

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS ACT, CAP. N84 LFN, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR FREE AND COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF VOCATIONAL SKILLS BY CORPS MEMBERS, AND FOR SUCH RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Senator (Princess) Stella Adaeze Oduah

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The National Youth Service Corps Act, CAP. N84 LFN, 2004
2 (later referred to in this Bill as the, Principal Act). is hereby amended by
3 adding a new section 5 ,with the following provisions:

Insertion of a
new section 5 of
the Act

4 “5. The Service Corps shall, each year, conduct free and
5 compulsory vocational training for corps members in the skills domains set
6 out in the schedule to this Act;

7 (2) The Service Corps may conduct a yearly review of the skills
8 domains in line with current demands and realities;

9 (3) Corps members shall be trained in the skills domains of their
10 choice;

11 (4) The training programmes provided by the Service Corps during
12 its three-week orientation course shall, among other aims, be designed to
13 enable corps members appreciate the realities of the labour market and to see
14 vocational skills training as a viable solution to unemployment.

15 (5) The Service Corps shall split the service year into two in such a
16 way that the first part shall be directed to afford corps members employment
17 experience while the second part of not less than three months shall be used
18 for free and compulsory acquisition of vocational skills by corps members.

19 (6) The Service Corps shall liaise collaborate with the National

1 Directorate for Employment another relevant bodies to accredit and register
2 vocational centres and artisanal workshops for the vocational training of corps
3 members;

4 (7) The certificate of discharge shall be issued to a corps member on
5 the successful completion of the, vocational training; .

6 (8) The Service Corps shall levy a monthly deduction of not more than
7 20% on the allowances falling due to a corps member;

8 (9) The sums so deducted shall be deposited in an interest-yielding
9 account and paid to the corps member on completion of the period of national
10 service as seed money for business startup;

11 (10) The, money so paid out shall not prejudice the right of corps
12 members to benefit from any existing startup fund that may be provided by the
13 government through the Bank of Industry, the Small and Medium Enterprises
14 Development Agency or any other body."

15 2. The existing sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,
16 20, 21 and 22 are hereby renumbered as sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,
17 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, respectively;

Citation

18 3. This Bill may be cited as the National Youth Service Corps
19 (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

SCHEDULE

Skills Domains for Vocational Training

1. Aluminum Fabrication
 2. Arts & Crafts
 3. Auto Electrical
 4. Auto Mechanic
 5. Autotronics
 6. Bakery/Confectionery
 7. Barbing
 8. Basket Weaving
 9. Battery Charging
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10. Bead Stringing
 11. Blacksmithing
 12. Boat Making
 13. Bookkeeping
 14. Bricklaying/Masonry
 15. Brick Making
 16. Cabinet Making/Joinery
 17. Camera Repair
 18. Cane Furniture
 19. Car Washing
 20. Carpentry
 21. Carving
 21. Catering
 22. Cloth Weaving
 23. Coach Building
 24. Computer Operation
 25. Computer Programming
 26. Computer Repairs
 27. Cookery
 28. Crop Farming
 29. Crop Processing
 30. Draughtsmanship
 31. Driving
 32. Dry Cleaning
 33. Electrical Installation
 34. Electronics Repair
 35. Fashion Designing
 36. Foundry Technology
 37. Fumigation & Pest Control
 38. Furniture Making
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39. Generator Maintenance
 41. Glazing
 42. Goldsmith
 43. GSM Repairs
 44. Hairdressing
 45. Horticulture
 46. Interior Design/Decor
 47. Interlocking Tiles
 47. Knitting
 48. Laundry
 49. Livestock Farming
 50. Mat Making
 51. Metal Fabrication
 52. Metal Pot Making
 53. Modelling
 54. Music Composing/Writing
 55. Office Equipment Maintenance
 56. Organ/Piano Maintenance
 57. Organ/TV Maintenance
 58. Painting & Decoration
 59. Painting & Sign Writing
 60. Panel Beating
 61. Photography
 62. Photolithograph
 63. Plaster of Paris (POP)
 64. Plumbing
 65. Pomade Making
 66. Printing
 67. Refrigerator & AC Repairs
 68. Rewinding
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69. Sheet Metal Technology
70. Shoe Making/Leather
71. Soap Making
72. Spray Painting
73. Stage Lighting
74. Surveying
75. Tailoring
76. Typing and Shorthand
77. Upholstery
78. Video Work
79. Vulcanizing
80. Watch Repairing
81. Welding
82. Wood Work/Carving

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend National Youth Service Corps Act to provide for the free and compulsory acquisition of vocational skills by corps members as a solution to the perennial problem of unemployment.