



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### RE: PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER 005 - REGISTRATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FIRMS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PRACTITIONERS IN NIGERIA

Computer Professionals (Registration Council of Nigeria) [CPN] was established by Act. No. 49 of 1993 (CPN ACT CAP C22 LFN 2004) and charged with responsibility of the control and supervision of IT profession and practice in Nigeria, quality assurance in computer education; as well as developing local IT capacity in tune with national and international standards. The Act makes it mandatory for all persons and organizations seeking to engage, or engaged in the sale and/or use of computing facilities, and the provision of professional services in computing or services related to the use of computational machinery in Nigeria to be registered by CPN and licensed to carry out such services.

Consequently S.22 (2) of the CPN Act makes it mandatory for all individuals and firms that are engaged in the provision of computer/IT services to register with the Council (CPN).

This is in line with the Agency's mandate and also in compliance with the recent Presidential Executive Order 005 on **Planning and Execution of Projects, Promotion of Nigerian Content in Contracts and Science, Engineering and Technology**, signed into law by His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR.

It is also worthy to note that contravention of Section 22 of CPN Act, CAP C22 LFN 2004 is an offence, punishable with both fine and imprisonment. Persons and organizations that are engaged in the provisions of IT services and Computer Science/IT training institutions are therefore advised to register appropriately with the Council (CPN).

**Council wishes to state that it will not hesitate to bring to bear the full force of the law on unregistered IT Professionals, Practitioners, Institutions or Corporate Bodies.**

For further guidelines on registration, please visit: [www.cpn.gov.ng](http://www.cpn.gov.ng).

Signed

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