

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY AND
MANAGEMENT (ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2018

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SCHEDULE

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME COURSES AND MAN POWER TRAINING IN CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY, APPLIED SCIENCES, MANAGEMENT SCIENCES AND OTHER FIELDS OF STUDY AND TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE INSTITUTE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Senator Clifford Ordia

[] Commencement

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

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CONSTRUCTION
2 TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

3 1.-(1) As from the commencement of this Bill, the National
4 Institute of Construction Technology, Uromi, Edo State (in this Bill referred
5 to as "the Institute") shall be known and referred to as National Institute of
6 Construction Technology and Management.

Establishment of national Institute of Construction Technology and Management

7 (2) There is established a polytechnic to be known as the National
8 Institute of Construction Technology and Management (in this Bill referred
9 to as the Institute)

10 2.-(1) There shall be established a Council for the Institute (in this
11 Bill referred to as "the Council") which shall be a body corporate with
12 perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its
13 corporate name.

Establishment and Composition of the Council of the Institute

14 (2) the Council shall consist of a Chairman and the following other
15 members, that is:

16 (a) The Rector of the Institute;

17 (b) One representative of the Academic Board of the Institute
18 elected by the Board;

1 (c) One representative of Manufacturer's Association of Nigeria.
2 MAN (to be coordinated by NBTE);

3 (d) One representative of Universities (to be submitted by NUC);

4 (e) One representative of Professional Bodies (to be coordinated by
5 NBTE);

6 (f) One representative of a Federal Utility Statutory Corporation;

7 (g) One representative of the community where the polytechnic is
8 situated (to be coordinated by the Polytechnic);

9 (h) One representative of the Minister charged with responsibilities
10 for matters relating to polytechnics;

11 (i) One representative of the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry
12 of Education (to be coordinated by the FME);

13 (j) One representative of the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry
14 of Industry, Trade and Investment (to be coordinated by the NBTE);

15 (k) One representative of the State Ministry of Education;

16 (l) five (5) other persons, at least one of whom must be a woman to be
17 selected each on personal merit based on contributions to development of
18 industry, technology or commerce or special interest in technical education;

19 (m) The Registrar (non-member) shall be Secretary to the Governing
20 Council.

21 (3) The Chairman and members for the Council other than ex-officio
22 members shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the
23 Minister of Education.

24 (4) The provision of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with
25 respect to the proceedings of the Council and the other matters mentioned
26 therein.

Visitation

27 3.-(1) The Minister of Education shall be the Visitor to the
28 polytechnic

29 (2) The Visitor shall not less than once in every five (5) years conduct
30 la visitation to the polytechnic by appointing a Visitation Panel.

1 (3) The Visitation Panel shall consist of not less than five (5)
2 experts relevant areas as provided in clause 6 (1) (a) of this Bill to:

3 (a) evaluate academic and administrative performance of the
4 polytechnic and

5 (b) for such other purpose as the Visitor may deem fit.

6 4.-(1) The Chairman and other members of the Governing Council
7 shall hold office for a period of three (3) years from the date of appointment
8 and may be eligible for re-appointment for a further term of three (3) years
9 and thereafter he shall no longer be eligible for re-appointment.

Tenure of Office
of Council Members

10 (2) Where a vacancy exists due to resignation, death, or removal of
11 a member, a successor representing the same interest group shall be
12 appointed to hold office for the remaining tenure of his predecessor, so
13 however, that the successor shall represent the same interest as his
14 predecessor.

15 (3) Every member shall be paid appropriate stipends during his
16 tenure in office in accordance with rates specified from time to time by the
17 National Council of Ministers.

18 (4) A member of Council may resign his appointment by a notice in
19 writing addressed to the Minister of Education.

20 PART II - FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

21 5.-(1) The functions of the Institute shall be:

Functions of the
Institute

22 (a) to provide Full-time and Part-time courses in Construction
23 Technology, Engineering Technology, Applied Sciences, Management
24 Sciences and other fields of study leading to the award of Ordinary National
25 Diploma, Higher National Diploma, and Certificates in specialised
26 programmes;

27 (b) to provide facilities and encourage research in all its area of
28 focus to aid the development of Nigeria in the areas of Industry, Commerce,
29 Technology and Engineering etc.

30 (c) to arrange conferences, seminars and study groups relevant to

1 the fields of learning specified in sub section (1)(a) in this section;

2 (d) to perform such other functions which in the opinion of the
3 Institute, may serve to promote its objectives;

4 (e) to provide a well-developed and articulate technical education
5 through consistent research, development and constant contact with renowned
6 institutions and appropriate industries;

7 (f) to provide appropriate training and vocational dexterity for a self-
8 reliant and focused Nigerian student, and also to provide industrial skills for
9 those who want to be employers of labour or gainfully employed;

10 (g) to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council,
11 may serve to promote the objectives of the Institute; and

12 (h) to carry out other activities as are necessary and expedient for the
13 full discharge of any of its functions pursuant to this Bill.

Functions of
the Governing
Council

14 6.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council:

15 (a) shall be responsible for the general management of the affairs of
16 the Institute and in particular, the control of the property and finances of the
17 Polytechnic;

18 (b) shall have power to do anything which in its opinion is calculated
19 to facilitate the carrying out of activities of the polytechnic and promote its best
20 interest;

21 (c) shall set up committees for the purpose of working on specific
22 matters and making recommendations to the Board for necessary action;

23 (d) shall provide pieces of advice as may be necessary, for the interest
24 of the Institute on any matter referred to it;

25 (e) may enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for
26 carrying into effect the provisions of the Federal Polytechnics Act.

27 (f) shall perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council
28 may serve to promote the objectives of the Institute.

29 (2) The Minister may give to the Institute directives of a general
30 character or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the exercise

1 by the Institute of its functions under this Bill and it shall be the duty of the
2 Institute to comply with such directives.

3 7. The Institute shall have power to:

Powers of the
Institute

4 (a) award certificates for courses provided by it under clause 4 (1)
5 (a) of this Bill;

6 (b) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for
7 carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill;

8 (c) acquire, hold, lease, sell, mortgage or otherwise alienate or
9 dispose of any property, movable or immovable;

10 (d) invest its funds in such manner and to such extent as it may
11 deem necessary or expedient;

12 (e) establish and maintain a library, comprising such books,
13 journals, records, reports and other publications and information systems as
14 may be required for the discharge of the functions conferred on the Institute
15 by this Bill;

16 (f) accept gifts of land, money or other property upon such terms
17 and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organisation
18 making the gift; provided that the Institute shall not accept any gift if the
19 terms and conditions attached thereto are inconsistent with its functions
20 under this Bill.

21 PART III - STAFF OF THE INSTITUTE

22 8.-(1) Appointment of the Rector:

Appointment of
Principal Officers

23 (a) The President shall appoint for the Institute a Rector who shall
24 be the chief academic and administrative officer of the Institute;

25 (b) Where a vacancy occurs in the position of Rector, the Council
26 shall advertise and follow such procedure as provided in sections 8 (2), (3),

27 (4) and (5) of the Federal Polytechnics Act;

28 (c) The Rector shall be responsible for:

29 (i) the day-to-day administration of the Institute;

1 (ii) the exercise of general authority over the employees of the
2 Institute;

3 (iii) the discipline of students in the Institute.

4 (d) The Rector shall hold office for a period of four (4) years from the
5 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be
6 determined by the Minister as set out in his letter of appointment;

7 (e) The Rector may be re-appointed for a further period of four (4)
8 years id no more.

9 (2) Appointment of the Deputy Rector:

10 (a) The Deputy Rector shall be appointed by the Council as specified
11 in section 9 of the Federal Polytechnics Act;

12 (b) The Deputy Rector shall assist the Rector in the performance of
13 his functions and shall act in the place of the Rector when the Rector is absent
14 or unable to perform his functions or when the position of Rector is vacant;

15 (c) The Deputy Rector shall perform such other functions as the
16 Rector may from time to time assign;

17 (d) The Deputy Rector shall hold office for the period of two (2) years
18 from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as
19 may be specified in the letter of appointment. He may be re-appointed for a
20 further period of two (2) years and no more.

21 (3) Appointment of the Registrar:

22 (a) The Council shall appoint a Registrar who shall be the secretary to
23 the Council and attend all the meetings of the Council;

24 (b) The Registrar shall be answerable to the Rector for the day-to-day
25 administration of the polytechnic and shall perform such other duties as the
26 Council or Rector may direct;

27 (c) The Registrar shall be Secretary to the Council, Academic Board
28 and any other committees of the Council and shall attend all meetings of these
29 committees unless excused for good reasons by the Chairman of the Council;

30 (d) If the Registrar is for any reason unable to attend a meeting of the

1 Council, the Chairman of the Council may, after consultation with the
2 Rector, appoint a suitable person to act as secretary for the particular
3 meeting;

4 (e) The Secretary to Council or a person appointed to act under sub
5 clause (3) of this clause, shall not vote on any question before the Council or
6 counts towards a quorum, unless he is so entitled as a member of the
7 Council;

8 (f) The Registrar shall hold office for a period of five (5) years
9 beginning from the date of his appointment and on such terms and
10 conditions as may be specified in the letter of his appointment. He may be re-
11 appointed for a further period of five (5) years and no more.

12 (4) Appointment of the Bursar:

13 (a) The Bursar shall be appointed by the Council on
14 recommendation of the selection board constituted under section 9 (3) of the
15 Federal Polytechnics Act;

16 (b) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Institute
17 and shall be responsible to the Rector for the day-to-day administration and
18 control of the financial affairs of the polytechnic;

19 (c) The Bursar shall hold office for a period of five (5) years and
20 may be re-appointed for a further period of five (5) years and no more;

21 (5) Appointment of the Librarian:

22 (a) The Librarian shall be appointed by the Council on
23 recommendation of the selection board constituted under section 9 (3) of the
24 Federal Polytechnics Act;

25 (b) The Librarian shall be responsible to the Rector for the
26 administration of the polytechnic library and the coordination of library
27 services in the academic unit of the polytechnic;

28 (c) The Librarian shall hold office for a period of five (5) years in
29 the first instance, and may be re-appointed for a further period of five (5)
30 years and no more.

Resignation of
appointment by
Principal Officers

1 **9.**-(1) A principal officer may resign his appointment:
2 (a) in the case of the Rector, by notice to the Minister of Education;
3 (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council.

Other Staff of
the Institute

4 **10.**-(1) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees
5 of the Institute to assist the Rector or other principal officer in performance of
6 their functions under the Federal Polytechnics Act;

7 (2) The Power to appoint senior employees shall be exercised by the
8 Council on the recommendation of the Appointments and Promotions
9 Committee, Senior and in the case of junior employees, by the Council on the
10 recommendation of the Appointments and Promotions Committee, Junior
11 under the power vested in the Council pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Schedule
12 of this Bill.

Staff Regulations

13 **11.**-(1) The Council may, subject to the provisions of this Bill, make
14 staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the staff of the
15 Institute and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such
16 regulations may provide for:

17 (a) the appointment, promotion and discipline (including dismissal)
18 of employees of the Institute; and

19 (b) appeals by such employees against dismissal or other disciplinary
20 measures, and until such regulations are made, any instrument relating to the
21 conditions of service of public officers in the polytechnic system shall be
22 applicable with such modifications as may be necessary to employees of the
23 Institute.

24 (2) Staff regulations made under sub clause (1) of this clause shall not
25 have effect until approved by the President and when so approved, they need
26 not to be published in the Gazette but the Council shall cause them to be
27 brought to the notice of all affected persons in such a manner as it may, from
28 time to time, determine.

Pensions

29 **12.**-(1) Pension service in the Institute shall be approved service for
30 the purposes of the Pensions Act.

1 (2) Officers and other persons employed in the Institute shall be
2 entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as prescribed in
3 the Pensions Act, so nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a
4 person to any office on terms which preclude that grant of a pension, gratuity
5 or other retirement benefit in respect of that office.

6 (3) For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the
7 Pensions Act, any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or other
8 Authority of the Government of the Federation, other than the power to
9 make regulations under clause 23 thereof, is vested in and shall be
10 exercisable by the Council and not by any other person or authority.

11 PART IV - DISCIPLINE

12 13.- (1) The President may, in writing, remove any member of the
13 Council from office if it is established that his contributions run counter to
14 the purpose, interest and objectives of the polytechnic.

Removal of a
Member of
Council

15 (2) If it appears to the Council that a member of Council (other than
16 an ex-officio member) or the Rector should be removed from office on the
17 ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the
18 Council shall make a recommendation to the President and if the President
19 after making such enquiries as he considers necessary, approves the
20 recommendation, the President shall, in writing declare the office of such
21 member vacant.

22 14.- (1) If there are reasons for believing that any person employed
23 as a member of the academic, administrative or technical staff of the
24 polytechnic, other than the Rector, should be removed from office on the
25 ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the
26 Council shall:

Removal from
Office of a Staff
of the Institute

27 (a) give notice to the person of the reasons in question;

28 (b) afford him an opportunity to make representations in person on
29 the matter to the Council; and carry out such investigations and actions
30 pursuant to section 17 (1) (c) of the Federal Polytechnics Act;

1 (2) The Rector may, in a case of misconduct by a member of the staff
2 which in the opinion of the Rector is prejudicial to the interests of the
3 polytechnic, suspend such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be
4 reported to the Council.

5 (3) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from
6 office or his, appointment may be terminated by the Council by virtue of its
7 power pursuant to section 171 (3) of the Federal Polytechnics Act.

Discipline of
Students

8 15.-(1) Where it appears to the Rector that any student of the Institute
9 has been guilty of misconduct, the Rector may, without prejudice to any other
10 disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Bill or any regulations made
11 thereunder, direct that:

12 (a) the student shall not, during such periods as may be specified in the
13 direction, participate in such activities of the Institute or make use of such
14 facilities of the Institute, as he may specify;

15 (b) the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be
16 specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;

17 (c) the student be suspended for such period as may be specified in the
18 direction; or

19 (d) the student be expelled from the Institute.

20 (2) Where there is temporarily no Rector or where the Rector refuses
21 to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly or through
22 some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in sub clause
23 (3) of this clause to any student of the Institute who is guilty of misconduct.

24 (3) Where a direction is given under sub section (1) (c) or (d) of this
25 section in respect of any student, the student may within 21 days from the date
26 of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal to the Council and the
27 Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council
28 considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such
29 manner as the Council may deem fit.

30 (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of

1 sub clause (5) of this clause, shall affect the operation of the direction while
2 the appeal is pending.

3 (5) The Rector may delegate his powers under this clause to
4 disciplinary committee, consisting of such staff of the Institute as he may
5 nominate.

6 (6) Nothing in this clause shall be construed as preventing the
7 restriction or termination of a student's activities at the Institute otherwise
8 than on the ground of misconduct.

9 (7) It is declared that a direction under sub clause (1) (a) of this
10 clause may be combined with a direction under sub clause (1) (b) of this
11 clause.

12 PART V - ACADEMIC BOARD

13 16.-(1) There is established as an integral part of the Institute an
14 Academic Board which shall consist of:

Establishment of
Academic Board
of the Institute

15 (a) the Rector of the Institute;

16 (b) the Deputy Rector;

17 (c) the Registrar as secretary;

18 (d) the Librarian;

19 (e) Deans / Directors of Schools;

20 (f) Heads of Academic Departments / Units;

21 (g) not more than two (2) members of the academic staff other than
22 Heads of Departments/Units, to be appointed by the Academic Board.

23 (2) The Academic Board shall:

24 (a) give the direction and management of academic matters of the
25 polytechnic including the regulation of admission of students, the award of
26 certificates and diplomas, school prizes and other academic distinctions;

27 (b) formulate and continuously evaluate the academic programme
28 of the Institute;

29 (c) make periodic reports to the Council on such academic matters
30 as the Board may deem fit or as the Council may from time to time direct;

1 (d) the discharge of any other functions which the Council may
2 delegate to it.

3 (3) The Rector shall be the Chairman at the meeting of the Academic
4 Board and in his absence the Deputy Rector shall preside at such meeting, but
5 in the absence of both, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of
6 their number to preside at the meeting.

7 (4) Subject to sub clause (3) of this clause, the Academic Board shall
8 have the power to regulate its own procedure.

9 PART VI - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Fund of the
Institute

10 17.-(1) The Institute shall establish and maintain a fund from which
11 shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Institute in the performance of
12 its functions under this Bill.

13 (2) The fund of the Institute shall include:

14 (a) such sums as may, from time to time, be granted to the Institute by
15 the Federal Government;

16 (b) fees charged by and payable to the Institute in respect of students;

17 (c) any other amount charged or dues recoverable by the Institute;

18 (d) revenue from time to time accruing to the Institute by way of
19 subvention, grants in-aid, endowment or otherwise;

20 (e) interest on investment; and

21 (f) donations and legacies accruing to the Institute from any source,
22 for the general or special purposes of the Institute.

Donations for
particular purpose

23 18.-(1) Donations of money to be applied for any particular purpose
24 shall be placed to the credit of a special reserve account and may be invested in
25 such securities or other investments as may be approved by the Minister, until
26 such time as they may be expended in fulfilment of such purpose; provided that
27 the Institute shall not accept a donation from a particular purpose, if the terms
28 and conditions attached to such donation are inconsistent with the actions of
29 Institute under this Bill.

30 (2) The interest derived from the investments referred to in sub

1 section (1) of this clause (unless the terms of the donations otherwise
2 require) shall be deemed to be revenue of the/ Institute.

3 19. Payment of all sums of money accruable to the Institute except Payment into
4 donations and gifts shall be made through the Federal Government Bank
5 recognized Remita online platform.

6 20.-(1) The Institute shall keep proper records and accounts and Annual Estimate
7 shall cause to be prepared not later than 1 October in each financial year, an Accounts and
8 estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the ensuing financial year and the Audit
9 estimate shall be submitted to the National Board for Technical Education
10 for approval.

11 (2) At the end of each financial year but not later than 30 June the
12 Institute shall cause to be prepared a statement of its income and expenditure
13 during the previous financial year.

14 (3) The statement of accounts referred to in subsection (2) of this
15 clause shall, when certified by the Rector, be audited by a firm of auditors
16 appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the
17 Auditor-General of the Federation and shall be published in the annual
18 report of the polytechnic.

19 21. Each council shall cause to be prepared and presented to the Annual Report
20 president through the minister, a report of the activities during the preceding
21 financial year, inclusive of the audited - accounts of the polytechnic in
22 respect of the financial year and the auditors comment not later than 31
23 December each year.

24 PART VII - MISCELLANEOUS

25 22.-(1) The Council may, within the scope of its authority under Power to make
26 this Bill, make bye-laws relating to any internal domestic matters placed by bye-laws
27 this Bill under its control and superintendence other than matters for which
28 provision is to be made by standing orders under paragraph 1 (1) of the
29 Schedule to this Bill or in pursuance of paragraph 2 (2) of the said Schedule.

30 (2) All such bye-laws shall be in writing and shall come into force

1 when sealed with the seal of the Institute, unless some other date for
2 commencement be therein prescribed.

3 (3) Nothing in sub clause (2) of this Bill shall make it obligatory for
4 the Council to publish any of the said bye-laws in the Gazette.

Regulations

5 **23.** The Council may, with approval of the Minister, make regulations
6 for giving effect to the provisions of this Bill and without prejudice to the
7 foregoing regulations shall provide:

8 (a) the entry into and the type of courses approved for the Institute;

9 (b) the duration of the courses and academic standards; and

10 (c) the certificates, diplomas or degrees which may be awarded by the
11 Institute.

Interpretation

12 **24.** In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

13 "Bye-laws" means bye-laws made under clause 22 of this Bill;

14 "Council" means governing body of the Institute established under clause 2 of
15 this Bill;

16 "Minister" means Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to
17 education;

18 "Visitor" means Minister of Education;

19 "Property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations;

20 "Registrar" means the Registrar of the Institute;

21 "Institute" means National Institute of Construction Technology and
22 Management established under clause 1 of this Bill;

23 "Staff" means all persons employed by the Council to serve at the Institute.

Short title

25. This Bill may be cited as National Institute of Construction
Technology and Management (Establishment) Bill, 2018.

1 SCHEDULE

2 [Section 2 (4).]

3 *Proceedings of the Board*

4 1.-(1) Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act,
5 the Council may make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the
6 Council or any committee thereof.

7 (2) The quorum of the Council shall be seven (7) and the quorum of
8 any committee of the Council shall be as determined by the Council.

9 2.-(1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such
10 times as the Chairman of the Council may appoint but shall meet not less
11 than twice in a year and not more than four (4) times in each year and two (2)
12 emergencies.

13 (2) The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Board.
14 Where the Chairman is absent, the members present shall appoint one of
15 their number to preside over the meeting.

16 (3) No meeting shall hold except a quorum is formed. Notice and
17 Agenda of proposed meeting as well as minutes of prior regular meeting
18 shall be circulated to members at least two (2) weeks to the scheduled date of
19 meeting.

20 (4) For a meeting of the Governing Council to hold, the Chairman
21 and seven (7) other members shall be and constitute the quorum. Where the
22 Chairman is absent, any five members including the Rector (or his
23 representative) shall be and constitute the quorum.

24 (5) In a situation where voting is required to reach a resolution on
25 any matter a decision shall be reached by simple majority through a poll or
26 show of hand. Where there is a tie, the Chairman may cast a deciding vote.

27 (6) Where the Council desires to obtain advice of any person on a
28 particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a member for such period
29 as it deems fit; but a person who is a member by virtue of this sub-paragraph
30 shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count

1 towards the quorum.

2 (7) The Registrar of the Polytechnic shall serve as the Secretary but
3 non-member of Board. He shall not be considered for the purpose of a quorum
4 and shall have no voting right.

5 *Committee*

6 3.-(1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out
7 on behalf of the Council such of its functions as the Council may determine.

8 (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such
9 number of persons (not necessarily all members of the Council) as may be
10 determined by the Council; and a person, other than a member of the Council,
11 shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of his
12 appointment.

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

15 *Miscellaneous*

16 4.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by
17 the signature of the Chairman and of any other member authorized generally or
18 specially by the Council to act for that purpose.

19 (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made by a person not being a
20 body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or
21 executed on behalf of the Institute by the Rector or any person generally or
22 specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.

23 (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under
24 the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the
25 contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

26 (4) Members of the Council who are not public officers shall be paid
27 out of moneys at the disposal of the Council such remuneration; fee or
28 allowances in accordance with such scale as may be approved, from time to
29 time, by the President.

30 (5) The validity of any proceedings of the Council or of a committee

1 thereof shall not be adversely affected by a vacancy in the membership of the
2 Council of a committee or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took
3 part in the proceedings.

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

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the National Institute of Construction Technology and Management to provide full-time and part-time courses of instruction and training in Construction Technology, Engineering Technology, Applied Sciences, Management Sciences and other fields of study and to make provisions for the general administration of the Institute.

