

CYSEC INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT & TECHNOLOGY

OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK & BYLAWS

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1.0 PREAMBLE & MANDATE

The **CYSEC Institute of Management & Technology** is a multidisciplinary professional body dedicated to the advancement of cybersecurity, digital transformation, and ICT governance.

Membership is not merely a subscription; it is a commitment to professional excellence. This handbook outlines the criteria, obligations, and privileges associated with membership. The Institute reserves the right to revoke membership upon breach of the Code of Ethics.

2.0 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

The digital era requires cybersecurity and technology management skills across all professions. Consequently, membership is open to professionals from diverse backgrounds, including but not limited to:

- **Security:** Military, Police, Intelligence, Private Security.
- **Public Service:** Civil Servants, Diplomats, Policy Makers.
- **Private Sector:** Analysts, Engineers, Bankers, Legal Practitioners, Health Workers.
- **Tech Ecosystem:** Developers, Network Engineers, Data Scientists.

3.0 MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES & DETAILED REQUIREMENTS

3.1 STUDENT MEMBER (S.CIMT)

The Entry-Level Track

- **Target Audience:** Students in tertiary institutions (Universities, Polytechnics, Colleges of Education) within and outside Nigeria.
- **Mandatory Training: Enrollment in the Foundation Course in Cybersecurity & Digital Safety.**
 - *Duration:* 2–3 Weeks (Self-Paced).
- **Assessment Policy:**
 - Candidates must achieve a minimum pass mark of **60%** in the final assessment.
 - **Re-Take Policy:** Students who fail to meet the pass requirement may retake the training and evaluation upon payment of a prescribed **Re-assessment Fee**.
- **Award:** Certificate of Completion in Cybersecurity Foundations.

3.2 AFFILIATE MEMBER

The Transition Track

- **Target Audience:** Holders of OND/NCE or equivalent with at least **3 years of work experience** in any field.
- **Mandatory Training: Intermediate Course in Cybersecurity & IT Operations.**
 - *Duration:* 3 Months (Online or In-Class).
- **Assessment Policy:**
 - Candidates must pass the final examination.
 - **Re-Training Policy:** Candidates who do not pass the assessment must enroll for re-training and re-evaluation. This attracts an **additional re-training fee**.
- **Award:** Advanced Diploma in Cybersecurity & IT Operations.

3.3 ASSOCIATE MEMBER (A.CIMT)

The Professional Track

- **Target Audience:** Graduates (HND/B.Sc/B.A/PGD) and NYSC Corps Members with **1–5 years of professional experience**.
- **Mandatory Training: Professional Course in Cybersecurity, Digital Transformation & ICT Governance.**
 - *Duration:* 2 Months (Self-Paced or Instructor-Led).
- **Assessment Policy:**
 - Completion of a Professional Certification Examination is mandatory.
 - **The "Three-Strike" Rule:** Candidates who fail the exam three consecutive times in one cycle must pay a **20% additional fee** and join the next training cohort for a refresher.
- **Award:** Professional Certificate

3.4 FULL MEMBER (M.CIMT)

The Leadership Track

- **Eligibility:**

1. Holders of HND/B.Sc/M.Sc/MBA/PhD or recognized professional certifications.
 2. **6–10 years** of relevant work experience, OR evidence of significant contribution to digital innovation/safety.
- **Admission Process:**
 1. Submission of CV and Credentials for vetting.
 2. Interactive Professional Interview with the Membership Committee.
 3. Final Approval by the CYSEC Institute Board.
 - **Mandatory Workshop:** Upon approval, the candidate must attend a **Two-Day Executive Workshop on Technology Leadership & Cyber Governance**.
 - **Designation:** Member, CYSEC Institute of Management and Technology (MCIMT).

3.5 FELLOW (FCI)

The Distinction Track

- **Eligibility:** Senior Executives, Industry Experts, and Researchers with **10+ years** of experience.
- **Categories:**
 - **Honorary Fellow:** Conferred on non-practitioners who have supported the industry.
 - **Research Fellow:** For distinguished academics.
 - **Professional Fellow:** For C-Suite executives and practitioners.
 - **Doctoral Fellow:** Restricted to holders of a Doctorate degree (PhD/D.Sc) who have demonstrated academic leadership and contributed significantly to the body of knowledge in the field.
- **Admission Process:** Selection by the Governing Council based on professional achievements and contributions to national/global technology policy.
- **Induction:** Conferment takes place during the **Executive Fellowship Workshop & Induction Ceremony**.
- **Designation:** Fellow, CYSEC Institute (FCI).

4.0 CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Open to organizations seeking to enhance digital resilience.

- **Eligible Entities:** NGOs, CSOs, Tech Firms, Banks, MDAs, Schools, and Manufacturing/Logistics companies.
- **Benefits:**
 - **Training Discounts:** Reduced rates for staff training.
 - **Advisory:** Access to consultants for policy formulation.
 - **Branding:** Authorization to use the "CYSEC Institute Corporate Member" insignia on company materials.
 - Talent Hiring

5.0 FEES & FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

(All fees are subject to review by the Governing Council)

- **Application Fee:** Non-refundable fee paid upon submission of the membership form.
- **Induction Fee:** One-time payment covering the certificate, plaque, and induction ceremony logistics.
- **Annual Subscription:** Recurring yearly due to maintain active membership status.
- **Re-Assessment Fees:** Applicable to Student, Affiliate, and Associate members who fail initial assessments (as detailed in Section 3).

6.0 CODE OF ETHICS & CONDUCT

All members are bound by the **CYSEC Digital Oath**. Members must:

1. **Integrity:** Use their skills for defense and protection, never for malicious exploitation or cybercrime.
2. **Confidentiality:** Protect the data and privacy of employers and clients.
3. **Competence:** Commit to Continuous Professional Development (CPD) to stay updated with evolving threats.
4. **Legal Compliance:** Adhere to the Cybercrimes Act of Nigeria (2015), NDPR, and other relevant international laws.

Violation of this code will result in immediate expulsion and revocation of certificates.

Signed:

The Registrar,

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