

**Nigerian Institution of Surveyors – Lagos State**  
**New Practice Guidelines Effective as at 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2010**

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### **Collection of Beacon Numbers**

Henceforth, advances on MDS shall no longer be approved. However, where a practitioner is compelled to make such a request it shall be treated as a loan as per the following terms;

- Apply as usual to SSEC Chairman.
- Application will be charted and comments made.
- If approved bring endorsed application and other attachments to NIS.
- NIS staff will calculate the required MDS and Beacon Number Payments and recommend to Chairman for approval.
- Once approved, payments are to be made at designated banks.
- Tellers of Such Payments are to be brought to NIS for collection of payment receipts.
- Payment receipts are to be taken to SSEC office for collection of Beacon Numbers.

Note:

**Under No Circumstances should the Chairman be called on issues relating to MDS and Beacon Number Allocation. Please make reference to the Cadastral Practice Policy as a guide.**

### **Advances on MDS**

Henceforth, advances on MDS shall no longer be approved. However, where a practitioner is compelled to make such a request it shall be treated as a loan as per the following terms;

- Loan will be to a maximum of 75% of MDS
- An interest of 10% will be charged in addition to the usual 2.5% deduction

### **Conditions for Residency**

The following are new conditions for residency in Lagos State

- Must be a Registered member of the State Branch and APPSN of the state
- Must have attended six consecutive branch meetings of both NIS-Lagos and APPSN-Lagos
- Must have a Standard Office with the following minimum requirements.
  - Reception Area
  - Office per Practitioner
  - Work Area
  - Store for Equipment and Instruments
  - Conveniences

All existing practices must meet the standards for the office on or before last day of the second quarter.

### **Conditions for Non Residency**

- Must have practiced as a Resident Surveyor in a State for at least 1 year
- Must be a Registered member of the State Branch and APPSN of state where Resident
- Must submit a letter confirming that he operates from a standard office in the State in which resident.

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### **Recommendation as a Non Resident Surveyor**

Henceforth the branch will not recommend any practitioner that has not practiced ethically as a resident surveyor in the state for at least 1 year.

### **Waivers**

Henceforth, there shall no longer be any waivers for any conditions in the cadastral practice policy of the state.

### **New Practices 2010**

In full realization of the rights of newly registered surveyors desirous of being resident in Lagos state to immediately practice but cannot meet the requirements for same. They can practice under the mentorship of an existing practice till stipulated conditions are met. The terms of which are stated as follows;

- The prospective practitioner shall enter into a partnership agreement, mentorship or employ of an existing practice that fully meets the new practice standards.
- The agreement referred to above shall be formal and a copy shall be submitted with the NIS and APPSN.
- The Monitoring Partner shall introduce the new practitioner to the branch as being under his mentorship with the following ;
  - The Mentoring Partner shall also be required to submit an undertaking to be liable for unethical practices of the new practitioner while under him.
  - Will introduce to the Branch and APPSN the New Practitioner.
  - Application for Beacon Numbers shall be through the practice of the mentoring partner and countersigned by such partner.
  - It shall be unethical for the new practitioner to practice from any address other than that of his mentoring partner.

### **Change of Status from Resident to Non Resident**

As from the first quarter of 2010 any resident surveyor that fails to attend at least 2 NIS and APPSN meetings shall have his resident status for the following quarter changed to that of a Non Resident. This shall remain until such a surveyor complies with this attendance quota and when such is the case status as a resident surveyor will be reinstated at the following quarter.

### **Signed:**

Surv. Prince Afolabi Solesi fnis  
Chairman – NIS Lagos