

**COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA ACT NO 49 of  
1993**

**SERVICES CONSTITUTING PRACTICE OF COMPUTING UNDER THE CPN ACT**

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In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 17(c) of the COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA ACT 1993 and all other enabling powers in that behalf, the Council hereby makes the following Regulations:

Scope and Application

**Chapter I – Scope and Application**

1. – (1) With effect from the Commencement Date hereof, these Regulations shall be enforced by the Council, subject in all respects to the provisions of the Act.

(2) Pursuant to these Regulations and the Act and except as otherwise stipulated hereafter, any individual, foreign or local company, organization and institution engaged in the provision of services outlined in these regulations as services constituting the practice of computing and shall register with the Council in accordance with the provisions of Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria Act Cap C22 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (LFN) 2004. Provided however that the Council may at any time, upon due and prior publication, include other services not mentioned in these Regulations as services constituting the practice of computing.

(3) Any person, company, institution or organization either local or foreign, engaged in the practice of computing, Software Design and Development, provision of Information Technology (IT) professional services or provision of services making use of computational machineries, equipment and device or renders any services which Council has designated by the provisions of these Regulations and other Regulations as services constituting practice of computing or professional usage of computational machineries and techniques related thereto anywhere in Nigeria shall register and pay to the Council Annual Subscription Fees in accordance with the guidelines approved by Council.

(4) Any person, company, institution or organization either local or foreign, engaged in the provision of professional services or renders any services which

Council has designated as services constituting practice of computing or professional usage of computational machineries and techniques related thereto without being duly registered with the Council and paying the appropriate annual subscription fees contravenes the provisions of these Regulations and CPN Act and so does his employer.

Objectives

## **Chapter II – SERVICES CONSTITUTING PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED MEMBER OF COMPUTING PROFESSION**

2. –(1) The Council of Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria, in accordance with the statutory provisions of section 17(c) Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria Act Cap C22 LFN 2004 hereby declare that the services enumerated below are services constituting the practice of computing in Nigeria:
1. Server support operations - management and operation of all server environments
  2. Service management - facilitating control of overall operations through implementation of standard IT processes & policies
  3. Information Technology (IT) Asset management - support for infrastructure deployed in IT Asset Management with optional features
  4. Network security- support services such as data networking, network management, network monitoring and voice support
  5. End-user services - support at different levels for centralized customer desk and distributed client support services
  6. Information Technology Consulting Services
  7. Information Technology (IT) Outsourcing
  8. Development, Deployment, Integration, and Maintenance of Enterprise Application solutions (such as ERP, CRM, OSS, BSS, etc)
  9. Data Warehousing & Business Intelligence
  10. Information Technology (IT) support service

11. Webhosting - Dedicated Servers & Shared Hosting
12. Information Technology (IT) Training and Technology Based Training
13. Domain Name Registration & User Managed Hosting
14. Data Center Services Implementation, support and management
15. VoIP Platform (Provision, Administration, and Support)
16. Enterprise Cloud Services
17. Search Engine Platform Provision, and Website Optimization (SEO) Services
18. Pay-Per-Click (PPC) Management/Online Advertisement Platform provisioning
19. Information Technology (IT) Security Services
20. Online, Mobile and Enterprise Content Management Services, including Telecom/SMS Based Value Added Services (VAS) Provisioning, Implementation, and Support
21. Information Technology (IT) Project Management
22. IT Systems and Services Design, Development, Testing, Deployment and Integration
23. Software Application development, support and Maintenance for enterprise, internet, mobile, desktop, etc.
24. Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure design, Installation, and support/management
25. Internet security
26. Information Technology (IT) projects implementation
27. System/Business analysis
28. Data Recovery and Business Continuity Services
29. Information Technology (IT) Auditing, Digital Forensic Examination, Investigation and related Services
30. Website Design, Development and Hosting
31. Network Installation/Support Services

32. Software Design/Development and Support services
33. Computer Based Modeling Services
34. Computer Based Simulation/ Training Services
35. CAL/CAP Services
36. Hardware Installation Support Services
37. Operating System Installation / Support Services
38. Information Technology (IT) User Support/Help Desk Services
39. Information Technology (IT) Management Consultancy Services
40. Data Management Consultancy and Services
41. Data and Message Transmitting Services
42. Original Equipment Manufacturing services (OEM)
43. Original Design Manufacturer services (ODM)
44. Hardware computer manufacturing, and Assembly
45. Information Technology Platform companies/service providers
46. Independent Software Vendor (ISV)
47. Software Development and maintenance services
48. Internet service provider
49. Systems integration services
50. Information Technology (IT) Professional service
51. Provision of Back end / Back office services
52. Call Center Administration and Management
53. Provision of Information Technology (IT) services on Completely Knocked Down (CKD) assembling plant
54. Data Centre Administration, Support and Maintenance services
55. Application Hosting, and Server Colocation Services

56. Information Technology (IT) components, equipment and devices manufacturing
57. Maintenance of computer hardware, software and computational devices
58. Development, design, fabrication and assembling of computer, computational devices and Information Technology (IT) accessories, equipments and products
59. Information Technology (IT) Value Added Service Providers
60. Subscriber Identification Module (SIM) manufacturing
61. Manufacturing of debit card/smart cards
62. IT hardware, software, equipment and devices Programming, manufacturing or assembly plants
63. Establishment and maintenance of Software houses
64. Establishment and maintenance of IT Parks and allied facilities
65. Production, sales and assemblage of information technology products
66. Capacity building, training and capacity development of computer/IT knowledge
67. Creation, distribution and deployment of Information Technology solutions for organizations and businesses
68. Electronic Payment Transaction Services
69. Manufacturing, Assemblage and Programming of Electronic Payment Equipment Systems
70. Design, Development/Manufacturing/Production, Maintenance and/or Technical Support of Electronic Payment Equipment, Systems, gateways, or Platforms
71. Cloud Services
72. Distribution/Sales of Computer Hardware and Related IT equipment, devices and accessories
73. Identity Management Services

### Chapter III – OFFENCES

3. –(1) Any person, foreign or local company, institution and organizations engaged in the provision of services outlined above without registering with Council and obtaining License to so practice has committed an offence and such person shall be subject to the punishment prescribed under section 22(5) of the CPN Act.
- (a) Any person guilty of an offence under this section is liable:
    - (i) Be mandated to comply with the provisions of Act, these Regulations and other Regulations made my Council
    - (ii) On summary conviction to a fine not exceeding N100,000
    - (iii) An institution or organization found guilty on a summary conviction is liable to a fine not exceeding N200,000
    - (iv) On conviction or indictment an individual will be liable to a fine not exceeding N150,000 while an organization or institution will be liable to pay a fine not exceeding N1,000,000 or to an imprisonment term not exceeding 2 years or to both fine and imprisonment term.
  - (b) Where an offence under this section which has been committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of or to be attributed to any neglect on the part of any Director, Manager, Secretary or any other similar officer of the body corporate or any person purporting to act in any such capacity, he, as well as the body corporate, shall be deemed to have committed that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
4. Without prejudice to the specific provisions of the Act, Regulations or any license conditions, the Council may, in the exercise of its power to control computing profession in the country; pursuant to this Rules and Act, institute civil proceedings in court against any person or organization for order to conform with the provisions of the Act, these Regulations and other Regulations of the Council and the grant of remedies that may include but not limited to injunctive relief, specific performance or pecuniary awards or damages.

## Chapter IV –Definitions and Short Title

5. (a) In this Rules –

“Act” means the Computer Professionals (Registration Council of Nigeria) Act 49 of 1993;

“Council” means Computer Professionals (Registration Council of Nigeria) established under section 1 of the Act.

“Contravention” means, as the context require, non –compliance with or infringement of any of the provisions of the Act, Regulations or license.

“Control” refers to the powers of the Council to co-ordinate and organise activities of computer practitioners in Nigeria.

“Enforcement” means and includes all required acts for ensuring compliance with or sanctioning the infringement of any of the provisions of the Act, Regulations or license condition including but not limited to administrative actions by the Council, license suspension or revocation and, criminal or civil prosecution of contravening persons before the courts.

“Fees” includes annual subscriptions.

“License” means any license that has been granted by the Council to computer practitioners in order to legally practice in Nigeria.

“Licensee” refers to members of the profession that has been granted license to practice computing in the country by the Council.

“Member” means a registered fellow, member, associate, affiliate, corporate member or student member.

“Profession” means the profession of using computerized machinery and other techniques related thereto.

“Regulation” means any regulation or guideline that has been published by the Council pursuant to the Act.

“Relevant Authority” means Nigerian Police, National Intelligence Agency, State Security services, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency and any other organization and agency as the Council may from time to time specify and publish.

“Supervisory power” refers to the powers of the Council to regulate and supervise activities of members of the computing profession in Nigeria.

(b) All definitions in the Act shall have the same meaning and intendments in this Regulation as the Act.

6. This Regulations may be cited as the services constituting practice as a registered member of computing profession Regulations 2016.

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