

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF EMPLOYMENT ACT CAP N28 LFN 2004 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Rita Orji

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The National Directorate of Employment Act Cap N28, LFN,
2 2004 (in this Act referred to as the Principal Act) is hereby amended as set
3 out in this Act.

Amendment of
Cap. N28 LFN,
2004

4 2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by adding a new
5 subsection 2 to read as follows:

Amendment of
Section 2

6 "2. -(1) The objectives of the Directorate shall be to:

7 (a) design and implement programmes to combat mass
8 unemployment;

9 (b) articulate policies aimed at developing work programmes with
10 labour intensive potential.

11 (c) obtain and maintain a data bank on employment and vacancies
12 in the country, with a view to acting as a clearing house to link job seekers
13 with vacancies in collaboration with other government agencies; and

14 (d) implement any other policy as may be laid down, from time to
15 time, by the Board established under section 3 of this Act.

16 (2) The Functions of the Directorate shall be to:

Objectives and
Functions of the
Directorate

17 (a) create and maintain a biometric data base which shall contain
18 the names, sex, qualification, place of work, pictures, and finger print of all
19 employees in Nigeria;

20 (b) create and maintain biometric database which shall contain the

1 names, sex, qualification, place of choice of work, pictures, and finger print of
2 all unemployed graduates in Nigeria;

3 (c) recommend unemployed graduates to all ministries, parastatal,
4 department and agencies of government, corporate bodies, NGs and other
5 employers for placement on a first come first serve basis.

6. **Provided that the principles of Federal Character shall be maintained.**

7 (d) ensures that no employed public and civil servant apply for
8 another job before resigning from his initial job and the resignation letter
9 having been taken to the Directorate for reflection on the database.

10 **Provided that the applicable is not applying for transfer of service.**

11 (e) establish and maintain skill acquisition centers in each of the states
12 of the federation and Abuja to train youths on various skills and small scale
13 enterprises;

14 (f) liaise with other government agencies, companies, private and
15 donor organizations to secure and disburse soft loans to the graduates of the
16 centers to enable smooth take up.

Amendment of
Section 8(1)

17 **3. Section 8(1) of the Principal Act is hereby' amended by adding the**
18 **phrase "and headquarters of all local government and area councils"**
19 **immediately following the word "states" to read as follows:**

20 "8(1) The Directorate shall establish and maintain its headquarters in
21 the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, and offices in the capitals of the States and
22 headquarters of all local government and area councils.

Amendment of
Section 4

23 **4. Section 19 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by inserting the**
24 **interpretation of the word "graduates" immediately after the word "Director-**
25 **General" to read as follows:**

26 "Graduate" in this Act means any person who successfully completed
27 his first degree, HND, OND, ND or NCE program.

Citation

28 **5. This Bill may be cited as the National Directorate of Employment**
29 **(Amendment) Bill, 2017.**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the amendment of the National Directorate of Employment Act Cap N28 LFN, 2004.

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