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BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PREMISES  
(REGISTRATION)1984 No. 19.  
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**A Law to make Provision for the Registration of Business and Professional Premises and for other Matters Incidental Thereto or Connected Therewith.**

[15th November, 1984]

1. This Law may be cited as the Business and Professional Premises (Registration) Law. Short title.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Business” has the meaning assigned to it in the Business Premises (Rent Control) Law;

Interpretation. Cap 23.

“Commissioner” means the State Commissioner responsible for Commerce and Industries;

“Court” includes the High Court or a Magistrate’s Court but does not include a customary court;

“functions” includes powers and duties;

“Ministry” means the State Ministry of Commerce and Industries;

“the Permanent Secretary” means the Permanent Secretary of the State’s Ministry of Commerce and Industries;

“Premises” means any house or building or any part thereof together with its grounds or other appurtenances and any land without any building thereon used for the purposes of any business or profession carried on by the proprietor or practitioner;

“Proprietor” includes a company duly registered under the provisions of the Companies and firm, association or partnership of any number of persons. LFN 1990  
Cap 59

3. (1) No person shall carry on any business unless the business or professional premises has been duly registered by the Ministry. Registration of business and professional premises.

(2) Application for the registration of any business or professional premises shall be made to the Permanent Secretary in the form prescribed in the First Schedule hereto and shall be accompanied with a receipt for the appropriate sum specified in the second column of the Second Schedule hereto issued by the nearest State Government Treasury and the applicant’s tax clearance certificate for the last three years.

(3) On receipt of such application and on being satisfied that all other conditions for the establishment of such a business in the premises have been satisfied, the Permanent Secretary shall issue to the applicant a certificate of registration in the form prescribed in the Third Schedule hereto.

(4) Subject to the provisions of section 5 of this Law, the registration of a premises shall be renewed annually upon the production of a receipt for the sum specified in the Third column of the Second Schedule hereto issued by the nearest State Government Treasury and the applicant's tax clearance certificate for the last three years.

Inspection of premises.

4. It shall be lawful for the Permanent Secretary or any officer authorised by him in writing to enter any building or premises being used as business or professional premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of inspection of such building or premises in order to ascertain compliance with the provisions of this Law.

"Power to seal off a business or professional premises.

4a (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Law, it shall be lawful for the Permanent Secretary or any officer authorised by him in writing, with the assistance of the Commissioner of Police of the State or his representative, to seal off any business or professional premises whose proprietor evades or refuses to pay the appropriate registration fee.

1986 No. 12.

(2) It shall be unlawful for the proprietor, his servant or agent to transact any business or remove the seal until the appropriate registration fee is paid or the seal is removed by the Permanent Secretary or any officer authorised by him".

Power to suspend or cancel registration.

5. Where it appears to the Permanent Secretary or any officer authorised by him in writing, that the provisions of this Law are not being complied with, he may by order in writing addressed to the proprietor or to the person for the time being in charge or appearing to be in charge thereof suspend or cancel the registration of such premises.

Appeal.

6. (1) Any proprietor aggrieved;  
 (a) by the refusal of the Permanent Secretary to grant or renew a certificate of registration, or  
 (b) by the suspension or cancellation by the Permanent Secretary or revenue agent or consultant appointed by the Commissioner under section 12 of this Law of a certificate of registration, may within thirty days appeal to the Governor against such refusal, suspension or cancellation.

1996 No 11

(2) the Governor shall, after considering an appeal, make such order as he thinks fit and such order shall be final.

7. Where an offence has been committed against the provisions of this Law in respect of any premises and such premises are owned and controlled by a person or a company, then, in addition to the person in charge, such person or company and every director, manager, secretary, and other officer of such company knowingly being a party to such offences shall be guilty of the like offence and liable to the same punishment.

Liability for offenders.

8. (1) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this Law or who obstructs or in any way hinders or prevents the Permanent Secretary or any officer authorised by him in writing or a revenue agent or consultant appointed by the Commissioner under Section 12 of this Law in the discharge of his duties under this Law shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of ₦2000 for an individual and ₦5,000 for a corporate body or six months imprisonment or to both fine and imprisonment.

General Penalty  
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1996 NO. 11

(2) Any person who defaults in the payment of registration or renewal fees under this Law, shall in addition to the fine or imprisonment imposed under sub-section I of this Section be liable to pay the appropriate registration or renewal fees for the year and twenty one percent of such fees for each year of default.

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9. The provisions of this Law shall apply to any premises which have been in existence prior to the coming into force of this law and the proprietor of such premises shall apply for registration thereof within a period of six months from the coming into Operation of this Law

Registration of existing business or professional premises.

10. The Commissioner may delegate to the Permanent Secretary all or any of the powers conferred on the Commissioner by this Law subject to such restrictions, conditions and qualifications, not being inconsistent with the provisions or intendment of this Law as the Commissioner may specify.

Delegation of powers.

\* 11. The Commissioner may, whenever he considers it fit so to do, make regulations in respect of the establishment and inspection of any premises and generally for the carrying into effect the purpose of this Law and, without prejudice to the generality of the power so conferred, in particular for:

Power to make regulations.

1985 No. 8.

(a) varying the amount of fees payable for registration or renewal as the case may be of registration of any premises: and

1985 No. 8

(b) adding to the Second Schedule, Business and Professional Premises hitherto not included together with registration and annual renewal fees payable by such new premises:

(c) prescribing any matter or thing required to be prescribed under the provisions of this Law.

"Power of Commissioner to appoint revenue agents or consultants".  
1996 No. 11

12. The Commissioner may appoint revenue agents or consultants to perform the duties conferred by Sections 4 and 5 on the Permanent Secretary or any person authorised by him in writing.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(SECTION 3(2))

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL PREMISES

(This application should be submitted to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industries).

No.....

1. Name of Applicant.....

Postal Address .....

Location of applicant's office or premises .....

Type of Business or Profession .....

Local Government Area.....Telephone No.....

2. If application is on behalf of a limited liability company, state:

(i) Capital paid in cash ₦ .....

(ii) Date of Incorporation .....

(iii) Place of Incorporation .....

(iv) Chairman's Name .....

(v) Vice-Chairman's Name .....

(vi) Secretary's Name.....

(vii) Treasurer's Name .....