



(Established by Nursing & Midwifery Registration; Etc, Act. Cap. 143, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004)

# NURSING & MIDWIFERY COUNCIL OF NIGERIA

*...Promoting and Maintaining Excellence in Nursing Education and Practice*

Plot 713, Cadastral Zone, Behind Berger Yard, Life Camp, P.M.B. 5328, Wuse - Abuja. Tel: 07029234588

E-mail: [info@nmcnigeria.org](mailto:info@nmcnigeria.org) and [nmcnigeria.org@gmail.com](mailto:nmcnigeria.org@gmail.com) Website: [www.nmcnigeria.org](http://www.nmcnigeria.org)

*All correspondence should be addressed to The Secretary General/Registrar*

**N&MCN/SG/RO/CIR/23/VOL.3/61** 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

Hon. Commissioners for Health	-	All States
Secretary of Health	-	Federal Capital Territory, Abuja
Chairman	-	Local Government Service Commission
Directors of Nursing Services	-	All States
Provost	-	Colleges of Nursing and Midwifery
Principals	-	School of Basic Midwifery

## **ONE YEAR COMMUNITY MANDATORY SERVICE FOR THE GRADUATES OF BASIC MIDWIFERY PROGRAMME**

The Basic Midwifery Programme was re-introduced in 2006 by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria to address high maternal and infant morbidity and mortality rates in Nigeria. The Programme was designed to provide skilled birth attendance in the rural communities where most deaths occur especially during pregnancy and child birth.

The graduates of this Programme are to undergo One year compulsory service in the rural community in fulfilment of their training requirements and also a pre-requisite to registration and licensure by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria.

Incorporation of one year mandatory community service is a quick intervention towards making available skilled attendance (Midwives) during pregnancy, labour and delivery at the Primary Health Care Centres thereby increasing access to health services.

Tremendous improvements in maternal and child health outcomes have been attained with the presence of the Midwives at the Primary Health Care facilities in Nigeria since inception of this Programme. The Basic Midwives also play a crucial role and complement the dearth of health work force in many States.

Over the years, the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria has observed delay in mobilization of the Basic Midwives by the National Primary Health

### **Lagos Office**

Murtala Mohammed Way,  
Central Medical Library  
Compound, Opp. Yaba  
Terminus, Yaba, Lagos.

### **Bauchi Zonal Office**

20, Yakubun - Bauchi Way,  
Opp. Deputy Governor's  
Residence, Bauchi,  
Bauchi State

### **Enugu Zonal Office**

10B, Amawbia Close,  
Opposite New Haven  
Police Station, Enugu,  
Enugu State

### **Port Harcourt Zonal Office**

9, Wami Street, Oroworukwo  
Beside Oroworukwo Town  
Hall, Port Harcourt,  
Rivers State

### **Kaduna Zonal Office**

Federal Govt. Secretariat  
3rd Floor, Room 320-322  
Kaduna, Kaduna State

### **Sokoto Zonal Office**

Shehu Kangiwa Street  
Secretariat, Block 4, Suite 3,  
Room 203, Sokoto,  
Sokoto State

Care Development Agency which has been the platform for mobilization of the Basic Midwives. This delay can no longer be accepted due to its associated implication to the Midwives, their parents and the Council as a regulatory body.

In the light of the above, the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria is writing to inform States that are willing to mobilize the Basic Midwives for their One Year Mandatory Community Service to forward their request for consideration subject to the under listed conditions:

1. Provision of conducive accommodation for the Midwives
2. Payment of allowances in line with Federal Government rate or placement on salary not less than Grade Level 07 and prompt payment of the allowances.
3. Provision of adequate security for the Midwives
4. Provision of relevant amenities such as light, potable water, transport, access roads and other logistics.
5. Grant of two weeks leave before the end of the service.
6. Provide opportunity for orientation and training which must be supervised by the Council.
7. Adequate supportive supervision and monitoring which may involve the Council.
8. Forwarding of progress report on quarterly basis.

These measures will equally compliment the effort of Federal Government in reducing maternal and infant mortality rate in the Country.

Thank you for joining hands with the Council in maintaining and promoting Excellence in Nursing and Midwifery Education and Practice in Nigeria.



**Alh. Faruk Umar Abubakar**  
*Secretary-General/Registrar.*