

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL (NECO) (ESTABLISHMENT) ACT CAP N37 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO ESTABLISH A STEERING COMMITTEE TO BE VESTED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CENTRALIZING MANAGEMENT OF THE SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (SSCE), THE UNIFIED TERTIARY MATRICULATION EXAMINATIONS (UTME) AND THE NATIONAL BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL EXAMINATIONS (NABTE) UNDER A SINGLE ICT PLATFORM, TO REDUCE THE COST OF TAKING THE EXAMINATIONS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[ ] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

- 1           1. The National Examination Council (NECO) (Establishment)
- 2           Act Cap N37 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to
- 3           as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill. Amendment of
- 4           2. The Principal Act is amended by inserting, after the existing the National
- 5           Section "26" Section "26A"- Examination
- 6           (1) There is established a steering committee for centralization of Council
- 7           the management of the Senior School Certificate Examination, the Unified (Establishment)
- 8           Tertiary and Matriculation Examinations and the National Business and Act
- 9           Technical Examination. Amendment of
- 10          (2) The committee shall consist of section 26 of the
- 11          (a) Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education who shall Principal Act
- 12          be the Chairman of the committee;
- 13          (b) A representative of the National Examinations Council, not
- 14          below the rank of a Director;

1 (c) a representative of the Joint Admissions and matriculation Board  
2 not below the rank of a Director;

3 (d) a representative of the National Business and Technical Education  
4 Board not below the rank of a Director; and

5 (e) the secretary of the platform who shall be an ICT expert from the  
6 Federal Ministry of Education.

7 (3) Members of the committee shall receive allowances as applicable  
8 to government agencies.

9 (4) The committee's duties shall be to-

10 (a) Establish and manage an ICT platform for harmonization of  
11 registration, notification and result validation processes of examinations  
12 mentioned in sub-clause (1) of this clause in a single scratch card;

13 (b) Establish and manage a central database for collation of personal  
14 data and biometrics of candidates for the purpose of the examinations; and

15 (c) Fix fees payable to the credit of the platform for the examinations;

16 (d) Reduce the cost of taking the examinations to the barest minimum,  
17 through economies of scale;

18 (e) Reduce cases of impersonation and examination malpractice;

19 (f) Provide admission management service to education institutions,  
20 planners and monitoring bodies; and

21 (g) Perform other functions that will give effect to the provisions of  
22 this bill.

Citation

23 3. This Bill is cited as the National Examinations Council (NECO)  
24 Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to An Act to Amend the National Examinations Council (NECO) (Establishment) Act Cap N37 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, to establish a steering committee to be vested with the responsibility of centralizing management of the Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE), the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations (UTME) and the National Business and Technical Examinations (NABTE) under a single ICT platform, to reduce the cost of taking the examinations.