



SURVEYORS COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (SURCON)
(THE SURCON ACT, CAP S18 LFN 2004)
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that the Surveyors Council of Nigeria (SURCON) observed some cases of noncompliance with the minimum standard of survey practice by many Registered Surveyors, private and public entities certified by the Council to practice the profession of Survey and Geoinformatics in Nigeria. These developments, left unchecked, lead to production of inaccurate plans, maps, charts and unreliable geospatial information with the resultant increase in land conflicts and attendant loss of lives and property in our dear country.

The Council partly attributes these unwelcome developments to unilateral and uncoordinated promulgations of policies, laws and regulations on Surveying and Geo-informatics by various actors including States Government, corporate bodies and other interested individuals in the country. The situation is further accentuated by these actors engaging, as surveyors, services of persons not registered to practice the profession. Both cases are contrary to the provisions and intendments of SURVEYORS COUNCIL OF NIGERIA Act, CAP S18 Laws of Federation of Nigeria 2004 and Paragraphs 25 and 26, Part II Second Schedule of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended.

In order to ensure that standards of the practice are maintained; that the interest of Nigeria's general public is well served and protected; that the development aspiration of governments at Federal, States and Local Government levels are based on reliable and accurate geospatial data; that public revenue are saved through provision of cost effective spatial data infrastructure; and that our national security is further protected and enhanced, the Council puts this public notice consistent with its function of **regulating and controlling the practice of the profession in all its ramifications in Nigeria**. The Council therefore directs as follows:

1. Only Surveyors, Pupil Surveyors, Survey Technologists and Survey Technicians duly registered by Surveyors Council of Nigeria are eligible to practice survey profession and are qualified to be engaged for any survey works in public or private establishments throughout the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Details of these are made public in the SURCON annual publication on List of Surveyors Eligible to Practice in Nigeria
2. A Registered Surveyor is entitled to practice as a surveyor throughout the Federal Republic of Nigeria without any hindrances except those placed by the Council and provisions of the Act.
3. A Registered Surveyor shall not be subjected to any further post registration compulsory mentorship outside the pupillage period specified by the Act.
4. A Surveyor is entitled and shall be allowed to carry out survey works on public and private parcels of land in Nigeria without hindrance whatsoever except those specified by the Council and the Act.
5. All public and private survey works throughout the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall bear pillar/beacon numbers issued by Surveyors Council of Nigeria only and

these shall comply with specifications contained in the Rules and Regulations for the Control of Survey Practice in Nigeria.

6. Only Registered Surveyors shall prepare plans in case of litigation on any parcel of land in Nigeria and / or are allowed to give expert evidence in connection with the plans so produced.
7. The Survey components of any civil engineering work and survey works for the purposes of registration of title in respect of any parcels of land throughout the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be exclusive to Surveyors eligible to practice.
8. Survey Records of all cadastral, engineering, hydrographic, GIS survey works etc carried out on any parcel of land on behalf of public or private entities in any State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory shall be lodged in the Office of the Surveyor-General of the Federation or of the relevant State and or of the Director of Surveys FCT (as is applicable) within one (1) month from the date of the completion of the survey work.
9. For the purpose of assurances in quality, integrity, accuracy and cost effectiveness of geospatial data infrastructure, Offices of Surveyors – General of the Federation and of the States are to henceforth disengage from involvement in practicalities of survey works. They shall revert to their natural functions within the ambit of the law as policy and regulatory offices through the SSCEs; as offices coordinating the professional practice; as spatial data depositories; as clearing houses and as quality control offices within their respective States.
10. The person in charge of each university or other institutions of higher learning in the Federation having a faculty by whatever name called at which there is held

a course of training intended for persons who are seeking to become registered as members of the profession shall furnish to the Registrar, not later than 31st day of March in every year, a list of the names of all persons who attended any such course at the institution in question or anytime during the last preceding year. Failure to comply with this provision will lead to withdrawal of accreditation of the institution and their graduates will be denied registration by the Council

11. An institution of higher learning in Nigeria offering SURCON approved courses of training by whatever name called, shall furnish to the Registrar their training timetable and course contents at the beginning of each academic year. The Council henceforth, and without prior notice, will be paying unscheduled visits to the institutions for the purpose of supervision of the nature of instructions given and for monitoring of examinations taken by persons attending the courses of training leading to approved qualifications.
12. It is incumbent on all persons whose names are entered in the Register of Surveyors to constantly update their knowledge and skill, and to also attend the SURCON organised annual Mandatory Continuous Professional Development Courses (MCPD) as these shall be among the yardsticks for eligibility to practice the profession in the Federation.
13. Approved offices under SURCON Act, Cap S18 LFN 2004, that is to say
 - (a) the offices of
 - i. the Surveyor – General of the Federation;
 - ii. the Surveyor - General of a State;
 - iii. the Survey Department of Federal Capital Territory;
 - iv. any registered surveyor in Nigeria;

v. the Department of Survey in each university or school engaged in training of persons seeking to become surveyors;

(b) the office of the Head of Survey Regiment Corps of Engineers of the Nigerian Army;

(c) the office of the Hydrographer of the Nigerian Navy; and

(d) the Office of the Head of Aerial Photographic Units of the Nigerian Airforce

shall implement and satisfy SURCON approved **Minimum Standard for Survey Office**. Council shall periodically review such standards consistent with its functions and in line with best practices in the profession.

The Council shall draft monitoring teams to each State of the Federation and abovelisted approved offices to ensure compliance with these directives; Council shall not hesitate to take appropriate measures within the ambit of law to ensure strict compliance with the content of this notice.

The general public and in particular offices of Surveyors – General of the Federation and that of the States, approved offices and all employers of labour whether public or private entities in Nigeria are advised to note above and comply accordingly please.

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