



“Established by the NIMC Act No. 23 of 2007, it has the mandate to establish, own, operate, maintain and manage the National Identity Database in Nigeria, register persons covered by the Act, assign a Unique National Identification Number and issue General Multi-Purpose Cards (GMPC) to those registered individuals, and to harmonize and integrate existing identification databases in Nigeria.”

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NIMC Pilots Nationwide Enrolment of Minors

The National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) has deployed application for the pilot phase of enrolment of minors in all the 36 states of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

This is another phase of the National Identity Management System (NIMS), which will enable every citizen, including children from ages zero to fifteen, to be enrolled and issued the National Identification Number (NIN). Before now, the Commission only issued the NIN to citizens and legal residents aged 16 years and above.

With the commencement of the nationwide pilot programme, children can be enrolled and issued the National Identification Number (NIN) even from birth, upon successful enrolment into the National Identity Database.

It is however mandatory for parents or guardians of the minor to have enrolled for the NIN, this is because the system essentially links the NIN of the minor to that of his/her parent or guardian until the minor attains the 16 years mark.

Upon attaining the age of 16, he/she would be required to visit any of the NIMC enrolment centres nationwide to update his/her registration. It is at this stage that the National e-ID Card will be processed and subsequently issued to such

individual.

This policy will ensure that the NIN of the minor is linked with that of the parent or guardian, until their biometric features become

database and at the same time make it easy for government to trace every citizen to a family unit.

The enrollment process consists of the recording of an individual demographic data and capture of the 10 fingerprints and head-to-shoulder facial picture which are all used to cross check existing data in the national identity database to confirm that there is no previous entry of the same data or double enrollment before the NIN is issued.

The enrolment of minors can be done at any of the NIMC enrolment offices Nationwide and it is free of charge.



NIN Enrolment in progress

fully developed. It will help to retain the comprehensive family

NIMC Grassroots Radio Programme Gains Ground in Abuja

The National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) grassroots mobilization/awareness radio programme titled “NIMC Time” which commenced since September 21st, has gained grounds in Abuja and other neighboring States.

The grassroots radio programme which airs every Wednesday on Aso Radio 93.5 between 5:30pm to 6:00pm, is one of the strategies put together by the Corporate Communications Unit (CCU) of the Commission, to educate, inform and mobilize Nigerians on the National Identity Management Systems Project (NIMS) project.

All NIMC staff, especially those residing in the FCT and environs are kindly

requested to inform others, keep a date and tune in to the station for their listening pleasure every Wednesday by 5:30pm. Your participation and contributions will be highly appreciated.



Mr. Andrew Omookperaboh, winner of a Trivial question on NIMC TIME

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Basic Tips to Keep your Computer Safe

1. Use an antivirus program

An antivirus is an important layer of protection which helps protect your computer and other computers on your network against known malware which targets and compromises the computers. However an antivirus is only as good as its last update. Every user **MUST** always ensure that his/her antivirus downloads updates daily, at the minimum.

2. Antivirus programs are not perfect

Although an antivirus helps to guard your computer from known malware, relying on the antivirus alone to protect your computer will put you at risk because no antivirus software can provide 100 per cent protection from all known malware, they are ineffective in dealing with unknown malware (i.e zero day malware). It is important to apply common-sense computer security practices as outlined in this article.

3. Pay attention to User Account Control (UAC) messages

UAC messages are means by which the computer notifies a user that something is trying to modify his/her system. It is an important layer of protection which helps prevent malicious software from modifying your system without your permission. **ALWAYS** ensure that you read every message before clicking OK. Never click on a prompt without understanding the message the computer is trying to pass across.

4. Always choose the correct kind of network when connecting to Wi-Fi

Windows has a built-in firewall, so you don't

need to install a third-party firewall. The firewall blocks unsolicited incoming connections, protecting windows and other software on your computer. The inbuilt firewall configures itself



automatically to suite the kind of network you are connected to.

When you try to connect to a network, you'll be asked if you're on a Home, Work, or Public network, make sure you choose the appropriate answer. If you select the Home option when you're connected to a public Wi-Fi, your laptop may make your shared files available to other people on the public network. The Public option prevents other people from accessing your resources.

5. Keep your Software applications updated

Almost all software applications, if not all, contain security flaws. Developers of these software applications keep finding these flaws and con-

sistently try to produce patches to fix the flaws. These patches are released as software updates. Whether Windows, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Adobe Flash plugin, Adobe PDF Reader, Microsoft Office, etc., it is important to install every software updates immediately they are available.

You may leave the automatic-update features enabled so you can always have the latest updates without having to worry about when it is released.

6. Be careful about programs you download and install

Much of the malware Windows users encounter is as a result of accidental downloading and installing of bad software. **ALWAYS** ensure that you download and install only trustworthy software. To be on the safe side, you can get the software only from its official website. For example, if you want to download VLC, download it from VLC's official website. Don't click a "Download VLC" banner on another website. The same goes for software that arrives via email attachments — **NEVER open executable email attachments.**

7. Avoid pirated and cracked software

Software cracks are made by software-cracking groups; who can sometimes include malware to the software. There is no way a user can know if the software cracking group have included malware to a software or not. Trojans are often bundled with pirated software and run at the background when the pirated software is installed on a computer

Leave in the Public Service Sector

Leave is an authorized temporary absence from one's workplace for a period of time. The types of leave in the Public Service as we mentioned in an earlier edition include: annual leave, casual leave, maternity leave, exam leave, study leave (study leave with pay or without pay), leave of absence and sick leave. Others are deferred leave, proportionate leave (pro-rata), sabbatical leave, compassionate leave, pre-retirement leave, leave on grounds of urgent or private affairs, leave for cultural and sporting activities and leave to take part in trade union activities. In this edition, we shall discuss the study leave and the leave of absence, having discussed the annual leave, casual leave and maternity leave in the previous edition of the newsletter.

Study Leave: According to the Public Service Rule (PSR) 100223, study leave is the leave granted to a confirmed serving officer in the organization to undertake an approved course of study within or outside the country. In the circumstances that the serving officer is yet to be a con-

firmed staff of the organization, such an officer cannot be granted Study Leave as stipulated above.

The types of study Leave in the Public service include;

- In-serving training;
- Study leave with pay;
- Study leave without pay.

An officer may be granted the study leave with pay, study leave without pay, or in-service training on the condition that his/her Permanent Secretary or the Head of Extra-Ministerial Office certifies the following:

- Evidence of letter of admission;
- Evidence of duration of the course
- That the course is necessary to enhance the performance of the officer and to add value to the service;
- That the course is relevant to the officer's profession.

Leave of Absence : According to the Public Service Rule (PSR) 100231, this is the absence of an officer from duty as authorized on

ground of public policy. All such leave shall however be approved by the Head of Civil Service of the Federation, on the recommendation of the Permanent Secretary or Head of Ministerial Officer.

The types of Leave of Absence include:

- Leave of Absence to join spouse on course of instruction of not less than 9 months duration abroad.
- Special Leave of Absence to join spouse on grounds of Public Policy.
- Leave of Absence on grounds of Public Policy Technical Aid Programme.
- Leave of Absence for Special/ Personal Assistant on grounds of Public Policy.
- Leave of Absence for spouse of Presidents, Vice Presidents, Governors, Deputy Governors, on grounds of Public Policy.

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Always Switch off All Electrical Appliances ... This May Cost Us a Fortune

Once upon a time, there was a man who went to work on one fateful day, on getting back home he discovered that his house was razed down by fire....

It was later discovered that the fire was as a result of a power surge from the public power supply which caused a spark at the electrical fittings that was left on while going to work. All efforts by his neighbours to put out the fire proved abortive as the fire was just too fierce and the fire services personnel could not make it to the location on time.... What a great loss! It was such an unfortunate incident. If only he had taken **just a minute** to switch off all the electrical appliances in his house he would still have had a house to return back to.

The interesting thing about this story is that **WE ARE ALL GUILTY OF THIS ACT.** This can equally be avoided if only we can take just 60 seconds to switch off all our electrical appliances before leaving home in the morning and after close of work.

A word is enough for the wise.

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L-R GM Legal Services, Hadiza Ali Dagabana, Wife of Taraba State Governor, Barr (Mrs.) Ann Ishaku, Head BDCS, Mrs. Caroline Folami, and DGM Card Management Services, Mr. Peter Iwegbu, during the Governor's wife card collection recently.



(Fourth Left) Sen. Gbolahan Dada, DG/CEO Engr. Aliyu Aziz, Sen. Suleiman Hunkuyi and Sen. Sani Abubakar flanked by NIMC Top Management staff during an oversight function of the Senate Committee on Population and National Identity to NIMC recently.

...Hearty Celebrations



GM, HCM, Mrs. Cecilia Yahaya flanked by the DG/CEO, Engr. Aliyu Aziz and some management staff during her birthday celebration on 30th September, 2016. she was



Miss Dolapo Jimoh of Servicom Unit marked her birthday on September 23rd, 2016.



Miss Chinonso Akadoronye, flanked by Staff of the BDCS Unit after her passing out parade as a Corp Member.



GM, Operations, Mr. Abdulhamid Umar, and some staff of his Department during the send forth Ceremony for the Ex. Corp members, Patience Eucharia Agu and Dolapo Musa on 7th October, 2016.



Mrs. Ezego Ifeoma of Corporate Services, celebrated her 20th wedding anniversary on September 28, 2016. Happy wedding anniversary to her.



Mrs. Nkem Omegara of Servicom Unit marked her birthday with colleagues on September 27th, 2016. This is wishing her many more years.

Did you know ?

The new National Electronic Identity Card (e-ID card) is a chip based card with multiple functions given upon successful enrolment or registration for the National Identification Number (NIN).

The Card, is issued to Nigerians registered into the National Identity Database (NIDB)

and Legal Residents who have attained the age of 16 years and above.

It has provisions for 13 applets out of which five (5) are activated at the point of collecting the card. The five (5) active applets are: Electronic Identity (e-ID), EMV for Payment, Match-on-Card for verification, Electronic Public Key Infrastructure (ePKI) for security and Travel- International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). We shall discuss the Electronic Identity Information (e-ID), EMV for Payment in this edition.

Electronic Identity (eID):

This is the major function of the National e-ID Card as it contains key information of the Card holder recorded in the Database. Information such as the NIN, the Cardholder/applicant's name,

address, and other details are stored here and securely locked away and can ONLY be read by



authorised terminals or Card Acceptance Devices (CADs).

An agency will require a special reader approved by NIMC to read the contents of the Card in order to ensure that confidential information not displayed on the face of the card is safe. The function offers the Card as a strong tool for institutions offering services to their customers like the "Know Your Customer" (KYC) tool for banks and other financial institutions.

Europay MasterCard & Visa (EMV):

The payment function enables the National e-ID Card to be used as a tool for making payments for goods and services in any part of the world. A great number of Nigerians do not have access to financial services, but with the new eID Card, money can be

transferred, paid into or loaded into an individual's e-ID Card.

All that the cardholder needs to do is to visit one of the participating banks (such as Access Bank) and load money on the card or have someone transfer money to the Card using any of the available payment platforms/options. For example (from a bank account to the Card,

Quickteller transfer, POS terminals, ATM) etc.

The card can also be used to pay for goods and services such as utility bills like DSTV, GOTV, Startimes, flight tickets, Water bill, PHCN and so on and in Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) all over the world where any of



the payment processors (such as Mastercard) is displayed.

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Delta State Government adopts use of NIN

The Delta State Government has directed that the National Identification Number (NIN) will henceforth be a mandatory requirement for all students, who wish to apply for the Students Special Assistance Scheme (SSAS) popularly known as the Bursary Award Programme.

In line with the above, the online bursary registration of students for 2016/2017 student special assistance scheme which commenced in September, contains a mandatory field for the NIN which must be entered by the applicant before he/she can proceed with the registration.

Other requirements include; the applicant must be of Delta State Origin, All applicant below 18 years of age MUST submit JAMB registration number; must be a registered full time first degree student of any public tertiary institutions; must either be in second year or above (200 to 500 level) in the Universities or in ND II, HND I and HND II in the Polytechnics / Monotechnics. Private universities, polytechnics and college of educations students are not eligible to apply.

To this end, all applicants are invited to visit any National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) Enrolment Centre close to him/her to register and obtain the NIN.

The Commission is also working to ensure that similar collaborations with other state governments kick off as soon as possible.

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Research, Information Security and Risk Management Unit

The RISRM is one of the units under the DG/CEO's office. It is headed by Mr Emmanuel Ogungbe, a General Manager. The unit is made up of four (4) sub-units they are:

1. Research & Development (R&D)
2. Knowledge Management & Research Publications (KM & RP)
3. Library Services
4. Information Security and Risk Management

The Functions of the subunits include:

The Research & development (R&D): provides direction and strategic roadmap for the optimal corporate performance of NIMC while promoting research and

development in the Identity Management Sector in Nigeria. It also involves carrying out research and development in leading and cutting edge technologies to further promote a robust Identity Management System in the NIMC and indeed in Nigeria.

The Knowledge Management & Research Publications Sub-unit within the context of NIMC drives the codification and promotion of Knowledge Management best practices in NIMC and publication of informative research materials.

The Library Services Sub-unit is in charge of reference services, collection development services. These involves compiling lists of books,

periodicals, articles, and audio-visual materials on particular topics of interest; negotiating contracts for library services, materials, and equipment; keeping record of circulation and materials; and evaluating materials to determine outdated or unused items to be discarded.

The functions of the Information Security and Risk Management subunit include Information Security Management Systems (ISMS), Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR), Risk Management, and Physical Security.



This Economy problem in Nigeria is no longer funny o!

Today at my kid's school, I saw two women pricing their son's school fees. The first woman said: Aunty, how much if you remove geography and physical education from their curriculum? I want him to become a doctor not a traveler.

The other woman asked: What if he comes to school only Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays?