



**PRESENTATION BY
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

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DURING THE

**2022 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF REGISTERED QUANTITY
SURVEYORS AND INDUCTION CEREMONY OF NEWLY
REGISTERED QUANTITY SURVEYORS AT THE ABUJA
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE**

ON 9TH MARCH, 2022

The Quantity Surveyors Registration Board of Nigeria is a professional regulatory body established by Act No 31 of 1986 (Now CAP Q1 LFN 2004) to regulate the Quantity Surveying practice in Nigeria in all its aspects and ramifications.

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

The Board comprises of Fifteen (15) members as follows:-

- 1). Elected president.
- 2). 5 Representatives of private practice, contracting, public service and special interest appointed by the Honourable Minister of Works and Housing.
- 3). 5 Representatives of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors
- 4). 4 Representatives from the Universities and other Institutions of higher education.

TENURE OF THE BOARD

The tenure of office for the Board is three years and renewable only once for another period of three years. The tenure of the 8th Board which was inaugurated on 13th June, 2017 expired on 12th June, 2020 and was renewed by the Minister for a single and final term. Hence, the inauguration of the 9th Board on **21st September, 2020**. The tenure of the Board is due to expire on **20th September, 2023**.

MANDATES OF THE BOARD

This Government agency which operates under the supervision of the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing is saddled with the following mandates:

- (a) Determining who quantity surveyors are for the purposes of the ACT;
- (b) Determining what standards of knowledge and skill are to be attained by persons seeking to become registered as Quantity Surveyors and raising those standards from time to time as circumstances may demand;

MANDATES OF THE BOARD (Cont)

- (c) Securing in accordance with the provisions of the ACT the establishment and maintenance of a register of persons entitled to practise or work as Quantity Surveyors and the publication from time to time the lists of those persons;
- (d) Regulating and controlling the practice of the quantity surveying profession in all its aspects and ramifications;
- (e) Performing such other functions that may be conferred on the Board by the ACT

MANDATES OF THE BOARD (Cont)

The Board has a vision of becoming the best Quantity Surveying Regulatory Body in Africa and one of the best in the World. This it seeks to achieve by making professional ethics, competence, integrity and the pursuit of value-for-money, probity and accountability the central focus in our regulatory role within the Nigerian economy.

The Board prides itself in seven core values namely: Transparency; Accountability; Probity; Integrity; Professional Ethics; Value-for-money; and Professional Competence.

POWERS OF THE BOARD

The Board derives its powers from the Quantity Surveyors Registration Act in Section 2(1) which expressly states that **“Subject to the following sub-paragraph and to any directions of the Minister under this Act, the Board shall have power to do anything which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying on of its activities under this Act”**.

POWERS OF THE MINISTER

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4 (1) (2) and Section 18 of the Quantity Surveyors Registration Act, the powers of the Minister over the Board is explicitly quoted as below:

Section 4(1) “The Minister may give to the Board directions of a general character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual person or case) with regard to the exercise by the Board of its functions and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply with the directions.

POWERS OF THE MINISTER (Cont)

Section 4(2) “Before giving a direction under subsection (1) of this section, the Minister shall serve a copy of the proposed direction on the Board and shall afford the Board an opportunity of making representations to him with respect to the direction; and after considering any representations made to him in pursuance of this subsection, the Minister may give the direction either without modification, or with such modifications as appear to him to be appropriate having regard to the representations”.

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In 2011, the then Honourable Minister of Federal Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development issued Regulations to guide the operations of the Board. The Regulations amongst other things highlighted the following:

Standing Orders Regulating the Proceedings of Board Meetings;

Rules and regulations applicable to any person carrying on the practice of Quantity Surveying in Nigeria;

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Fees to be paid in respect of entry of names on the Register;

Issuing of Certificate of experience in respect of employment and experience outside Nigeria;

Regulations to Govern Administrative procedures;

Rules to Govern Financial Matters;

Employees of the Board; and

Remuneration and Allowances

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COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

The Board carry out the above listed mandates through six major standing committees.

1. REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Committee among others is:

- To consider the application of those seeking to be registered with the Board.
- To recommend for the approval of the Board such applicants adjudged to have met requirements set by the Board.
- To determine from time to time requirements for the registration of various categories of registration as specified in the law establishing the Board.
- To consider the application of firms and companies seeking to register with the Board and recommend accordingly to the Board for approval.

2. ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

- To determine the criteria and standards for accreditation of professional programmes of tertiary institutions offering quantity surveying programmes in the country.
- To develop strategies for the periodic conduct of accreditation exercises in institutions of higher learning and maintenance of standards from time to time.
- To consider yearly return of student enrolment from all institutions and recommend to the Board such measures which will enhance and promote the maintenance of professional standard.
- To determine the criteria and minimum standards for accreditation of programmes in institutions offering quantity surveying education.

3. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- To determine the research directions /agenda that the Board can pursue.
- To recommend to the Board the level and type of research support for Quantity Surveying Institutions and Educators/ Researchers.
- To recommend to the Board the nature of support for academic publications and resource materials that can promote and help in the capacity building of the profession.
- To recommend to the Board relevant knowledge transfer systems that will preserve the aspects of the profession that can be passed on to future generation of Quantity Surveyors.

4. MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

- To evolve, develop and implement monitoring and control system for tracking and regulating the activities of Registered Quantity Surveyors and Registered firms or companies.
- To evolve, develop and implement monitoring, regulating and control system for tracking the incursion of other professions into quantity surveying in the country to practice the profession in all ramifications.
- To initiate processes culminating in sanctions against offenders.

5. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The term of reference is solely for disciplinary actions against any erring Registered Quantity Surveyor. The Composition of the team is 9 members of which the President of the Board is the Chairman

6. GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

- To consider matters relating to human resources affairs of the Board including recruitment, promotion, discipline of Senior Staff of the Board.
- To advise the Board on disposal of obsolete and unserviceable goods and equipment.
- To advice the Board on any other matter of general nature that do not directly relate to other Committee's assignment that may be referred to it.

There are other adhoc committees which are sub-committees of some of the Committees listed above. They are: Local Organizing Committee; Adhoc Committee on development of Construction Cost Data base and Adhoc Committee on review of court cases.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

According to the organogram of the QSRBN as approved by the 8th Board, the Board is the apex authority and it formulates the policy for the organization. The President of the Board is the Chief Executive of the organization while the Registrar who is an appointee of the Board is the Head of the Secretariat and Secretary to the Committees of the Board.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS (Cont.)

The Board has a number of departments and units in the QSRBN Secretariat via which it carries out its operational activities. They are: Administration and Finance, Standing Committees, Planning, Research and Statistics, Zonal/Liaison Offices, Legal Unit, Internal Audit Unit, Press and Protocol Unit, Procurement Unit, Ict Unit, and Servicom. It should be noted that some of these departments and units are fully functional while others are yet to function due to financial constraints.

FUNDING OF THE BOARD

The Quantity Surveyors Registration Board of Nigeria though a government agency, is not on the budget line of the Federal Government. The activities of the Board are primarily funded from the annual subscriptions paid by Registered Quantity Surveyors. Other sources of funding include Registration Fees, Annual Assembly Fees, proceeds from sales of stick stamps, lapel pins, and Capital Grant from the Supervising Ministry which is only a stipend. It should be noted that this stipend is not regular and only granted for capital expenditure purposes.

MCPD EVENT

The Board organizes one Mandatory Continuing Professional Development event annually tagged: Annual Assembly of Registered Quantity Surveyors combined with the Induction ceremony for newly Registered Quantity Surveyors.

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF QUANTITY SURVEYORS (NIQS)

It is pertinent to note that while the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors is the professional Institute responsible for the training of Quantity Surveyors in Nigeria, the Board is the professional regulatory body mandated by law to licence Quantity Surveyors to practice and to also regulate their practice in all aspects and ramifications from time to time. The Board and the Institute have enjoyed collaboration in so many areas ranging from development of Cost Data Base, Registration, Monitoring and Enforcement, Payment of Annual Subscriptions, Accreditation of Quantity Surveyors Programmes in Nigerian tertiary Institutions.

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RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MINISTRY AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BODIES

The Federal Ministry of Works and Housing serves as the supervising Ministry for seven (7) professional regulatory bodies namely: Council of Registered Engineers in Nigeria (COREN), Surveyors Council of Nigeria (SURCON), Quantity Surveyors Board of Nigeria (QSRBN), Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON), Council of Registered Builders in Nigeria (CORBON), Estate Surveyors and Valuers Registration Board of Nigeria and Town Planners Registration Council (TOPREC).

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PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BODIES (Cont.)

COREN & SURCON are directly under the Works Sector while the remaining five (5) are under the Housing Sector. The bodies under the Works sector are on the budget line of the Federal Government while the Ministry allocates capital grant to the five (5) agencies in the Housing sector annually since they are not under the budget line of the Federal Government.

The Ministry appoints and inaugurates Board members of these professional bodies at the expiration of their tenure from time to time.

The Registrars of these professional bodies interact from time to time through a forum called Committee of Registrars of Professional Regulatory bodies in the Construction Industry.

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

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HEAD OF CIVIL SERVICE OF THE FEDERATION

The Quantity Surveyors Registration Board of Nigeria as an agency of the Federal Government, receives circulars from time to time from the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation. These circulars guide the mode of operation of the Board as a public service.

**OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL/
AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION**

The Office of the Accountant General and Auditor General of the Federation from time to time, send team of Accountants and Auditors as the case may be to inspect the financial books of the Board and recommendations are made accordingly after each visit.

REGULATIONS

In 2017, the then Honourable Minister of Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, Quantity Surveyors Registration Board of Nigeria in **BABATUNDE RAJI FASHOLA (SAN)** made the Quantity Surveyors (Registered Quantity Surveyors) Regulations to complement the Quantity Surveyors (Registration, etc.) Act, Cap. Q1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Act’), in governing the practice of quantity surveying in Nigeria.

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REGULATIONS (Cont.)

The Regulations highlights the principal services of a Quantity Surveyor, relations with Clients and other Quantity Surveyors. The Regulations also sets the conditions for the renewal of practice licence of a registered quantity surveyor.

The following are also highlighted:

1. Duties and Powers of the Quantity Surveyors Registration Board of Nigeria.
2. Disciplinary Powers of the Board.
3. Meaning of Professional Misconduct.
4. Meaning of Infamous Conduct
5. Penalties for Unprofessional and Infamous Conducts



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