

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF EMPLOYMENT ACT
CAP. 28 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO MAKE IT THE
MANDATORY STATUTORY DUTY OF THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF
EMPLOYMENT TO, AMONGST OTHERS, CONDUCT CENSUS OF
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS AND MAINTAIN A DATA BANK ON EMPLOYMENT
IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Kabiru Amadu

[] Commencement

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

1 1. Section of the National Directorate of Employment Cap. N28
2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the
3 "Principal Act") is hereby amended by substituting paragraph (c) with the new
4 paragraph (c):

Amendment of
Section 2 of the
National Directorate
of Employment
Cap. N28 LFN
2004

5 (c) obtain and maintain a data bank on employment and vacancies
6 in the country, with a view to acting as a clearing house to link jobseekers
7 with vacancies, in collaboration with other government agencies pursuant to
8 which the Directorate shall:

9 (i) Periodically but not later than at intervals of four (4) years
10 conduct census of unemployed persons in each State of the Federation and
11 the Federal Capital Territory to determine the number and percentage of
12 unemployed persons in each State of the Federation and shall publish same
13 in the Federal Government gazette and in the mass media;

14 (ii) Required unemployed persons to present themselves for
15 registration with the Directorate:

16 (iii) Liaise with Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to
17 regularly and promptly publish in the federal government gazette available

1 vacancies and the methods of application;

2 (iv) Keep a record of job gains and losses in each State of the
3 Federation and the Federal Capital Territory and periodically publish same in
4 the Federal government gazette and the mass media;

Amendment
of Section 14

5 2. Section 14 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by substituting
6 subsection (1) with the following new subsection (1):

7 The Board shall not later than 30 Jul in each year, submit to the Minister and
8 National Assembly a report of the activities of the Directorate and its
9 administration during the immediate preceding year and shall include in such
10 report:

11 (a) The audited accounts of the Directorate and auditor's report
12 thereon;

13 (b) An accurate report of the number and percentage of unemployed
14 persons in each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory;

15 (c) Accurate data on job gains and losses in each State of the Federation
16 and Federal Capital Territory.

Citation

17 3. This Bill may be cited as National Directorate of Employment Act
18 (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the National Directorate of Employment Act Cap. 28
Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to make it the mandatory statutory duty
of the National Directorate of Employment to, amongst others, conduct census
of unemployed persons and maintain a data bank on employment in Nigeria as
a base for national planning.