Council's opinion an entry which was incorrectly made; (b) to make any necessary alteration to the registered particulars of registered persons and institution <i>or organisation</i>; (c) to remove from the register the name of any registered person who has died or the person whose temporary	The interpretation Act has taken care of "he" or "she".
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(c) To remove from the register the name of any registered person who has died or the person whose temporary registration has ceased; and (d) To record the names of registered persons who are in default for more than six months in the payment of annual dues, and to take such action in relation thereto (including removal of the names of defaulters from the register) as the Council may direct or require. (vii) The Registrar may remove the particulars relating to the person in question from the register if the Registrar: (a) Sends by post to any registered person a registered letter addressed to him at his address on the register enquiring whether the registered particulars relating to him are correct and receives no reply to the letter within a period of six months from the date of posting it; and (b) Upon the expiration of that period sends in the like manner to the person in question a second similar letter and receives no reply to that letter within three months from the date of posting it, the Registrar. (c) Paragraphs a. and b. in this subsection notwithstanding, Council may direct the Registrar to restore to the appropriate part of the register any particulars removed therefrom under this subsection. (viii) When a person's name is entered on the register of Psychologists maintained under this section, that person shall thereupon be taken to become a member of the Nigerian Council for	registration has ceased; and (d) to record the names of registered persons who are in default for more than six months in the payment of annual dues, and take such action in relation the<i>default</i> (including removal of the names of defaulters from the register) as the Council may direct or require. (11) The Registrar may remove the particulars relating to the person in question from the register if the Registrar: (a) sends by post to any registered person a registered letter addressed to him at his address on the register enquiring whether the registered particulars relating to him are correct and receives no reply to the letter within six months from the date of posting it,<i>and</i> (b) upon the expiration of that period, sends, in the like manner to the person in question, a second similar letter and receives no reply to that letter within three months from the date of posting it, the Registrar<i>may remove the particulars relating to the person in question from the relevant part of the register; and</i> (12) <i>Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) and (b) of this subsection notwithstanding, the Council may direct the Registrar to restore to the appropriate part of the register any particulars removed</i> (13) When a person's name is entered on the register of Psychologists maintained under this section, that person shall	
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Psychologists.	thereupon be taken to become a member of the Nigerian Council for Psychologists.	
9. (i) It shall be the duty of the Registrar (a) To cause the register to be printed, published and put on sale to members of the public not later than two years from the commencement of this Act; and (b) Thereafter in each year, to cause to be printed, published and put on sale as aforesaid, either a corrected edition of the register or a list of connections made to the register, since it was last printed; and (c) To cause a print of each edition of the register and of each list of corrections to be deposited at the principal offices of the Council; and (d) To keep the register and lists so deposited open to members of the public at all reasonable times for inspection. (ii) A document purporting to be a print of an edition of the register published under this section by authority of the Registrar, in the current year or documents purporting to be prints of an edition of the register so published in the current year and of the list of corrections to that edition so published, shall (without prejudice to any other mode of proof) be admissible in any proceedings as evidence that any person specified in the document, or the documents read together as being registered, was so registered at the date of the edition, or of the list of corrections, as the case may be, that any person not so specified was not so registered.	Publication of the Register 9. (1) The Registrar shall: (a) cause the register to be printed, published and put on sale to members of the public, not later than two years from the commencement of this Bill; (b) thereafter in each year, cause to be printed, published and put on sale, either a corrected edition of the register or a list of connections made to the register, since it was last printed; (c) cause a print of each edition of the register and of each list of corrections to be deposited at the principal offices of the Council; and (d) keep the register and lists so deposited open to members of the public at all reasonable times for inspection. (2) A document purporting to be a print of an edition of the register published under this section by authority of the Registrar in the current year, or documents purporting to be prints of an edition of the register so published in the current year and of the list of corrections to that edition so published, <i>is</i> (without prejudice to any other mode of proof) admissible in any proceeding as evidence that any person specified in the document, or the documents read together as being registered, was so registered at the date of the edition, or of the list of corrections, as the case may be, that any person not so specified was not so registered.	

(iii) Where in accordance with subsection (ii) of this section, a person is, in any proceeding shown to have been or not to have been registered at a particular date, he or she shall, unless the contrary is proved, be taken for the purposes of those proceedings as having at all material times thereafter continued to be, or not to be so enrolled or registered.	(3) Where, in accordance with subsection (2), a person is, in any proceeding, shown to have been or not to have been registered at a particular date, he shall, unless the contrary is proved, be taken for the purposes of those proceedings as having at all material times thereafter continued to be, or not to be so enrolled or registered.	
PART IV – REGISTRATION 10. (i) A person shall not hold any appointment or practice as a Psychologist in Nigeria unless he is registered with and licensed by the Council under the provisions of this Act. (ii) A registered Psychologist shall be licensed, and entitled to practice as a Psychologist in Nigeria either: (a) As a clinician (b) As a researcher (c) Scientist-Practitioner (d) Restricted/Limited License (iii) Subject to section 12 of this Act and to rules made under section 8(iv) of this Act, a person shall be entitled: (a) To be fully registered as a Psychologist under this Act if he is a Nigerian citizen and: (1) Is of good character and fit and proper person;	PART V – REGISTRATION Registration of Members of the Council 10.(1) A person shall not hold any appointment or practise as a Psychologist in Nigeria, unless he is registered with and licensed by the Council under the provisions of this Bill. (2) A registered Psychologist shall be licensed, and is entitled to practise as a Psychologist in Nigeria either as: (a) a clinician; (b) a researcher; (c) scientist- practitioner; (d) restricted <i>or</i> limited licensee (3) Subject to section 12 of this Bill and rules made under section 8 (10) of this Bill, a person <i>is</i> entitled <i>to be</i>: (a) fully registered as a Psychologist under this Bill, <i>if he</i>: (i) is a Nigerian citizen, (ii) is of good character and a fit and proper person,	Redrafted for elegance. Wrong reference corrected.

(2) Has attended a course of training approved by the Council under section 15 of this Act, or the course was conducted at an institution approved by the Council; (3) Holds a qualification approved by the Council; (4) Has undergone the statutory continuous internship training for not less than one year under a registered Psychologist approved by the Council for the purpose of internship or in an institution approved for that purpose by the Council and has obtained a certificate of experience; (5) Holds a certificate of experience issued in pursuance of section 11(i)(c) of this Act; and (6) Pays the prescribed fee. (b) To be registered as a Fellow, if: (1) He has attended a course of training approved by the Council or the course was conducted at an institution so approved by the Council; (2) He holds a qualification approved by the Council; (3) He has undergone the statutory internship training in	(iii) has attended a course of training approved by the Council under section 15 of this Bill, or the course was conducted at an institution approved by the Council, (iv) holds a qualification approved by the Council, (v) has undergone the statutory continuous internship training for not less than one year under a registered Psychologist approved by the Council for the purpose of internship or in an institution approved for that purpose by the Council and has obtained a certificate of experience, (vi) holds a certificate of experience issued in pursuance of section 11(1) (c) of this Bill, and (vii) pays the prescribed fee; (b) registered as a Fellow, if: (i) he has attended a course of training approved by the Council or the course was conducted at an institution so approved by the Council, (ii) he holds a qualification approved by the Council, (iii) he has undergone the statutory internship training in an institution approved for that	Wrong capitalisation corrected.
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an institution approved for that purpose by the Council and under a registered Psychologist approved by the Council for that purpose; (4) He must have spent five years as Associate fellow; and (5) Pays the prescribed fee. (c) To be registered as an Associate Fellow, if: (1) He has attended a course of training approved by the Council or the course was conducted at an institution so approved by the Council; (2) He holds a qualification approved by the Council; (3) He has undergone the statutory internship training in an institution approved for that purpose by the Council and under a registered Psychologist approved by the Council for that purpose; (4) He must have spend five years as Chartered Member; and (5) Pays the prescribed fee. (d) To be registered as a Chartered Member, if: (1) He has attended a course of training approved by the Council or the course was conducted at an institution so approved by the Council;	purpose by the Council and under a registered Psychologist approved by the Council for that purpose, (iv) he <i>shall</i> have spent five years as Associate fellow, and (v) pays the prescribed fee; (c) registered as an Associate Fellow, if: (i) he has attended a course of training approved by the Council or the course was conducted at an institution so approved by the Council, (ii) he holds a qualification approved by the Council, (iii) he has undergone the statutory internship training in an institution approved for that purpose by the Council and under a registered Psychologist approved by the Council for that purpose, (iv) he <i>shall</i> have spend five years as Chartered Member, and (v) pays the prescribed fee; (d) registered as a Chartered Member, if: (i) he has attended a course of training approved by the Council or the course was	Correct punctuations accurately reflected.
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(2) He holds a qualification approved by the Council; (3) He has undergone the statutory internship training in an institution approved for that purpose by the Council and under a registered Psychologist approved by the Council for that purpose; (4) He must have spend five years as Member; and (5) Pays the prescribed fee. (e) To be registered as a Member, if: (1) He has attended a course of training approved by the Council or the course was conducted at an institution so approved by the Council; (2) He holds a qualification approved by the Council; (3) He has undergone the statutory internship training in an institution approved for that purpose by the Council and under a registered Psychologist approved by the Council for that purpose; and (4) He must have spend two years as Graduate Member; and (5) Pays the prescribed fee. (f) To be registered as a Graduate Member, if: (1) He has attended a course of training approved by the	conducted at an institution so approved by the Council, (ii) he holds a qualification approved by the Council, (iii) he has undergone the statutory internship training in an institution approved for that purpose by the Council and under a registered Psychologist approved by the Council for that purpose, (iv) he <i>shall</i> have spend five years as Member, and (v) pays the prescribed fee. (e) registered as a Member, if: (i) he has attended a course of training approved by the Council or the course was conducted at an institution so approved by the Council, (ii) he holds a qualification approved by the Council, (iii) he has undergone the statutory internship training in an institution approved for that purpose by the Council and under a registered Psychologist approved by the Council for that purpose, and (iv) he <i>shall</i> have spend two years as Graduate Member, and (v) pays the prescribed fee;	
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Council or the course was conducted at an institution so approved by the Council; (2) He holds a qualification approved by the Council; (3) He is undergoing/undergone the statutory internship training in an institution approved for that purpose by the Council and under a registered Psychologist approved by the Council for that purpose; and (4) Pays the prescribed fee.	(f) registered as a Graduate Member, if: (i) he has attended a course of training approved by the Council or the course was conducted at an institution so approved by the Council, (ii) he holds a qualification approved by the Council, (iii) he is undergoing <i>or has</i> undergone the statutory internship training in an institution approved for that purpose by the Council and under a registered Psychologist approved by the Council for that purpose, and (iv) pays the prescribed fee.	
11. (i) Subject to aforesaid, a Nigerian citizen who qualified in an approved institution outside Nigeria shall be entitled to be fully registered under this Act, if he or she satisfies the Council that: (a) He holds a qualification granted outside Nigeria and for the time being accepted by the Council for the purposes of this subsection as regards the profession; (b) In the country in which the qualification was granted he was under no legal disability in the practice of Psychology; (c) He holds a certificate of registration as a Psychologist	Registration of Nigerians who <i>are</i> qualified outside Nigeria 11.(1) Subject to the provisions of section 10 of this Bill, a Nigerian citizen who qualified in an approved institution outside Nigeria <i>is</i> entitled to be fully registered under this Bill, if he satisfies the Council that: (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) Retained as in the Bill (c) Retained as in the Bill	

from the country of study; (d) In addition to any other condition that may be prescribed by the Council, he had received instructions in an approved institution in Nigeria and passed such examination as the Council may prescribe; (e) He pays the prescribed fee. (ii) A person aggrieved by a decision of the Council made under this section may appeal to the Minister of Health within one month after notification of the refusal is communicated to him.	(d) Retained as in the Bill (e) Retained as in the Bill (2) A person aggrieved by a decision of the Council made under this section may appeal to the Minister of Health within one month after notification of the refusal is communicated to him.	
12. (i) A person who is not a citizen of Nigeria may be registered as a Psychologist under this Act if the country of which he or she is a citizen or national, as the case may be, grants reciprocal registration facilities to Nigerian citizens and if: (a) He holds a qualification approved by the Council; (b) He has passed the Council's examination in law and ethics governing the practice of Psychology in Nigeria and such other examinations as the Council may prescribe and before being registered acquires the required experience in accordance with section 11(i)(a) of this Act. (c) He has been resident in Nigeria for not less than 24 calendar months and must have enrolled or undergoing internship in Nigeria. (ii) An applicant for registration shall in addition to evidence of	Registration of Non-Citizens of Nigeria 12.(1) A person who is not a citizen of Nigeria may be registered as a Psychologist under this Bill if the country of which he is a citizen or national, as the case may be, grants reciprocal registration facilities to Nigerian citizens and if: (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) he has passed the Council's examination in law and ethics governing the practice of psychology in Nigeria and such other examinations as the Council may prescribe and before being registered acquires the required experience in accordance with section 11(1)(a) of this Bill. (c) Retained as in the Bill (2) An applicant for registration shall, in addition to evidence of	

qualification, satisfy the Council that: (a) He is of good character. (b) He has attained the age of 21 years, (c) He has not been convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere of any offence involving fraud or dishonesty; and (d) He has paid the prescribed fee. (iii) The Council may, in its sole discretion, provisionally accept a qualification produced in respect of an application for registration under this section or direct that the application be renewed within such period as may be specified in the direction. (iv) Any entry directed to be made in the register, under sub-section (iii) of this section shall show that such registration is provisional and no entry so made shall be converted to full registration without the consent of the Council signified in writing in that respect.	qualification, satisfy the Council that: (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) Retained as in the Bill (c) Retained as in the Bill (d) Retained as in the Bill (3) The Council may, in its discretion, provisionally accept a qualification produced in respect of an application for registration under this section or direct that the application be renewed within such period as may be specified in the direction. (4) Any entry directed to be made in the register under sub-section (iii) of this section shall show that such registration is provisional and no entry so made shall be converted to full registration without the consent of the Council signified in writing in that respect.	
13. The Council shall, from time to time, publish in the Gazette particulars of qualifications for the time being accepted for registration under this Act.	Public Registration in the Gazette 13. The Council shall publish in the <i>Official</i> Gazette particulars of qualifications for the time being accepted for registration under this Bill.	
14. (i) No registered person shall practise as a Psychologist in any year unless he has paid to the Council in respect of that year the appropriate practicing fee which shall be due every January as prescribed hereunder: (a) In the case of a Psychologist of not less than 15 years post-registration experience, N25,000.	Rules as to Practice 14.(1) No registered person shall practise as a Psychologist in any year unless he has paid to the Council in respect of that year the appropriate practising fee which shall be due every January as prescribed <i>under this Section</i>: (a) Retained as in the Bill	

(b) In the case of a Psychologist of less than 15 years but more than ten (10) years post-registration experience, N20,000. (c) In the case of a Psychologist of ten (10) years post-registration experience and below, N10,000. (d) In the case of a Psychologist undergoing internship training, N5,000. (e) In the case of a Psychologist trained abroad and currently holding Bachelor of Psychology and masters in any field of Psychology who is back in Nigeria for the purpose of National Service Youth Corps (NYSC), during his year in the National Service Youth Corps scheme, N5,000. (ii) Without prejudice to being fully registered, any Psychologist with at least fifty years post registration experience shall not pay practicing fee. (iii) Every fully registered Psychologist who has paid his registration fee as prescribed in subsection (i) above or is exempted from payment of registration fee as in subsection 14(ii) of this section shall be entitled to an annual practicing license authorizing him subject to any regulations in force to practice in Nigeria. (iv) The Council may with the confirmation of the Minister of Health, from time to time, vary the practicing fees prescribed in subsection (i) of this section. (v) The Council shall share the aggregate amount collected as practicing fees as follows:	(b) Retained as in the Bill (c) Retained as in the Bill (d) Retained as in the Bill (e) Retained as in the Bill (2) Without prejudice to being fully registered, any Psychologist with at least 50 years post registration experience shall not pay practising fee. (3) Every fully registered Psychologist who has paid his registration fee as prescribed in subsection (1) or is exempted from payment of registration fee as in subsection (2) is entitled to an annual practising license authorising him subject to any regulation in force to practise in Nigeria. (4) The Council may, with the confirmation of the Minister of Health, vary the practising fees prescribed in subsection (1). (5) The Council shall share the aggregate amount collected as practising fees as follows:	
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(a) 70 per centum to the Nigerian Psychological Association; and (b) 30 per centum to the Council. (vi) Any Psychologist who in respect of any year without paying the practising fee practises as such is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction by a competent board of enquiry or court of law: (a) In the case of a first offence, to a fine of twice the prescribed practicing fee; and (b) In the case of second or subsequent offence to a fine of not less than ten times the prescribed practicing fee and if the Psychologist is in the employment of any person, the employer is also guilty of an offence punishable in like manner as the Psychologist if it is proved that the failure to pay the practicing fee was with his knowledge, consent and connivance.	(a) 70% to the Nigerian Psychological Association; and (b) 30%to the Council. (6) Any Psychologist who, in respect of any year without paying the practising fee, practises as such <i>commits</i> an offence and is liable on conviction by a competent board of enquiry or court of law: (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) Retained as in the Bill	
15. (i) The Council may approve any institution (accredited by a recognised regulatory body such as National Universities Commission) for the purposes of this Act and may for those purposes approve: (a) Any course of training at any approved institution which is intended for persons seeking to become or are already Psychologist and which in the opinion of the Council is designed to confer on persons completing it sufficient knowledge and skill for the practice of the profession.	Approval of Qualifications 15.(1) The Council may approve any institution (accredited by a recognised regulatory body such as the National Universities Commission) for the purposes of this Bill and may for those purposes approve: (a) Retained as in the Bill	

(b) Any qualification which, as a result of an examination taken in conjunction with a course of training approved by the Council under this section is granted to candidates who reached a standard at the examination indicating in the opinion of the Council that the candidates have sufficient knowledge and skill to practice as a Psychologist. (ii) The Council may, if it thinks fit, withdraw any approval given under this section in respect of any course, qualification or institution, but before withdrawing such an approval, the Council shall: (a) Give notice that it proposes to do so to such person in Nigeria appearing to the Council to be a person by whom the course is conducted or the qualification is granted or the institution is controlled, as the case may be; (b) Afford each such person an opportunity to make representation to the Council with regard to the proposal; and (c) Take into consideration any representation made as regards the proposal; (iii) A course, qualifications or institution shall not be treated as approved during the period the approval is withdrawn under subsection (ii) of this section. (iv) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (iii) of this section, the withdrawal of an approval under subsection (ii) of this section shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of any person who by virtue of the approval was registered or was eligible for registration (either unconditionally or	(b) Retained as in the Bill (2) The Council may, if it <i>deems</i> fit, withdraw any approval given under this section in respect of any course, qualification or institution, but before withdrawing such an approval, the Council shall: (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) Retained as in the Bill (c) Retained as in the Bill (3) A course, qualification or institution shall not be treated as approved during the period the approval is withdrawn under subsection (2). (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3), the withdrawal of an approval under subsection (2), shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of any person who, by virtue of the approval, was registered or eligible for registration (either unconditionally or subject to his obtaining a certificate of	
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subject to his obtaining a certificate of experience) immediately before the approval was withdrawn. (v) The giving or withdrawal of an approval under this section shall have effect from such date, either before or after the execution of the instrument signifying the giving, or withdrawal of the approval, as the Council may specify in the instrument, and the Council shall: (a) As soon as may be, publish a copy of every such instrument in the Gazette; and (b) Not later than seven days before its publication as aforesaid, send a copy of the instrument to the Minister of Health.	experience) immediately before the approval was withdrawn. (5) The giving or withdrawal of an approval under this section shall have effect from such date, either before or after the execution of the instrument signifying the giving, or withdrawal of the approval, as the Council may specify in the instrument, and the Council shall: (a) publish a copy of every such instrument in the <i>Official Gazette</i>; and (a) Retained as in the Bill	
16. (i) It shall be the duty of the Council to keep itself informed of the nature of: (a) The instruction given at approved institutions to persons attending approved courses of training; and (b) The examination as a result of which approved qualifications are granted; And for the purposes of performing that duty the Council may appoint, either from among its own members or otherwise, persons to visit approved institutions or to attend such examinations.	Supervision of instructions and examinations leading to approved qualifications 16.(1)The Council <i>shallkeep</i> itself informed of the nature of: (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) Retained as in the Bill (2) For the purposes of <i>discharging</i> that duty, the Council may appoint, either from among its own members or otherwise, persons to visit approved institutions or to attend such examinations.	

(ii) It shall be the duty of a Visitor under this section to report to the Council on: (a) The adequacy of the instruction given to persons attending approved courses of training at institutions visited by him; (b) The adequacy of the examinations attended by him; and (c) Any other matters relating to the institutions or examinations on which the Council may, either generally or in a particular case, request him to report, But no such person shall interfere with the giving of any instructions or the holding of any examination. (iii) On receiving, a report made in pursuance of this section, the Council may, if it thinks fit, and shall, if so required by the instructions, send a copy of the report to the person appearing to the Council to be in charge of the institution or responsible for the examinations to which the report relates, requesting that person to make observation on the report to the Council within such period as may be specified in the request, not being more than one month beginning with the date of the request.	(3) A Visitor under this section <i>shall</i> report to the Council on: (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) Retained as in the Bill (c) Retained as in the Bill but no such person shall interfere with the giving of any instructions or the holding of any examination. (4) On receiving, a report made <i>under</i> this section, the Council may, if it <i>deems</i> fit, and shall, if so required by the instructions, send a copy of the report to the person appearing to the Council to be in charge of the institution or responsible for the examinations to which the report relates, requesting that person to make observation on the report to the Council within such period as may be specified in the request, not being more than one month beginning with the date of the request. (5) There shall be established a College of Psychology (<i>in this Bill referred to as "the College"</i>), which shall be the training arm of the Nigerian Council for Psychologists where prospective members <i>shall</i> undergo training for a specified period of time and pass relevant examinations before induction into membership. (6) The College shall be headed by a Director-General who	The hanging phrase is now merged with subsection (3)
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	shall be appointed by the Board and the activities of the College shall be regulated by the Board. (7) There shall be other Directors and other relevant officers to be appointed by the Director-General with the approval of the Board for the smooth running of the College. (8) <i>The conditions of service and the tenure of office of the Director-General and other Directors of the College shall be specified in their letters of appointment and be determined by the Board.</i>	As a professional regulatory body, it is expedient for it have a training arm for the purpose of training prospective members in order to achieve the overall objectives of the profession.
PART V. DUTIES OF THE PSYCHOLOGISTS It shall be the exclusive duties of the psychologists as defined by this act to provide such professional services in line with their training. Such duties shall include but not limited to the following: 1. Provision of psychological services involving psychological assessment using psychological tests 2. Provision of psychological treatment including psychotherapy, behaviour therapy, cognitive behaviour therapy psychoprophylaxis, psychoeducation and all other treatment that are psychological in nature. 3. Development, custody and use of psychological tests. 4. Development and use of personality tests and assessment thereof for clinical, industrial/organisational, personnel evaluation and placement, educational, or for other uses where psychological variables of individuals are needed for relevant decisions.	PART VI - DUTIES OF PSYCHOLOGISTS 17. It <i>is</i> the exclusive duties of the psychologists, as defined by this Bill, to provide such professional services in line with their training <i>and</i> such duties include: (a) provision of psychological services involving psychological assessment using psychological tests; (b) provision of psychological treatment including psychotherapy, behaviour therapy, cognitive behaviour therapy psychoprophylaxis, psychoeducation and all other treatment that are psychological in nature; (c) development, custody and use of psychological tests; (d) development and use of personality tests and assessment thereof for clinical, industrial or organisational, personnel evaluation and placement, educational, or for other uses where psychological variables of individuals are needed for relevant decisions; (e) conduct of psychological fitness to work tests;	

5. Conduct of psychological fitness to work tests. 6. Development and use of intelligence test batterie. 7. All other duties where certification as psychologists is required for effective competent performance and for public good in line with global practices.	(f) development and use of intelligence test batteries; and (g) all other duties where certification as psychologists is required for effective competent performance and for public good in line with global practices.	
PART VI – PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE 17. (i) There shall be an established investigative panel/committee to be known as the Nigerian Council for Psychologist Disciplinary Committee/Panel, subsection (iii) of this section and any other case of which the Committee/Panel has cognizance under the following provisions of this Act. (ii) The Committee/Panel shall consist of the Chairman of the Council and eight (8) members of the Council appointed by the Council. (iii) There shall be a body to be known as Nigerian Council for Psychologists investigating Panel (in the Act referred to as “the Panel”) which shall be charged with the duty of: (a) Conducting preliminary investigations into any case where it is alleged that a person registered has misbehaved in his capacity as a Psychologist or should for any other reason be the subject of proceedings before the Tribunal; and (b) Deciding whether the case should be referred to the Tribunal.	PART VII – PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE Establishment of Investigating Panel and Disciplinary Tribunal 18.(1) There is establishedthe Nigerian Council for Psychologists Investigating Panel (in the Bill referred to as “the Panel”) charged with the duty of: (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) Retained as in the Bill (2) The Panel shall be <i>constituted</i> by the Board and shall consist of six members of the Council and one member of the Board who shall be the Chairman of the Panel. (3) There <i>is</i> establishedthe Nigerian Council for Psychologists Disciplinary Tribunal(in this Bill referred to as “the Tribunal) charged with the duties of considering and determining any case referred to it by the Investigating Panel, established undersubsection (3)and any other case, which the Tribunaltakes	

(iv) The Panel shall be appointed by the Council and shall consist of six members of the Council and one member who is not a member of the Council. (v) The provision of Schedule 2 to this shall, so far as applicable to the Tribunal and Panel respectively, have effect with respect to those bodies. (vi) The Council may make rules consistent with this Act as to acts which constitute professional misconduct.	cognizance of, under the provisions of this Bill. (4) The Tribunal shall consist of the Chairman of the Council and eight members of the Council appointed by the Board. (5) The provision of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall, so far as applicable to the Tribunal and Panel respectively, have effect with respect to those bodies. (6) The Council may make rules consistent with this Bill as to acts which constitute professional misconduct. (7) The Panel shall act independently in receiving and investigating allegations under subsection (3) (a) and shall have power to receive complaints directly from any individual or organisation. (8) A person shall not be appointed as a member of the Tribunal or Panel unless such a person is a Fellow of the Council.	Second Schedule.
18. (i) Where: (a) A person registered under this Act is judged by the Tribunal to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect; or (b) A person registered under this Act is convicted, by any court or Tribunal in Nigeria or elsewhere having power to award imprisonment, of an offence (whether or not an offence punishable with imprisonment) which in the opinion of the Tribunal is incompatible with the status of a	Penalties for Professional Misconduct 19.(1)Where: (a) a person registered under this Bill is judged by the Tribunal to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, or (b) a person registered under this Bill is convicted by any court or Tribunal in Nigeria or elsewhere having power to award imprisonment, of an offence (whether or not an offence punishable with imprisonment) which, in the opinion of the Tribunal, is incompatible with the status	

Psychologist. (c) The tribunal is satisfied that the name of any person has been fraudulently registered; the Tribunal may, if it thinks fit, give any of the directions specified in subsection (ii) of this section. (ii) The tribunal may give a directive under subsection (i) of this section: (a) ordering the Registrar to strike the person's name off the relevant register or registers; or (b) suspend the person from practice by ordering him not to engage in practice as Psychologist for such period not exceeding three years as may be specified in the direction; or (c) admonishing that person. (iii) The Tribunal may, if it thinks fit, defer or further defer its decision as to the giving of a direction under subsection (i) of this section until a subsequent meeting of the Tribunal; but (a) No decision shall be deferred under this subsection for periods exceeding two years in the aggregate; and (b) No person shall be a member of the Tribunal for the purposes of reaching a decision which has been deferred or further deferred, unless he was present as a member of the Tribunal where the decision was deferred.	of a Psychologist. (c) the tribunal is satisfied that the name of any person has been fraudulently registered, the Tribunal may, if it <i>deems</i> fit, give any of the directions specified in subsection (2). (2) The Tribunal may give a directive under subsection (1) of this section: (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) Retained as in the Bill (c) Retained as in the Bill (3) The Tribunal may, if it <i>deems</i> fit, defer or further defer its decision as to the giving of a direction under subsection (1) of this section until a subsequent meeting of the Tribunal, but: (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) Retained as in the Bill	
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(iv) For the purposes of subsection (i) (b) of this section, a person shall not be treated as convicted, as therein mentioned, unless the conviction stands at a time when to appeal or further appeal is pending or may (without extension of time) be brought in connection with the conviction.

(v) When the tribunal gives a direction under subsection (i) of this section, the tribunal shall cause notice of the direction to be served on the person to whom it relates.

(vi) A person to whom a direction relates may at any time within 28 days from the date of service on him of notice of the direction, appeal against the direction to the Federal High Court and the tribunal may appear as respondent to the appeal and, for the purpose of enabling directions to be given as to the costs of the appeal and of proceedings before The tribunal, and the Tribunal shall be deemed to be a party thereto whether or not it appears on the hearing of the appeal.

(vii) A direction of the Tribunal under subsection (i) of this section shall take effect:

- (a) Where no appeal under this section is brought against the direction within the time limited for such an appeal, or on the expiration of that time;
- (b) Where an appeal is brought and is withdrawn or struck out for want of prosecution, on the withdrawal or striking out of the appeal; and
- (c) Where an appeal is brought and is not withdrawn or struck out as aforesaid, if and when the appeal is dismissed and shall not take effect in accordance with the foregoing

(4) For the purposes of subsection (1) (b), a person shall not be treated as convicted, unless the conviction stands at a time when to appeal or further appeal is pending or may (without extension of time) be brought in connection with the conviction.

(5) When the **Tribunal** gives a direction under subsection (1), the **Tribunal** shall cause notice of the direction to be served on the person to whom it relates.

(6) A person to whom a direction relates may, at any time within 28 days from the date of service on him of notice of the direction, appeal against the direction to the Federal High Court and the Tribunal may appear as respondent to the appeal and, for the purpose of enabling directions to be given as to the costs of the appeal and of proceedings before The Tribunal, and the Tribunal *is* deemed to be a party thereto whether or not it appears on the hearing of the appeal.

(7) A direction of the Tribunal under subsection (1) takes effect:

- (a) Retained as in the Bill
- (b) Retained as in the Bill
- (c) Retained as in the Bill

provisions of this subsection. (viii) A person whose name is struck off the register in pursuance of a direction of the tribunal under this section shall not be entitled to be registered in that register again except in pursuance of a direction in that behalf given by the Tribunal on the application of that person. (ix) A direction under subsection (viii) of this section for the striking off of a person's name from the register, may prohibit an application under this subsection by that person until the expiration of such period from the date of the direction (and where he has duly made such an application, from the date of his last application, as may be specified in the direction).	(8) A person whose name is struck off the register in pursuance of a direction of the Tribunal under this section <i>is</i> not entitled to be registered in that register again except in pursuance of a direction in that behalf given by the Tribunal on the application of that person. (9) A direction under subsection (8) for the striking off of a person's name from the register may prohibit an application under this subsection by that person until the expiration of such period from the date of the direction (and where he has duly made such an application, from the date of his last application, as may be specified in the direction).	
PART VII- MISCELLANEOUS 19. Any person not a member of the Nigerian Psychological Association (in this Act referred to as "Association") who but for this Act would have been qualified to apply for and obtain membership of the Association may, within the period of three months beginning from the commencement of this Act, apply for membership of the profession in such manner as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council, and if approved, he shall be registered, according to his qualification.	PART VIII- MISCELLANEOUS Application of the Bill to Un-enrolled Persons 20. Any person who is not a member of the Nigerian Psychological Association (in this Bill referred to as "the Association") but, for this <i>the purpose of this Bill</i> would have been qualified to apply for and obtain membership of the Association may, within the period of three months beginning from the commencement of this Bill, apply for membership of the profession in such manner as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council, and if approved, he shall be registered, according to his qualification.	
20. Subject to subsection (ii) of this section, a person shall be deemed to practice as a Psychologist if in consideration of remuneration received or to be received and whether by himself or in partnership with any other person:	Persons Deemed to Practice as Professional Psychologists 21.(1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, a person <i>is</i> deemed to practise as a Psychologist if, in consideration of remuneration received or to be received and whether by himself or in partnership with any other person <i>he</i>:	

(i) He engages himself in the practice of Psychology or holds himself out to the public as a Psychologist; or (ii) He renders professional service or assistance in or about matters of principle or detail relating to Psychology; or (iii) He renders any other service or assistance in or about matters of principle or detail relating to Psychology.	(a) engages himself in the practice of psychology or holds himself out to the public as a psychologist after being duly certified by the Council to have met all necessary requirements; (b) renders professional service or assistance in or about matters of principle or detail relating to psychology; or (c) renders any other service or assistance in or about matters of principle or detail relating to psychology.	
21. (i) The Council may make rules: (a) For the training of suitable persons in any field of Psychology methods and practice; and (b) For the supervision and regulation of the engagement, training and transfer of such persons. (ii) The Council may also make rule: (a) Prescribing the form of licence to practice to be issued annually or; if the Council thinks fit, by endorsement of an existing licence; (b) Restricting the right to practice as a Psychologist in default of payment of the amount of the annual subscription where the default continues for longer than such period as may be prescribed by the rules; and (c) Restricting the right to practice as a Psychologist if the qualification granted outside Nigeria does not entitle the	Rules as to Practice 22. (1) The Council may make rules: (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) Retained as in the Bill (2) The Council may also make rules: (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) Retained as in the Bill (c) Retained as in the Bill	

holder to practice as a Psychologist.		
(iii) Rules when made under this section shall, if the Chairman of the Council so directs, be published in the Gazette.	(3) Rules when made under this section shall, if the Chairman of the Council so directs, be published in the <i>Official Gazette</i> .	
22. The Council shall: (i) Provide and maintain a library comprising books and publications for the advancement of knowledge of Psychology and such other books and publications as the Council may think necessary for the purpose; (ii) Encourage research into Psychology disciplines and allied subjects to the extent that the Council may, from time to time, consider necessary.	Provision of Library Facilities 22. The Council shall: (a) provide and maintain a library comprising books and publications for the advancement of knowledge of Psychology and such other books and publications as the Council may think necessary for the purpose;and (b) encourage research into psychology disciplines and allied subjects to the extent that the Council may consider necessary.	
23. (i) If any person who is not a registered Psychologist: (a) for or in expectation of reward, practices or holds himself out to practice as a Psychologist; or (b) take or use the title Psychologist; or (c) without reasonable excuse takes or uses any name, title addition or description implying that he is authorized by law to practice as a Psychologist, he is guilty of an offence. (ii) If any person, for the purpose of procuring the registration of	Offences and Penalties 24.(1)A person who is not a registered Psychologistcommits an offence if: (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) Retained as in the Bill (c) without reasonable excuse, takes or uses any name, title addition or description implying that he is authorized by law to practice as a Psychologist. (2)A personwho, for the purpose of procuring the registration of any name, qualification or other matter;	Drafted in a standard criminal law language.

any name, qualification or other matter;

- (a) Makes a statement which he believes to be false in a material particular; or
- (b) Recklessly makes statement which is false in a material particular, he or she is guilty of an offence.

(iii) If, on or after the relevant date, any person who is not a member of the profession practises or holds himself out to practise for or in expectation of reward or takes or uses name, title, addition or description implying that he is authorized by law to practice as a Psychologist is guilty of an offence.

(iv) In the case of a person falling within section 19 of this Act:

- (a) The provisions of subsection (iii) of this section shall not apply in respect of anything done by him during the period of three months mentioned in that section; and
- (b) If within that period he duly applies for membership of the profession then, unless within that period he is notified that his application has not been approved, the provision of subsection (iii) of this section shall not apply in respect of anything done by him between the end of that period and the date on which he is registered or is notified as aforesaid.

If the Registrar or any other person employed by or on behalf of the Council willfully makes any falsification in any matter relating to the register, he is guilty of an offence.

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(3) If, on or after the relevant date, any person who is not a member of the profession practises or holds himself out to practise for or in expectation of reward or takes or uses name, title, addition or description implying that he is authorised by law to practice as a Psychologist, *commits* an offence.

(4) In the case of a person falling within section 20 of this Bill:

- (a) The provisions of subsection (3) *does* not apply in respect of anything done by him during the period of three months mentioned in section 20;
- (b) If, within that period, he duly applies for membership of the profession then, unless within that period he is notified that his application has not been approved, the provision of subsection (3) *does* not apply in respect of anything done by him between the end of that period and the date on which he is registered or is notified; **and**
- (c) If the Registrar, or any other person employed by or on behalf of the Council, willfully makes any falsification in any matter relating to the register, he *commits* an offence.

(v) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable: (a) On summary conviction, to a fine of an amount not exceeding N100,000. (b) On conviction or indictment, to a fine of an amount not exceeding N100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding four years, or to do both such fine and imprisonment. Where an offence under this section which has been committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate or any person purporting to act in any such capacity, he, as well as the body corporate, shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be prosecuted against and punished accordingly by a constituted disciplinary committee by the council or court of law.	(5) A person <i>commits</i> an offence under this section <i>is</i> liable: (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) Retained as in the Bill (6) Where an offence under this section which has been committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate or any person purporting to act in any such capacity, he <i>and</i> the body corporate, <i>are</i> deemed to be guilty of that offence and <i>are</i> liable to be prosecuted against and punished accordingly by a constituted disciplinary committee by the Council or court of law.	
24. (i) In this section, "the relevant date" means the second anniversary of the coming into force of this Act or such earlier date as may be prescribed for the purposes of this section by order of the Minister published in the Gazette. (ii) Any regulation made under this Act shall be published in the Gazette as soon as may be after there are made; a copy of any such regulations shall be sent to the Minister not later than seven days	Regulations and Rules 25.(1) In this section, "the relevant date" means the second anniversary of the coming into force of this Bill or such earlier date as may be prescribed for the purposes of this section by order of the Minister published in the <i>Official Gazette</i>. (2) Any regulation made under this Bill shall be published in the <i>Official Gazette</i> as soon as may be after there are made, a copy of such regulations shall be sent to the Minister not later than seven	

before they are so published. (iii) Rules made for the purposes of this Act shall be subject to confirmation by the Nigerian Psychological Association at its next meeting or at any special meeting of the Association for that purpose, and if then annulled, shall cease to have effect on the day after the date of annulment, but without prejudice to anything done in pursuance or intended to be done in pursuance of any such rules.	days before they are so published. (3) Rules made for the purposes of this Billare subject to confirmation by the Nigerian Psychological Association at its next meeting or at any special meeting of the Association for that purpose, and if then annulled, shall cease to have effect on the day after the date of annulment, but without prejudice to anything done in pursuance or intended to be done in pursuance of such rules.	
25. (i) Without prejudice to the rule of law whereby a contract may be void if it is inconsistent with the provision of enactment, no person other than a fully registered Psychologists shall be entitled to bring any proceedings in any court of law for the purpose of recovering any fee or other consideration whatsoever payable in respect of services as rendered facilities or things supplied by him when purporting to act as a Psychologist. (ii) It shall be the duty of the Head of Department of every Department of Psychology in Nigeria approved by Council to furnish the Registrar with the list of successful candidates at the final examination immediately (not later than four weeks) after the release of the results (for those pursuing Master of Science, Psychology).	Interpretation 26. In this Bill - Deleted Deleted “Association” means the Nigerian Psychological Association; “Board” means the Governing Board of the Council established under section 4 (1) of this Bill. “Council” means the Nigerian Council for Psychologists established under section 1 (1) of this Bill;	Irrelevant provision Irrelevant provision

“Disciplinary tribunal” means the Nigerian Council for Psychologists Disciplinary Tribunal established under section 17 of this Act. “Fees” include annual subscription. “Investigating panel” means the Nigerian Council for Psychologists investigating Panel established under section 17(iii) of this Act. “Member” means a registered member of the profession which includes: Graduate Members, Members, Chartered Members, Associate Fellows and Fellows. “Minister” means the Minister charged with the responsibility for matters relating to health. “Profession” means Psychology. “Register means the register maintained in pursuance of section 9 of this Act. “Association” means the Nigerian Psychological Association.	“Disciplinary Tribunal” means the Nigerian Council for Psychologists Disciplinary Tribunal established under section 18 (3) of this Bill; Retained; “Investigating Panel” means the Nigerian Council for Psychologists Investigating Panel established under section 18 (1) of this Bill; “Member” means a registered member of the profession, which includes Graduate Members, Members, Chartered Members, Associate Fellows and Fellows; Retained; profession” means <i>the practice of</i> Psychology; and “register” means the register <i>prepared and</i> maintained <i>under</i> section 8 (8) of this Bill; Deleted	
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SCHEDULES 1	26. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Council for Psychologists (<i>Establishment</i>) Bill, 2018.	
FIRST SCHEDULES		
Supplementary Provisions relating to the Council	Supplementary Provisions relating to the Council	
Qualifications and Tenure of Office of Members of the Council	Qualifications and Tenure of Office of Members of the Council	

1. (i) A person shall not be a member of the Council unless he or she is a Nigerian citizen fully registered under this Act as a Psychologist and at the date of his appointment has had not less than 17 years registration experience in Psychology profession. (ii) Subject to the provision of this paragraph, a member of the Council shall hold office for a period of three (3) years beginning with the date of his or her appointment or election. (iii) Any member of the Council other than a member appointed by office may, by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Minister, resign his office. (iv) A person who retires from or otherwise ceases to be an elected member of the Council shall be eligible again to become a member of the Council; and any appointed members may be re-appointed. (v) If for any reason there is a vacation of office by a member; and (a) Such member was appointed by the Minister or any other body, the Minister or that body may appoint another fit person to fill that vacancy; or (b) Such member was elected, the Council may, if the time between the unexpired portion of the term of office and the next general meeting of the Council appears to warrant the filling of the vacancy, co-opt a fit person for such time as aforesaid. Proceedings of the Council	1.(1) A person shall not be a member of the Council unless he or she is a Nigerian citizen fully registered under this Bill as a Psychologist and at the date of his appointment, has had not less than 17 years registration experience in Psychology profession. (2) Subject to the provision of this paragraph, a member of the Council shall hold office for a period of three years beginning with the date of his or her appointment or election. (3) Any member of the Board, other than a member appointed by the office, may, by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman, resign his office. (4) A person who retires or ceases to be an elected member of the Council <i>is</i> eligible again to become a member of the Council; and any appointed member may be re-appointed. (5) If for any reason there is a vacation of office by a member; and (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) Retained as in the Bill Proceedings of the Council	
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2. (i) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Council may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or any of its committee thereof.

(ii) Questions for determinations shall be decided by a majority of the members present and voting thereon and, in the event of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or caste a vote.

(iii) Standing orders made for a committee shall provide for the committee to report back to the Council on any matter referred to it by the Council.

(iv) The quorum of the Council shall be two third and the quorum of a committee of the Council shall be fixed by the Council.

Meeting of the Council

3. (i) Subject to the provisions of any standing orders of the Council, the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and, if the Chairman is required to do so by notice in writing given to him by not less than five other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within fourteen days from the date on which the notice is given. The Council shall meet at least twice a year.

(ii) At any meeting of the Council, the Chairman shall preside or in his absence the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their members to preside at the meeting.

2.(1) Subject to the provisions of this **Bill**, the Council may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or any of its committee thereof.

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(2) At any meeting of the Council, the Chairman shall preside **and in his absence, the Vice Chairman shall preside, but in their absence, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their members to preside at the meeting.**

(3) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a

(iii) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a member for such period as the Council thinks fit, but a person who is a member by virtue of this subparagraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.

(iv) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the first meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the Minister.

4. (i) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out on behalf of the council such functions as the Council may determine.

(ii) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the number of persons determined by the Council of whom not more than two-third may be persons who are not members of the Council.

(iii) A person other than a member of the Council shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of the letter by which he is appointed.

(iv) A decision of a committee of the Council shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Council.

Miscellaneous

5. (i) The fixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman.

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(4) A decision of a committee of the Council shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Council.

Miscellaneous

5.(1) The fixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the Registrar who is the Secretary of the Board of the Council.

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

(ii) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Council by any person generally or specifically authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.

(iii) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Council shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.

(iv) The validity of any proceedings of the Council or of a committee of the Council shall not be adversely affected by any vacancy in membership of the Council or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Council or of a person to serve on the committee, or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.

(v) Any member of the Council and any person holding office of a committee of the Council, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council or a committee thereof shall disclose his interest, and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.

(vi) A person shall not by reason only of his membership of the Council be treated as holding an office in the public service of the Federation.

SCHEDULE 2

Supplementary Provisions Relating to the Disciplinary Tribunal and Investigating Panel

The Disciplinary Tribunal

under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Council by any person generally or specifically authorised to act for that purpose by the Council.

(3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Council shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.

(4) The validity of any proceedings of the **Board** or of a committee of the Council shall not be adversely affected by any vacancy in membership of the **Board** or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the **Board** or of a person to serve on the committee, or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.

(5) Any member of the Council and any person holding office of a committee of the Council, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council or a committee thereof shall disclose his interest, and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.

(6) A person shall not by reason only of his membership of the Council be treated as holding an office in the public service of the Federation.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Supplementary Provisions Relating to the Disciplinary Tribunal and Investigating Panel

The Disciplinary Tribunal

1.(1) The quorum of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be four

1. The quorum of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall be four members. 2. (i) The Attorney-General of the Federation shall make rules as to the selection of members of the Disciplinary Tribunal for the purpose of any proceeding, the procedure to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed in proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal. (ii) The rules shall in particular provide; (a) For securing that notice of the proceedings shall be given at such time and in such manner, as may be specified by the rules, to the person who is the subject of the proceedings; (b) For determining who, in addition to the person aforesaid, shall be party to the proceedings; (c) For securing that any party to the proceedings shall, if he so requires, be entitled to be heard by the Disciplinary Tribunal. (d) For securing that any party to the proceedings may be represented by a legal practitioner. (e) Subject to the provisions of section 18(iv) of this Act, as to the costs of proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal. (f) For requiring, in a case where it is alleged that the person who is the subject of the proceedings is guilty of infamous	members. 2.(1)The Attorney-General of the Federation shall make rules as to the selection of members of the Disciplinary Tribunal for the purpose of any proceeding, the procedure to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed in proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal. (2) The rules shall in particular provide: (a) Retained as in the Bill (b) Retained as in the Bill (c) Retained as in the Bill (d) Retained as in the Bill (e) Subject to the provisions of section 18 (4) of this Bill, as to the costs of proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal. (f) Retained as in the Bill	
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conduct in any professional respect, that where the Disciplinary Tribunal adjudges that the allegation has not been proved it shall record a finding that the person is not guilty of such conduct in respect of the matters to which the allegation relates; and (g) For publishing in the Gazette notice of any direction of the Disciplinary Tribunal which has taken effect providing that a person's name shall be struck off a register. 3. For the purposes of any proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal any member of the Disciplinary Tribunal may administer oaths and any party to the proceedings may issue out of the registry of the Federal High Court writs of subpoena ad testificandum and decestecum but no person appearing before the Disciplinary tribunal shall be compelled: (i) To make any statement before the Disciplinary Tribunal tending to incriminate himself; or (ii) To produce any document under such a writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action. 4. (i) For the purpose of advising the Disciplinary Tribunal on questions of law arising in proceedings before it, there shall in all such proceedings be an assessor to the Disciplinary Tribunal who shall be appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Attorney-General of the Federation and shall be a legal practitioner of not less than seven years standing. (ii) The Attorney-General of the Federation shall make rules as to the functions of assessors appointed under this paragraph and in	(g) Retained as in the Bill 3.Retained as in the Bill (a) To make any statement before the Disciplinary Tribunal tending to incriminate himself; or (b) To produce any document under such a writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action. 4.(1) For the purpose of advising the Disciplinary Tribunal on questions of law arising in proceedings before it, there shall in all such proceedings be an assessor to the Disciplinary Tribunal who shall be appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Attorney-General of the Federation and shall be a legal practitioner of not less than seven years standing. (2) The Attorney-General of the Federation shall make rules as to the functions of assessors appointed under this paragraph and in particular such rules shall contain provisions for securing:	
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(a) That where an assessor advises the Disciplinary Tribunal on any question of law as to evidence, procedure or any other matters specified by rules, he shall do so in the presence of every party or person representing a party to the proceedings who appear there or, if the advice is tendered while the Disciplinary Tribunal is deliberating in private, that every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed what advice the assessor has tendered; and

(b) That every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed if in any case the Disciplinary Tribunal does not accept the advice of the assessor on such a question as aforesaid.

(iii) An assessor may be appointed under this paragraph either generally or for any particular class or proceedings and shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of the letter by which he is appointed.

The Investigating Panel

5. The quorum of the Investigating Panel shall be three, all of whom must be Clinical Psychologist.

6. (i) The Investigating Panel may, at any of its meetings attended by all the members of the Investigating Panel, make standing orders with respect to the Investigating Panel.

(ii) Subject to the provisions for any such standing orders, the Investigating Panel may regulate its own procedure.

(a) Retained as in the Bill

(b) Retained as in the Bill

(3) An assessor may be appointed under this paragraph either generally or for any particular class or proceedings and shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of the letter by which he is appointed.

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(2) Subject to the provisions for any such standing orders, the Investigating Panel may regulate its own procedure.

7.(1) A person ceasing to be a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal or the Investigating Panel shall be eligible for

7. (i) A person ceasing to be a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal or the Investigating Panel shall be eligible for appointment as a member of that body. (ii) A person may, if otherwise eligible, be a member of both the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Investigating Panel; but no person who acted as member of the Investigating Panel with respect to any case shall act as a member of the Disciplinary Panel with respect to that case. 8. The Disciplinary Tribunal or the Investigating Panel may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership, and the proceedings of either body shall not be invalidated by any irregularity in the appointment of a member of that body or subject to paragraph 7(ii) of this Schedule, by reason of the fact that any person who was not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of that body. 9. Any document authorized or required by virtue of this Act to be served on the Disciplinary Tribunal or the Investigating Panel shall be served on the Registrar. 10. Any expenses of the Disciplinary Tribunal or the Investigating Panel shall be defrayed by the Council. 11. A person shall not by reason of his appointment as an assessor to the Disciplinary Tribunal, be treated as holding an office in the public service of the Federation.	appointment as a member of that body. (2) A person may, if otherwise eligible, be a member of both the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Investigating Panel; but no person who acted as member of the Investigating Panel with respect to any case shall act as a member of the Disciplinary Panel with respect to that case. 8. The Disciplinary Tribunal or the Investigating Panel may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership, and the proceedings of either body shall not be invalidated by any irregularity in the appointment of a member of that body or subject to paragraph 7(2) of this Schedule, by reason of the fact that any person who was not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of that body. 9. Any document authorised or required by virtue of this Bill to be served on the Disciplinary Tribunal or the Investigating Panel shall be served on the Registrar. 10. Retained as in the Bill 11. Retained as in the Bill	
	EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM This Bill seeks to establish the Nigerian Council for Psychologists to be charged with the responsibility for the registration of persons aspiring to become professional	Explanatory Memorandum is an invaluable tool in terms of understanding why a law is enacted and what it is designed to achieve. In this regard, the Committee has made provision for it, as it

	Psychologists and set regulations and standard procedures to effectively control the practice of the profession in Nigeria.	was not provided for, in the draft Bill.
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