

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE MEDICAL RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMME
IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Betty Apiafi

[] Commencement

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

PART I

1 1. REGULATORY BODY----The Post Graduate Medical
2 Colleges.

3 2.-(1) The Residency Training Programme shall be in two Structure
4 continuous phases, namely;

5 (a) JUNIOR RESIDENCY (REGISTRAR CADRE);

6 (b) SENIOR RESIDENCY (SENIOR REGISTRAR CADRE).

7 (2) All Doctors who have graduated from accredited Medical
8 Schools and have passed their primary examination and applied for
9 positions in Residency programme shall be absorbed by the Residency
10 Training Programme.

11 (3) Employment/appointment into the Residency Training
12 Programme;

13 There shall be a comprehensive online data base of all accredited Residency
14 Training Programs by specialty and location by postgraduate medical
15 colleges.

16 Accreditation of Residency Institutes to be reviewed every four years by the
17 National Postgraduate Medical College, the West African College of
18 Surgeons and the West African College of Physicians.

19 The colleges shall have the responsibility of matching all doctors to
20 residency to such Institutions duly accredited by the colleges.

- 1 This shall be done two times in a year:
- Entry period 2 (a) December/January Entry Period and;
- 3 (b) June/July Entry Period;
- 4 (c) All Residency Training Institutions shall publish the list of all
- 5 residents so admitted in February and August annually.
- 6 (4) Curriculum and scheme of the Residency Training Programme;
- 7 There shall be a National Curriculum and Scheme of work for the
- 8 Residency Training Programme to be used by all accredited Institutions in
- 9 Nigeria.
- 10 The National Postgraduate medical College shall have the responsibility to
- 11 produce the curriculum and Scheme in consultation with the West African
- 12 College of Surgeons and the West African College of Physicians.
- 13 Such Curriculum and Scheme shall be reviewed every four (4) years.
- 14 The National Postgraduate College shall have a comprehensive online version
- 15 of the curriculum and scheme.
- Requirements for entry into the Residency Training Programme (General Requirements) 16 3.-(1) Applicants shall possess a Basic Medical Degree; MB.BS,
- 17 MB.CH.B, BDS or its equivalent.
- Professional Membership 18 (2) Applicant shall be a member of a recognized Medical Regulatory
- 19 or Protection Organization and must also have been duly registered by the
- 20 Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN).
- 21 (3) Applicant shall be required to show evidence of payment of
- 22 Annual practicing fees and Certificate of Annual Practice Registration before
- 23 he/she will be allowed to practice in a Residency Training Institute as
- 24 mandated by the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN).
- 25 (4) Applicant shall possess a discharge certificate/exemption from the
- 26 National Youth Service Corps.
- 27 (5) Applicant has passed the Primary examination or its equivalent.
- 28 (6) Applicant shall be required to pass a medical examination of
- 29 fitness and a security screening by the Chief Staff Medical officer and the Chief
- 30 Security Officer of the Residency Training Institute.

1 (7) Such employment shall be in accordance with the tenure for
2 Residency Training Programme.

3 (8) Such employment shall also be in line with the scheme of
4 service for employment of doctors of such Cadre by the Federal Ministry Of
5 Health, and other agencies of government.

6 (9) The resident Doctor so employed must possess professional
7 indemnity certificate from a reputable insurance company.

8 4.-(a) The duration of PART I RESIDENCY TRAINING shall be
9 contained in the online data base of all accredited Residency Training
10 Institutions approved by the National post graduate College;

Tenure of Part I
Residency Training
Programme

11 (b) A Resident will leave the programme if he/she fails the part 1
12 Fellowship Examination eighteen (18) months after the date of the first
13 sitting for the Part I Examination;

14 (c) A resident will proceed to part 2 Residency Training
15 Programme if he/she passes the part 1 Fellowship examination.

16 PART II - RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMME

17 5.-(1) Applicants must have passed the PART I/Membership
18 examination.

Specific
Requirements

19 (2) Applicant must receive the award of membership certificate
20 from the examining Post Graduate College.

21 (3) Transition/promotion/advancement shall be seamless
22 continuation for those successful at the PART I examinations within the
23 standardized period as contained the approved template and in line with the
24 career progression for resident doctors and the scheme of service of medical
25 officers of such Cadre.

26 6.-(1) The duration of PART II RESIDENCY TRAINING shall be
27 as contained in the online data base of all accredited Residency Training
28 Institutes approved by the commission:

Tenure of Part 2
Residency
Programme

29 (a) A Resident shall withdraw from the programme if he/she fails
30 the PART II Fellowship Examination Eighteen (18) months after the date of

1 the first sitting for the PART II Examination;

2 (b) A Resident shall withdraw from the programme Six (6) months
3 after the Resident passes the PART II Fellowship Examination of any of the
4 Postgraduate Medical Colleges. The appointment of the Resident terminates
5 with this withdrawal;

6 (c) A Resident shall withdraw from the programme if he/she fails to
7 measure up to the terms and conditions as in the letter of appointment;

8 (d) In either case (a) or (b) above, Resident will seek for a job of
9 his/her own and if the Resident succeeds in getting public service appointment,
10 will be entitled to add unto his/her service record, the period of Residency
11 Training for seniority in the service, gratuity and pension;

12 (e) If a Resident is already in the employment of the Hospital, the
13 terms, and conditions of in-service training in the Public Service apply;

14 (f) A Resident on bond cannot exit the programme without fulfilling
15 the bond conditions.

16 CONDUCT OF RESIDENTS

17 (1) All matters of confidentiality in clinical practice apply to
18 Resident's conduct.

19 (2) Residents' salary entry point for this appointment is as contained
20 in the Scheme of Service.

21 (3) Resident shall be entitled to an annual increment in salary and
22 shall be entitled to promotion subject to passing the examination of each level
23 of the programme.

24 (4) Other conditions of Service are in accordance with the Public
25 Service.

26 (5) Termination of appointment of Resident by either party shall be
27 effected upon the service of one (1) months' notice or, in the alternative,
28 payment of one (1) months' salary in lieu of notice or as in 4 (b) and 6(a, b and
29 c).

Professional
conduct of
Residents

Salaries and
other benefits

Termination of
appointment

PART III - SPONSORSHIP

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2 7.-(1) All Resident Doctors shall be entitled to sponsorship of two Sponsorship
3 update courses for part 1 and two update courses for part 2.

4 (2) All Resident Doctors shall be entitled to sponsorship of one
5 examination in part 1 and one examination in part 2.

6 8.-(1) All payments accruing to Resident Doctors shall be made Funding of the
7 through the IPPIS platform. RIP

8 (2) Funds for the Residency Training Programme shall be made
9 available through:

10 (i) National Budgetary allocations to Residency Training
11 Institutions;

12 (ii) 20% Internal funding from Residency Training Institutions.

13 9.-(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

14 "FMOH" means the Federal Ministry Of Health of Nigeria;

15 "RTP" means Residency Training Programme;

16 "RTI(s)" means Residency Training Institution(s); Hospitals that have been
17 accredited to carryout Residency Training;

18 "Resident" means Resident Doctor; A trainee Doctor appointed under the
19 Residency Training Programme;

20 "MDCN" means Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria.

21 10. This Bill may be cited as the Medical Residency Training Bill, Short Title
22 2017.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to regulate the Medical Residency Training Programme in
Nigeria.

