

**MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE COUNCIL OF NIGERIA
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**RULES OF THE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR MEDICAL
LABORATORY SCIENTIST, LABORATORY TECHNICIANS
AND LABORATORY ASSISTANTS, 2018**



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[8th Day of June, 2018]

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 4, 7(a), 15(6) of the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria Act No. 11 of 2003, the Governing Board of Council hereby makes the following rules—

Commence-
ment.

**PART I—PRACTICE AS A MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST,
MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN AND ASSISTANT**

1. These Rules seeks to provide legal and regulatory framework for the practice of Medical Laboratory Scientist, Medical Laboratory Technicians and Medical Laboratory Assistants in Nigeria.

Scope of
these Rules.

2. The aims of these Rules are to—

Aim.

(a) ensure that Medical Laboratory Science practitioners carry out their job within the medical ethical values and orientations ;

(b) ensure that erring Medical Laboratory Science practitioners are brought to justice for any professional negligence and misconduct, where they are found culpable ;

(c) gain confidence of patients and the general public as to disease diagnosis, forecasting and management of patients' ailments as well as public health surveillance ;

(d) ensure that Medical Laboratory Science practitioners adhere strictly to these Rules ; and

(e) empower the Council to co-ordinate the activities and the practice of Medical Laboratory Science in Nigeria and to punish any errant practitioner.

3. The objectives of these Rules of Professional Conduct Medical Laboratory Scientist, Technician and Assistant are to—

Objectives
of these
Rule.

(a) enable practitioners in Medical Laboratory Science maintain and sustain best practices globally accepted in the profession ;

(b) ensure that practitioners comply with the provisions of these Rules as it relates to Medical Laboratory Science ethical values and orientation as regards quality of professional practice ;

(c) ensure that all practitioners discharge its duties in a manner that earns the trust of the patient and respect of the society for the profession ;

(d) create public awareness as to the duties and what to expect from practitioners ; and

(e) provide a regulatory framework to be used by the Disciplinary Organs of the Council to determine professional conduct.

Induction.

4.—(1) Newly qualified Medical Laboratory Scientists shall be inducted formally into the profession at a ceremony organised by the Council.

(2) The Inductee shall be made to take Oath of allegiance and pledge to abide by the provisions of the Act, these Rules and any other Regulations of the Council.

(3) The Inductee shall be made to know and abide by these Rules, ethical values and orientation of the profession.

Conduct of the induction ceremony.

5. The induction of newly qualified Medical Laboratory Scientists shall be conducted by the Registrar of the Council or his representative in such a place and manner as shall be deemed fit and proper.

Allegiance to the Profession.

6. Every practitioner shall take Oath of allegiance to the Council and the Medical Laboratory Science profession in general.

Practicing fees.

7.—(1) Every practitioner shall pay his annual practicing fees not later than 31st March of every year and where the practitioner enrolls within the year, the fees shall be paid within one month after enrolment.

(2) Any practitioner who defaults in the payment of his practicing fees as stipulated in sub-rule (1) of this rule, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to, in the case of—

(a) first offender, to a fine of twice the prescribed practicing fee of such practitioner ;

(b) second or subsequent offender, to a fine of not less than three times of his prescribed practicing fees or be suspended for the period of three months by the Disciplinary Committee of the Council.

(3) Late payment of practicing fees shall attract 50% charges on the prescribed fee of such practitioner, irrespective of any other penal provisions in the Act or Regulations of the Council.

(4) A practitioner who fails to pay his annual practicing fees shall not—

(a) parade himself as a practitioner under these Rules ;

(b) offer to perform any service involving knowledge or skill of Medical Laboratory Science ; or

(c) render professional service or assistance on matters of principles or details pertaining to Medical Laboratory Science procedure or data processing.

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