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To All Concerned

REVIEW OF APPROVING AUTHORITY FOR EXPATRIATE QUOTA AND CITIZENSHIP APPLICATIONS

As part of the Ministry's ongoing commitment to enhancing transparency, accountability, and operational efficiency in the administration of Expatriate Quota and Citizenship applications, the Honourable Minister has approved a revised approval framework/guideline to address concerns related to potential abuses and irregularities within the system.

2. The revised approval framework/guideline is as follows:

Table A - BUSINESS

S/NO	ACTIVITY/FACILITY	QUANTITY	APPROVING AUTHORITY
BUSINESS PERMIT			
1.	Business Permit	-	Honourable Minister
2.	Amendment of Business Permit	-	Honourable Minister
ESTABLISHMENT GRANT/EXPATRIATE QUOTA			
3.	Establishment Grant/Expatriate Quota	Any Number	Honourable Minister
UPGRADING/REVALIDATION TO PERMANENT UNTIL REVIEW (PUR)			
4.	Upgrading/Revalidation to Permanent Until Review (PUR)	Any Number	Honourable Minister
PROJECT TAGGED QUOTA			
5.	Project Tagged Quota		Honourable Minister
RENEWAL OF EXPATRIATE QUOTA POSITION(S)			
6.	Renewal of EQP(s)	21 - Above	Honourable Minister
7.	Renewal of EQP(s)	1 - 20	Permanent Secretary



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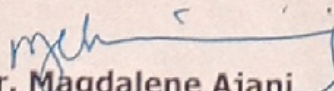
ADDITIONAL OF EXPATRIATE QUOTA POSITION(S)			
8.	Additional of EQP(s)	11 - Above	Honourable Minister
9.	Additional of EQP(s)	1 - 10	Permanent Secretary
REDESIGNATION OF EXPATRIATE QUOTA POSITION(S)			
10.	Redesignation of EQP(s)	Any Number	Honourable Minister
RELINQUISHMENT OF EXPATRIATE QUOTA POSITION(S)			
11.	Relinquishment of Quota	Same as Renewal	Honourable Minister and Permanent Secretary
STAY OF ACTION			
12.	Stay of Action	Any Number	Permanent Secretary
APPEAL PROCESSING			
13.	Appeal Processing	Same as limit for Renewal, Additional and Grant	

Table B - CITIZENSHIP

S/NO.	ITEM	APPROVAL
1.	Naturalization	C - in - C
2.	Special Immigrant Status for Expatriate Husbands	Honourable Minister
3.	Renunciation of Nigerian Citizenship	C - in - C
4.	Licensing of Churches for Marriage	Permanent Secretary
5.	Letter of Confirmation of Bachelorhood/Spinsterhood	Director
6.	Private Guards License (Approval & Signing of Certificate)	Honourable Minister
7.	Renewal of Category 'A' License staff strength of 500 or more	Honourable Minister
8.	Special Marriages	Permanent Secretary
9.	Renewal of Category 'B' License staff strength of less than 500	Permanent Secretary
10.	Temporary Permit to operate as Private Guard	Honourable Minister

3. The revised framework supersedes all prior guidelines and takes immediate effect.
4. All concerned are required to ensure seamless implementation and strict compliance with the new guideline.

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