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**MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE COUNCIL OF NIGERIA**  
**ACT (CAP. M25 LFN) 2004**  
**REGULATIONS FOR MINIMUM PRACTICE STANDARDS, 2018**



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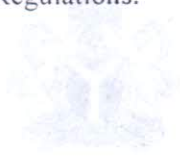
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10.—(1) All premises used for the practice of Medical Laboratory Science shall be fully approved by the Council.

Approval of  
a Medical  
Laboratory.

(2) The Council shall ensure that Medical Laboratory observes the following—

(a) be headed by a qualified Medical Laboratory Scientist, whether it is government owned, faith based or private laboratory ;

(b) display evidence of registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission or in the case of public or tertiary institutions, the law establishing it ;

(c) display in a conspicuous area in the business premises, a copy of the current licence to practice ;

(d) display conspicuously in front of the facilities the Council's seal and a Perspex sign embossed with the Council's logo ; and

(e) such other terms and conditions, the Council may deem fit to make.

11. The Council shall ensure that every practitioner displays its Perspex or Neon sign conspicuously on the walls of its official premises where the laboratory is located.

Perspex or  
Neon sign.

12.—(1) Where the Proprietor or Practitioner intends to register the Laboratory as a company limited by shares, he shall furnish to the Corporate Affairs Commission in addition to incorporation forms, the following documents—

Requirements  
for  
Registration.

(a) where the Laboratory is owned by a non-practitioner, there shall be a Partnership Agreement between the Proprietor and the Practitioner endorsed by the Council ;

(b) the current practicing Licence of the practitioner ; and

(c) inclusion of at least a Medical Laboratory Scientist in the composition of the Board of Directors.

(2) Where the Laboratory is registered with a Business name, it shall furnish to the Corporate Affairs Commission in addition to the requisite forms, the following documents—

(a) where the Laboratory is owned by a Non-Medical Laboratory Scientist, the Partnership Agreement between the Proprietor and the Medical Laboratory Scientist shall be endorsed by the Council ;

(b) the current practicing Licence of the Medical Laboratory Scientist in charge ; and

(c) the Medical Laboratory Scientist shall be registered as a part-owner of the Medical Laboratory Enterprise.

Inspection, approval and monitoring of medical laboratories.

13.—(1) Every Laboratory and Practitioners shall adhere to these Regulations and any other Regulations made by the Council on periodic inspection, approval, registration and monitoring of Laboratory operations to ensure continuity in standard.

(2) No practitioner shall prevent, avoid or subvert the entry into any Laboratory for Inspection/Monitoring Team of the Council, for purposes of carrying out its statutory periodic inspection, regular monitoring and evaluation.

(3) Any Practitioner or Staff of the practitioner or person acting on behalf of the practitioner, who acts contrary to the provision of sub-regulation (2) of this regulation, shall be guilty of professional misconduct.

(4) Any Laboratory that fails to adhere strictly to the provisions of regulation 13, sub-regulation (1) of these Regulations shall be—

- (a) sealed off by the Inspection Team ; and
- (b) issued a warning letter mandating the laboratory to regularise its status within 14 days from the date of receipt of the letter.

(5) The Laboratory in default shall only be unsealed, where it has fulfilled the conditions set out by the Inspection Team.

Joint ownership of a Medical Laboratory.

14.—(1) Where a Laboratory is jointly owned by a Practitioner and a Non-Practitioner, a licenced practitioner, to the exclusion of a Medical Laboratory Technician Assistant, shall head the laboratory and shall be so stated in the Partnership Agreement.

(2) The Partnership Agreement shall be presented to the Council.

(3) Where the Partners terminate the Agreement between them, the Council shall be duly notified.

(4) Practitioners of less than 5 years post induction experience shall not set up its own private Laboratory but will undergo pupillage under a Senior Medical Laboratory Scientist before establishing his own.

Management of Medical Laboratory.

15. The most senior practitioner to the exclusion of a Medical Laboratory Technician and Assistant in a Medical Laboratory, either in private or public health institutions, shall be made the head of the Laboratory, notwithstanding whether there is an existing administrator, where the Laboratory is owned by a non-practitioner.

Certification of Medical Laboratory.

16.—(1) Every Practitioner shall register its laboratory and actively participate in quality improvement programme for certification by the Council.

(2) Any practitioner seeking certification of its laboratory with the Council shall observe the following—

- (a) pay all the prescribed fees of the Council ;

