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**ENGINEERS (REGISTRATION, ETC) ACT, 2004  
REGULATION ON ENGINEERING LICENSING  
LICENSING ENGINEERING FIRMS**

Licensing of Engineering Firms Regulations

Date Commencement (.....)

Pursuant to the powers conferred upon it by Sections 1 (1) (d), 11, 21 and paragraph 2 (1) of the First Schedule to the Engineers (Registration, etc) Act, 2004 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as "COREN") hereby makes the following Regulations:-

1. For the purpose of engineering practice, Engineering Firms shall be licensed on the basis of the following categories-
  - (a) Consulting Engineering.
  - (b) Engineering Contracting.
  - (c) Engineering Manufacturing and Production.
  - (d) Engineering Service Provision.
  - (e) Vendoring of Engineering machines, equipment, plants and materials.
  - (f) Fabrication/ Repair and Maintenance.
2. None of the above listed categories of firms or organizations shall practice in Nigeria without COREN License.
3. For the purposes of these regulations, all engineering firms are hereby classified as follows:-
  - (a) Sole ownership
  - (b) Partnership
  - (c) Limited liability and
  - (d) Corporate ownership
4. For the purpose of these regulations and licensing, engineering firms in categories (b)-(f) of regulation 1 herein are further classified into the following status:-
  - (a) Startup -----
  - (b) Small N5Million to 49.99Million turn over
  - (c) Medium N50Million to 499 Million turn over
  - (d) Large N500Million upward turn over



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5. The general requirements for all categories of applicants for licenses pursuant to these regulations are as follows:
  - (i) Completed COREN Application form;
  - (ii) Registration with CAC;
  - (iii) Brochure of the Company;
  - (iv) Memorandum of Association;
  - (v) CAC form CO2;
  - (vi) CAC form CO7;
  - (vii) CAC form 10 (Annual Return).
  
6. A consulting engineering firm applicant for license pursuant to these regulations shall fulfill the following requirements in addition to the requirements listed in regulation 5 herein:
  - (i) Principal Partners of a Consulting Firm shall:
    - (a) Demonstrate technical expertise by providing a detailed record of studies, designs and supervision works carried out under the supervision of organisations with the competence to provide such training.
    - (b) Provide documentary evidence that such work experience with reference to paragraph (2) (a) hereof have been for a period of not less than five years.
    - (c) Provide documentary evidence to demonstrate:
      - Experience attained and level of responsibility carried in a consulting engineering firm or similar organization.
      - That such experience referred to in sub-paragraph (i) herein shall have been acquired for a period of not less than three years after initial registration with COREN.
      - That he has the ability to lead a project team of reasonable size.
    - (d) Submit a statement of consultancy experience in form of a reference letter from a company registered with COREN, to which a copy of the referee company's certificate is attached.
  - (ii) If he has not been in practice or he has defaulted in payment of his practicing fees for a period of five years or more, he shall not be qualified to apply unless he first renew his registration with COREN



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7. An applicant for license from categories b-f of regulations 1 herein shall fulfill the following additional requirements:
  - (i) If the license sought for belong to category b, c, or e such an applicant shall have:
    - (a) at least 1 Registered Engineer on its Board of Director; and
    - (b) at least three Registered Engineers as staff in addition to other cadres
  - (ii) An applicant for categories d and f of regulation 1 hereof shall have at least 1 Registered Engineering Personnel on the Board i.e Engineer, Technologist, Technician or Craftsman.
8. For the purpose of licensing under these regulations, all applications shall be subject to the payment of the required fees as contained in the First Schedule hereto or such amounts and upon such terms as are contained in these regulations or as COREN may determine from time to time.
9. Application forms to be submitted by engineering firms pursuant to the provisions of these regulations shall be as contained in the Second Schedule hereto or as shall obtainable from COREN's website or offices accompanied by the prescribed application fees.
10.
  - (i) A license shall be renewable annually.
  - (ii) In the absence of a license termination date, a license shall terminate 12 calendar months from the date of issuance or as is otherwise stated in the license.
  - (iii) An applicant for license pursuant to regulation 1(a) who has not been in practice for a period of five years shall not be qualified to apply unless he first renew his registration with COREN.

### Sample of Engineering Firms Form.

11. The holder of a license shall notify COREN of any change of inaccuracy in its information details, or services run by its and any other particulars submitted to COREN.
12. Engineering Firms in their applications for registration with the Corporate affairs Commission shall:-



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- (a) Reflect the name of their engineering outfit category; and
  - (b) Specify in their Memorandum of Association that the firm is solely in the class of any categories mentioned in regulation 1 of these regulations.
13. The submission of a firm's practicing license shall be a requirement for prequalification for rendering of any of the categories of Engineering service.
14. Any firm which contravenes the provisions of regulation 2 herein shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction by the Registered Engineers (Disciplinary Tribunal) (hereinafter referred to as "Tribunal") be liable to:
- (i) A fine of Five Hundred Thousand Naira or;
  - (ii) The suspension of its practicing license for a period of time not exceeding nine months; or
  - (iii) With both the fine of Five Hundred Thousand Naira and Suspension of its license for a period of time not exceeding nine months.

15. **Interpretation**

In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires:-

***"Engineering Practice"***

Any professional service or creative work requiring the application of special knowledge of mathematics, physics and engineering in the form of Invention, Researching, Discovery, Planning, Designing, measuring, constructing, supervising, commissioning, specifying, laying, directing, installing, operating, evaluating, maintaining, investigating, advising, contracting, vrending and testing through public and private utilities in terms of structures, buildings, machines and equipment.

***"Engineering Consulting"***

Engineering expert advisor, Supervising or other engineering business that requires expert opinion.

***"Engineering Contracting"***

Engineering relating contracts e.g. structures, buildings, machines and equipments etc. contract.

***"Engineering Manufacturing"***

Making and producing any engineering goods and materials.



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*“Engineering Service Provision”* Means; engineering business whose work involves repairing, maintenance and fabrication for clients and not production.

*“Engineering Vendoring”* Ventures or companies that sales engineering products.

*“His”* Male or Female applicant / principal partner for any engineering firms.

16. These Regulations may be cited as COREN Licensing of Engineering Firms 2016.

MADE at Abuja this ....., 2016.

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