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## BA.S.L.N. No. 19 of 2017

**A Law to Establish the Directorate of Medical Laboratory Services in the Ministry of Health and Hospitals Management Board Bauchi and for other matters connected therewith.***Long Title:*

Directorate of Medical Laboratory Service 2017

*Short Title:*

ENACTED by the Bauchi State House of Assembly as follows: –

*Enactment:*

1. This law may be cited as the Bauchi State Directorate of Medical Laboratory Services Law and shall come into operation on 24<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 2017.

*Citation and Commencement*

2. There is hereby established a Directorate to be known as the Directorate of Medical Laboratory Services in the Ministry of Health and Hospital Management Board (in this Law referred to as "Directorate").

*Establishment of the Directorate*

3. In performing its functions under this Law, the primary objectives of the Directorate shall be–

*Objectives of the Directorate*

- (a) To advice on formulation, review and execution of Medical Laboratory related policies with a view to ensuring optimal productivity and efficient services delivery;
- (b) To encourage research in such areas of disease outbreak and control, production of reagent/antisera, paternity dispute etc.;
- (c) Liaise with other relevant organizations such as WHO, NAFDAC, NGOs, and NDLEA in disease control, drug abuse prevention and environmental sanitation;
- (d) Encourage and support quality control of tests, registration, monitoring and control of private laboratories.

4. The Directorate shall consist of the following offices:–

*Composition of the Directorate*

- (a) Director who shall be the head of the Directorate;
- (b) Deputy Director;
- (c) Chief Medical Laboratory Scientist;
- (d) Assistant Chief Medical Laboratory Scientist;

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*Functions of  
the Directorate*

- (e) Principal Medical Laboratory Scientist;
- (f) Senior Medical Laboratory Scientist;
- (g) Medical Laboratory Scientist.

5. The functions of the Directorate shall be—

- (1) To advice on the formulation, review and execution of Medical Laboratory related policies with a view to ensuring optimal productivity and efficient service delivery;
- (2) Responsible for the general administration of Medical Laboratory Services;
- (3) Responsible for development and planning responsibilities for the Medical Laboratory Services;
- (4) To maintain constant and general supervision on Medical Laboratory matters;
- (5) To undertake resource planning and utilization;
- (6) To maintain quality control programmes of the standard techniques and results;
- (7) To ensure adequate training programmes for all cadres of Medical Laboratory Personnel;
- (8) To organize regular/periodic conferences, workshops and seminars on medical Laboratory Techniques and Human Resource Management and Computer Studies;
- (9) To coordinate the registration, checking and maintenance of the operation of the private laboratories in the State with the view to ensuring full compliance with the Government's rules and regulation;
- (10) To cooperate with Government and Non – Government Organizations in the study of new methods and techniques for use or improve the Medical Laboratory Services in the State.

*Qualification  
for  
Appointment*

- 6 Without prejudice to the provisions of the Bauchi State statutory bodies' (Central Recruitment etc.) Agency Law, and subject to the provisions of this Law, the Director shall be an eligible and

capable professional Medical Laboratory Scientist of not below GL.16 as set out in the Schedule to this Law.

7. Each section of the Directorate mentioned in Section 4 of this Law shall be headed by a person with such qualification set out in the Schedule to this Law and shall be responsible to the Director for the day – to – day running of the Department. *Sections of the Directorate*
8. No person shall be appointed in any offices mentioned under section 4 of this Law unless such person possesses a certain qualification and experience in the field of Medical Laboratory Science. *Qualification for Appointment of other offices*
9. In this Law unless context otherwise requires:– *Interpretation*

“**Commissioner**” means the State Commissioner for Health

“**Director**” means the Director of the Directorate appointed under section 6 of this Law. A Director shall be an eligible and capable professional Medical Laboratory Scientist not below GL. 16 as set out in the schedule to this Law;

“**Directorate**” means the Department established by section 2 of this Law and shall include all sections provided in section 4 of this Law;

“**Governor**” means the Governor of Bauchi State;

“**Medico – Legal Laboratory Tests**” means forensic laboratory investigation and include but not limited to paternity dispute of children mix – up in maternity ward and cases of suspected rapes for Courts use.

**SCHEDULE**

**A. CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR**

The desired candidate is required to possess the following qualities/qualifications (among others): –

- (a) Must be a professional Laboratory Scientist at least 10 years post;
- (b) Must possess a Degree or HND in the field of Medical Laboratory Science;
- (c) Must be on GL. 16 and above.

**B. CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR**

The desired candidate is required to possess the following qualification/qualities (among others): –

- (a) Must be in Medical Laboratory Scientist Cadre and a registered member of Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria with at least 10 years post qualification experience;
- (b) Must possess in Associate Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (AMLSCN) or Bachelor in Medical Laboratory (BMLS);
- (c) Must be on GL. 15 and above.

- C. Other offices shall be as set out by the Scheme of Service issued by the Head of Services of the State.

Assented to this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 2017

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