

NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS (AMENDMENT)**Decree 1974****Decree No. 11**

[28th February 1974]

Commence-
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows :—

1. The National Youth Service Corps Decree 1973 is hereby amended as follows :—

Amendment
of 1973
No. 24.

(a) in section 2 thereof, immediately after subsection (3) there shall be inserted a new subsection as follows :—

“(4) Any Nigerian who would have been liable to be called up to serve in the service corps under the foregoing provisions of this section had he not exceeded the prescribed age may, if he so desires, apply to the Directorate to be called up for service and the Directorate may, if satisfied that the applicant is otherwise qualified for service, call him up for service in the same manner as it would call up a person who had not exceeded the prescribed age.”;

(b) for the existing paragraph (a) of section 7 (1) thereof there shall be substituted the following new paragraph (a) :—

“(a) a Chairman;”;

(c) immediately after section 15 thereof there shall be inserted a new section as follows :—

“Employers to take account of period of service in the youth corps service.

15A. Every employer shall, in determining the salary or other remuneration payable to a graduate who has completed a period of service in the youth corps service and been duly discharged therefrom, take account of that period of service, and such salary or other remuneration shall not be less than that normally payable to a graduate in comparable employment and who has been in employment for the same period as the duration of the first mentioned graduate's service in the youth corps service.”

Citation.

2. This Decree may be cited as the National Youth Service Corps (Amendment) Decree 1974.

MADE at Lagos this 28th day of February 1974.

GENERAL Y. GOWON,
*Head of the Federal Military Government,
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,
Federal Republic of Nigeria*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of the above Decree but is intended to explain its purpose)

The Decree amends the National Youth Service Corps Decree 1973 to provide, among other things, that graduates who have exceeded the prescribed age may volunteer for service, and that employers are to take account of youth corps service in determining the remuneration payable to graduates.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DECREE 1974



Decree No. 12

[28th February 1974]

Commence-
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows :—

1.—(1) There shall be established as an integral part of the Federal Ministry of Labour a division to be known as the Social Development Division (hereinafter referred to as "the division").

Establish-
ment of
Social
Develop-
ment
Division.

(2) The division shall exercise the functions specified in section 2 of this Decree and such other functions relating to social welfare and development in the Federation as may be specified from time to time by the Commissioner.

(3) The division shall consist of a Director of Social Development and such other supporting staff as may be required for the purposes of the performance of the duties of the division.

(4) The Director and other officers of the division shall be members of the public service of the Federation (within the meaning of the Constitution of the Federation).

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2. The division shall, subject to this Decree, be charged with responsibility for the following matters, that is to say—

Duties of the
division.

(a) co-ordination of inter-governmental and inter-state social development activities ;

(b) conduct of research and surveys in various aspects of social development ;

(c) training of professional social workers and the organisation and co-ordination of training facilities for governmental and non-governmental social agencies ;

(d) international casework and adoption inquiries ;

(e) promotion of legislation at the national level on matters affecting social development ;

(f) conduct of all international matters affecting social development ;

- (g) relations with voluntary organisations at national and international levels ;
- (h) overseas and national repatriations ;
- (i) organisation of national youth activities ;
- (j) National Relief and Rehabilitation Agency ;
- (k) National Advisory Committee for Social Development ; and
- (l) development of sports.

Establishment, functions and composition of National Advisory Committee for Social Development.

3.—(1) There shall also be established a committee to be known as the National Advisory Committee for Social Development (hereinafter referred to as “the advisory committee”) which shall meet from time to time for the purpose of deliberating on matters relating to social development and tendering advice thereon to the Commissioner.

(2) The advisory committee shall consist of the following :—

- (a) the Director of Social Development ;
- (b) the Chief Welfare Officers or Chief Social Development Officers in each of the States of the Federation ;
- (c) two representatives of the National Youth Council ;
- (d) one representative of the National Council for Social Work ;
- (e) one representative of the National Council of Women’s Societies ;
- (f) one representative of the National Sports Commission ;
- (g) one representative of the Nigerian Ex-Servicemen Welfare Association ;
- (h) two representatives of higher institutions of learning ; and
- (i) two other persons with experience or qualification in social development matters.

(3) All appointments under paragraphs (c) to (i) of subsection (2) above shall be made by the Commissioner.

(4) Members of the advisory committee other than those appointed under paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) above shall hold office for such period not being less than twelve months as the instrument of appointment may provide.

(5) The advisory committee shall meet at such times and places as the Commissioner may direct but in any case not less than once a year.

(6) The quorum for meetings of the advisory committee shall be seven.

4. In this Decree, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the advisory committee” means the National Advisory Committee for Social Development established by section 3 of this Decree ;

“the Commissioner” means the Federal Commissioner for Labour ;

“the division” means the Social Development Division established by section 1 of this Decree.

Interpretation.

5. This Decree may be cited as the Social Development Decree 1974. Citation.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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but is intended to explain its purpose)*

The Decree establishes (as part of the Federal Ministry of Labour) a Division to be known as the Social Development Division and charges the Division with responsibility for the matters set out in section 2. It also establishes an Advisory Committee whose function is to deliberate on social development and tender advice thereon to the Commissioner.